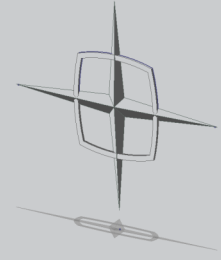


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Upcoming Events

- ◆ MAY 7th Classics
- ◆ Rhinebeck Car Show
- ◆ DC Fairgrounds

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Director's Message:

Happy Spring Everyone,

I hope everyone is getting their cars out of storage and giving them the shine they deserve for a great car season ahead.

Please note MAR's events coming up for 2023! We have some great events that you just can't miss in the coming months ahead.

We always want to remember that MAR isn't just about our great Lincolns and Continentals, but also about building friendships, steadfast loyalty to great antiques, and creating comradery.

I look forward to seeing you in 2023 at some of these events. In addition, if you want to let us know of any car events that you think your MAR Members would like to know about, please let me know. I will pass on the good news to our members. In fact, we have added a couple events to our calendar on p.6 upon the suggestion of one of our MAR members. Please join us if you can. We would love to see you.

I hope that you will take time to read the story about our most recent March event at the Malcolm Pray Auto Museum (on p. 5). It was truly enjoyed by all who could attend. It was earlier than our usual Spring activities but we were delighted that MAR had the opportunity to participate in this special automobile/ photography event. Next up is Rhinebeck on May 7th!

Please feel free to connect anytime. I may be reached at gconvertino@cox.net or on my cell at 401-573-9408. I look forward to hearing from you. Call anytime. My best always,
Cheers,
Gary Convertino, Director, MAR



Decorated for St. Patrick's Day Parade

"if you think you can or you think you can't, you are right."

-Malcolm Pray Achievement Center-

Message from your editor, Linda Clarke

It is so nice to be getting our cars back out on the road to enjoy some Spring days. We are all looking forward to warmer temperatures. Please participate in MAR activities to keep our mutual classic car hobby strong. If you have news and photos to share with other Lincoln enthusiasts, be sure to send them my way. *Linda Clarke, Editor*

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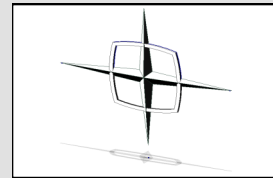
Gary, Eileen and Ray enjoy a St. Patrick's Day celebration in Mystic, CT with new friends from the Coastal Club

Vintage MAR

Looking back at older copies of the Lincoln Observer, I saw an ad in the July/August 1976 Edition that I wish to share.

I hope that you will laugh as I did.

A 1957 Mark II was advertised as "one of the finest in the USA,—an all original with 48,000 miles for \$15,000.(Yes, \$15,000.) The seller said that it "probably had won more prizes than any car in the USA before it retired from competition in 1971.



Owen Clarke - clarketrustee@msn.com

MAR QUIZ

What is the last year that a two-door Lincoln Coupe was built??

ANSWER on page 6

Next Event
Rhinebeck Car Show May 6th and 7th
Come Join Us.....

One of the best car shows in the Northeast is the traditional first May weekend in Rhinebeck, New York. This year promises to be another good show since it is celebrating its 51st year. It is put on by six regional car clubs and attracts many participants, vendors, and attendees! The Planning Committee has been active and is adding some new features such as a special raffle and a band on Saturday. Held at the spacious Dutchess County Fairgrounds there is plenty of room for all the automobiles, displays, food booths and the car corral. Saturday is for rods and customs; **Sunday May 7th** is for the classics. For eager shoppers, Friday afternoon is open 12 to 5 with an early swap meet where you may just find a great bargain.

We have a designated section for Lincolns. In the past MAR members have driven from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island to attend this show because it is so popular. They feel that it is worth the drive to check out the great variety of cars, visit with friends, and search the car corral & vendor displays. Last year we met Lincoln owners, David Smith (CT) and Joshua Smith (NY) at the Rhinebeck Show and they became members of MAR. Maybe we will meet a potential new member this year.

If you attended last year, you usually receive advance information about registration. There is a new contact person to register this year.

To call for information you can reach Mike at 845-750-9823 from 6-9 PM only.

You may also go online to www.rhinebeckcarshow.com

Lastly, IF YOU WILL BE IN TOWN Saturday evening, call Linda Clarke at 845 889 8891 if you want to join other MAR members for dinner together at a favorite local restaurant.

The MAR Observer wins 2022 Master Editor Award

It is with great pleasure that we let our MAR members know of an award that Linda Clarke won for her continued development, editing and publishing of the Observer for our region. This award was given to Linda by the National LCOC in February 2023.

We already knew that the Observer was a great Mid Atlantic Region newsletter and now everyone at the LCOC knows it as well.

- Gary Convertino



CLUB MEMBER UPDATES**In Memorium**

I have sad news to report that we have recently lost two MAR members. Regretfully, Edward Avedisian from Lexington, Massachusetts and Cliff Sawyer from Worcester, MA passed away.

Edward was a longtime, loyal Lincoln enthusiast who was a member of the New England region and the Mid Atlantic region. He and his wife, Pamela, attended our ENM with their burgundy Mark II.

Nancy Sawyer wrote that her husband Cliff, another long time member, always enjoyed keeping up with our Lincoln news and enjoyed reading every issue of the Observer. Thank you for sharing Nancy. We are so sorry for your sudden loss.

We send our sincerest sympathy to the Avedisian and Sawyer families.

Welcome

In light of the sad news of our loss of members, we look to happier news that we have had five new members join our region. I am pleased to announce the following members to MAR. We hope that you will help welcome them at your next opportunity.

Sandra and Kevin DeKarski Pine Hill, New Jersey

Richard Jaffe Westport, Connecticut

Patrick Sheehan Ruby, New York

Robert C. Vella West Nyack, New York

Walter and Miriam Blankenship Farmington, Connecticut

Richard, Patrick, and Walter were all able to attend our Malcolm Pray Museum Visit. It was so good to see you there!

Congratulations

Pat Arcieri, Owen Clarke, and David Moyer were recently elected as Region members at large to serve a three-year term ending in December 2025.

Thank you to all who cast your ballots and to Pat, Owen and David for being willing to serve as advisors to our Mid Atlantic region.

David will be attending the ENM in Knoxville, TN. If any MAR member plans to attend the ENM, he asks that you please contact him:
(davidsmoyer@protonmail.com)

At the Malcolm Pray Achievement Center and Auto Museum

MAR members had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a special event at the Malcolm Pray Achievement Center and Auto Museum in Bedford, NY on March 30. Members who could attend brought their cars to be photographed at the Second Annual Michael Maluchnik Memorial Photography Session with students from the San Miguel Academy. This session is to honor the memory of Michael who had a passion for both photography and cars. Michael's father and aunt and uncle were also in attendance. Besides the photography session, we got to view the magnificent collection of cars in the Pray Auto Museum and enjoy a great lunch together.

The students learned several criteria to consider when taking photos to get the best and most interesting results. To briefly summarize, some ideas noted to keep in mind are to visualize the photograph that you wish to take first. Do not just snap a photo, but take time to plan and study the scene or object first. Look for horizontal or vertical lines that draw your eye/attention. Create balance in the picture with both sides equally weighted in the photo. Remember, sometimes simplicity is best. For instance with an automobile, it can be a detail, an insignia, a wheel, and not the entire car. Lastly, if you mentally divide the screen into thirds with intersecting lines, put the most interesting detail at one of the corners of these imaginary intersections. It can make for a more dramatic photo.



1940 from the collection



The MAR group



Bob with students from San Miguel Academy

These are a few teaser photos from our event but I will put in a few more photographs in the next issue. I do not always try to follow all the criteria when I wish to publish a photo of a member's car for the newsletter. However, I confess that one of my most favorite automobile details to photograph are the beautiful Lincoln waterfall grills.

Let us hope that we will be invited to a Third Annual Photography Event at the Malcolm Pray Museum so even more MAR members will be able to attend next time. Thank you MariKay Satryano for arranging and hosting such an enjoyable event.



Calendar of 2023 Events

May 6-7	Spring Opening Show in Rhinebeck, New York Classics are on <u>Sunday</u> , May 7th. See p. 3 for information
May 31-June 4	LCOC Eastern National Meet—Knoxville, TN
June 2-4	Greenwich Concourse d'Elegance Greenwich, CT
June	New Jersey Event TBA
July 26-29	Mecum Auction - Harrisburg, PA (Possibly with a stop at Lincoln Farm in Calvin, PA)
August 9-13	LCOC Homecoming—Michigan
August	Captain Cove Seaport Car Show Bridgeport, CT
September 10	YYCC Annual Car Show & Swap Meet - Brooklyn, CT
September 20-24	LCOC Mid America National Meet—Springfield, Illinois
Sept. 28-Oct. 1	Audrain Newport Concours & Motor Week - Newport, RI
October 15	Gathering of Old Cars at Mills Estate on the Hudson River Staatsburg, New York Contacts—Owen & Linda Clarke
December	Holiday Get Together TBA

2023 Dues

As Membership Secretary I am very pleased to note that out of all our Members that I have on our mailing list (including honorary and lifetime members) sixty five members are paid up for 2023. Only 12 members did not pay their dues upon this first request for 2023.

In fact two members generously added an extra gift of 100.00 each to our MAR Treasury which was extremely generous and most appreciated.

If you are one of the 12 members who did not yet pay their dues, please send it in today. Thank you, Linda Clarke, Membership Secretary

Answer to MAR QUIZ ??

**Unsure but think it must have been in the 1990's.
Would appreciate an exact answer from a member.**

Classified Ads

Please submit classified ads for the next issue of the Observer by 6/15 They are published free of charge for MAR LCOC members.

No classified ads for cars were received but please note the request corner below. Maybe you can assist a fellow MAR member. I do **not** publish ads for individual car parts because that could grow to be quite cumbersome if all our members were looking for an individual specific part. I will only note that Gregg Merksamer is looking for 1997 Executive Series Town Car cover plates for a door pull. If you can help him out his phone is 845-986-6857. For more detail, speak to Gregg.

Members' Advice & Help Corner

Robert Carson has a question for our MAR membership.

He writes....

"I drive my 1977 Lincoln Town Car in the summer and sometimes have trouble with vapor block when it is hot out. I am not sure how to rectify or deal with this. Hopefully some of the members might be able to let me know how to deal with this. "

If so, please send responses to Robert at his e mail address.
Please send responses to

robertgcarson@outlook.com

Treasurer's Report

The balance in our account at year-end was \$12,298.00 which is only down about \$600.00. Our main single expense is the printing and postage for the quarterly Observer newsletter. Together it amounted to \$668.40. Our dues easily cover that.

Event expenses totaled \$1,031.17. This includes registration fees, donations, and a Holiday meal.

At year end we remained financially strong to go into 2023.

Owen T. Clarke, Jr. Treasurer MAR

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remain current to receive
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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Did you enjoy your St. Patrick's Day?

Leave it to Ray Mastronuzio to bring together two great organizations: The Coastal Club, which focuses on Irish Heritage Education and MAR, which focuses on Lincolns and Continentals. The occasion? The now famous St. Patrick's Day Parade in Mystic, CT. which occurred on March 19th.

Ray had his very distinguished Lincoln Mark VI Signature Series in the parade leading the Coastal Club which carried the flags from each of the Irish Counties in Ireland! And, I had my 1988 Lincoln Town Car with Continental Package leading from behind, all dressed up in Irish glory.

It was a great day of building new friendships with those from the Coastal Club. A great time, and a few dark beers had by all.

Cheers, Gary Convertino



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