

Ohio
Southern
Region LCOC

Fall, 2023



Continental
COMMUNIQUE

Christmas Celebration

of the

SOUTHERN OHIO REGION LCOC AND DAYTON CHAPTER OF AACA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

Sycamore Creek Country Club

8300 Country Club Lane - Springboro, Ohio

Your Hosts - Ted & Kim Hilton

Cocktails - 5:00 p.m. • Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Menu

Mixed greens salad with balsamic dressing and warm rolls and butter.

A choice of beef tips with egg noodles, oven roasted salmon, or stuffed breast of chicken.

Each entrée is served with a potato and vegetable.

For dessert - the famous Sycamore Creek Nut Ball.

\$35.00 per person ~ Cash bar available

Please RSVP with payment in the enclosed envelope.

If you have questions, please call Ted or Kim at home

(937) 433-6644 or cell (937) 609-6644

*Please plan NOW to attend
this wonderful evening!*



LCOC Eastern National Meet ~ Knoxville, Tennessee

The 2023 Eastern National Meet was held in Knoxville, Tennessee from May 31 to June 4, 2023. The meet was held at the Holiday Inn west of Downtown Knoxville. The weather could not have been better! It was warm, sunny and clear.

As always, our region had a tremendous showing of cars and members. Many of our members helped the National Officers with many tasks of the meet from helping with registration to polishing and arranging trophies, silent auction items and running judging sheets to the tabulating area.



Mike & Anne Marie Smith, Jeff & Chris Schwartz, Lina & Steve Himes, Paul Temple, Lorraine Alston, Lincoln Car Company, Tim Wilson, Bobby Reno, Joe & Eleanor Columbe, Ted & Kim Hilton and Michelle & Tony Blaine.

Southern Ohio LCOC members receiving awards:

Best Touring Lincoln

2005 Lincoln Town Car
Mike & Anna Marie Smith

Class Awards

1949 Lincoln Cosmopolitan Town Sedan
Joe & Eleanor Columbe

1970 Lincoln Continental Mark III
Joe & Eleanor Columbe

1979 Lincoln Continental Mark V
Bobby Reno

1996 Lincoln Town Car, Diamond Anniversary
Tim Wilson

1996 Lincoln Town Car, Signature Series
Jeff & Christina Schwartz

Lincoln Trophies

1949 Lincoln Cosmopolitan Town Sedan
Joe & Eleanor Columbe

1970 Lincoln Continental Mark III
Joe & Eleanor Columbe

1979 Lincoln Continental Mark V
Bobby Reno

1996 Lincoln Town Car, Diamond Anniversary
Tim Wilson

Senior Emeritus

1990 Lincoln Mark VII LSC SE
Tony & Michelle Blaine

1996 Lincoln Town Car, Signature Series
Jeff & Christina Schwartz

1998 Lincoln Mark VIII
Lina & Steve Himes

1999 Lincoln Town Car Hearse
Ryan Beatrice, Joe Columbe, Ted Hilton

2003 Lincoln Town Car Cartier L
Paul Temple

Perpetual Senior Trophies

L. Dale Shaffer Trophy
1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible
Tim Wilson

Douglas W. Mattix Trophy
2004 Lincoln Town Car Limousine
Tony & Michelle Blaine and Ted & Kim Hilton

Elliston H. Bell Founder's Trophy
Best in Show

1964 Lincoln Continental Sedan
Tim Wilson

Knoxville National Photographs



Columbe's Limerock Farm - Annual Picnic

Joe & Eleanor Columbe are very gracious hosts to open their beautiful farm and home to our club each summer. It was a beautiful day for a picnic! The weather was warm but not humid.

The Columbe's new storage building is beautiful and Joe had most of his Lincolns in the new building on display. Most recently, Joe has added a 1999 Rolls Royce to his Lincoln collection. Joe stated "it was something on my bucket list". Eight members of Southern Ohio Region attended the event.

Thank you, Columbe Family, for your gracious hospitality!



New Riff Distillery and the Montgomery Inn at the Boathouse

On Saturday, September 9, 2023, 12 members of Southern Ohio Region enjoyed a tour of New Riff Distillery. Members saw the nooks and crannies of their distilling process from grain to barrel in their historic distillery. New Riff is an independently owned and operated bourbon distillery in Kentucky which allows them the freedom to make a never before seen declaration for quality in every bottle of whiskey. They proudly lift the bar even higher by bottling every spirit without chill filtration, and stand behind this process with American ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit. They are a talented team committed to doing things the right way.

Upon the conclusion of the New Riff tour and tastings, Southern Ohio members motored to the Montgomery Inn at the Boathouse for an incredible meal.



Dues are Due for 2024

Thank You For Your Support!!

We thank each of you for being a member of the Southern Ohio Region of LCOC. If you have already renewed your dues for 2024, THANK YOU! If not, membership cost is \$25.00.

Please review the new membership renewal form and be sure all of the information is correct. Include the form with your dues payment to Southern Ohio Region LCOC.

Please mail in the provided envelope.

Thank you for being a member of Southern Ohio Region of LCOC.

LCOC Mid-America National Meet ~ Springfield, Illinois

The 2023 Mid-America National Meet was held in Springfield, Illinois from September 20 to September 24. The meet was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

There were two tours of memorable note - The Dana Thomas House which is a Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece! The house retains almost 98% of its original furnishings designed by Wright. The second tour was of the Abraham Lincoln Museum. This museum was absolutely without peer. Talking with some other LCOC members, they too had tears in their eyes on more than one occasion while touring the museum.



Southern Ohio Region Award Winners

*First row: Kim & Ted Hilton, Kevin Lohr, Tim Wilson, Michelle Blaine, Anne Marie & Mike Smith.
Second row: Paul Temple, Jeff Schwartz, Ryan Beatrice, Joe Columbe and Tony Blaine.*

Southern Ohio LCOC members receiving awards:

Class Awards

1949 Lincoln Cosmopolitan Town Sedan
Joe & Eleanor Columbe

1961 Lincoln Continental Sedan
Tim Wilson

1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible
Tim Wilson

1980 Continental Mark VI
Tony & Michelle Blaine

1996 Lincoln Town Car Diamond Anniversary
Tim Wilson

2005 Lincoln Town Car
Michael & Anne Marie Smith

2011 Lincoln Navigator L
Ryan Beatrice

2013 Lincoln MKZ Hybrid
Ted & Kim Hilton

Lincoln Trophies

1961 Lincoln Continental Sedan
Tim Wilson

1980 Continental Mark VI
Tony & Michelle Blaine

2011 Lincoln Navigator L
Ryan Beatrice

Senior Emeritus

1964 Lincoln Continental Sedan
Tim Wilson

Crystal President's Trophy
1996 Lincoln Town Car, Signature Series
Jeff & Christina Schwartz

1999 Lincoln Town Car Hearse
Ryan Beatrice, Joe Columbe, Ted Hilton

2004 Lincoln LS
Ryan Beatrice

Perpetual Senior Trophies

L. Dale Shaffer Trophy
1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible
Tim Wilson

Douglas W. Mattix Trophy
1996 Lincoln Town Car Diamond Anniversary
Tim Wilson

Mid-America National Photographs



Southern Ohio Region to host the 2025 LCOC National Meet

You won't want to miss the
2025 LCOC National Meet
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Save these dates NOW

JUNE 18 TO JUNE 22, 2025

Hosted by Southern Ohio Region

Help us celebrate our 40th Anniversary – 1985 to 2025



Our host hotel
Marriott Cincinnati Northeast

Your Board of Directors of the Southern Ohio Region is honored to announce that our region will host the 2025 LCOC National from June 18 to June 22, 2025 in Cincinnati. Our host hotel will be the Marriott Cincinnati Northeast.

We have met with Ben Huffman of the Warren County Convention and Visitors Bureau. We have almost all events planned and just need to lock in the excursions around the area. Ben was elated that we are planning so far ahead.

Please, mark your calendar and consider volunteering for this first rate event. *Your Board promises it will be a meet you will not want to miss.*



2025 meet committee: Tony Blaine, Michelle Blaine, Ryan Beatrice, Tim Wilson, Ted Hilton and Kim Hilton. Paul Temple was unable to attend.



Election of Officers

It is time for our election of officers of the Southern Ohio Region of LCOC. Enclosed, you will find a pre-paid post card ballot. Please vote and then drop it in the mail. Tony & Michelle Blaine will be handling the counting of ballots since they are not on the ballot or a present officer on the Board.

Candidate Biographies

Printed in order of received

Candidate for Region Director



Edward (Ted) Hilton: I first became a Lincoln owner in 1979, with a 1972 Continental sedan. I have owned and restored over 25 Lincolns in the past 44 years. I assisted in the formation of the Southern Ohio Region in 1984-1985. My wife Kim and I have always tried to attend a National meet every year.

As the director of our region in 2016 we had a National Meet in Dayton Ohio. We have begun the process to host a National meet in 2025 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Kim and I felt the club needed additional trophy and have provided the Millennial Trophy a very contemporary trophy.

I would like your vote to continue in the success of our region as an important part of the National LCOC.

Candidate for Region Vice-Director



Tim Wilson: I have been involved with LCOC since 2006 when I became a member of Ohio Valley Region. I transferred my membership to Southern Ohio Region. I was the Director for the Columbus Meet in 2008, Co-Director for the 2016 Dayton Meet. I am the Co-Meet Director for the upcoming 2025 Cincinnati Meet - and look so forward to this event.

I have been self-employed for 38 years, Wilson Printing & Graphics, actively involved at First United Methodist Church of London, 32 years as Chair of the Board of Trustees and current president and charter member of the Madison County Arts Council.

I would be honored to serve as the Southern Ohio Region as Vice-Director.

Candidates for Secretary/Treasurer



Jeff Schwartz: Christina and I have been married for 21 years, and have 3 children ranging from 10 to 17. I joined LCOC in 1998 and when I purchased my best friend's grandmother's 83' bustle back Continental from his mother after her passing. I initially joined the Ohio Valley Region but later found my way to the Southern Ohio Region a number of years ago and have been there since.

My fondness for Lincolns started much earlier with my favorite Matchbox car (The good ones from when they were made in England), it was of a Lincoln Mark V I got as a toddler. Fast forward 40+ years and I have accumulated a collection ranging from a 79' Mark V Givenchy to a 2006 LS Sport with many Continentals and Town Cars in between.

Jeff Schwartz (continued)

From a LCOC Region standpoint, I have hosted several socials in Millersport, Ohio for the Region to help broaden the inclusion of members geographically. We have also organized Southern Ohio LCOC group gatherings at car shows (some very wet and some not...) as well as overseen and hosted multiple car shows outside of LCOC that brought in over 100+ vehicles.

From the business side, I have owned and operated an IT business for over 30 years. Been active with service organizations like Rotary International where I have held multiple chaired positions as well as President in the Gahanna Rotary. I believe my background and experience will allow me to be of service to the region.

Sincerely, Jeff Schwartz



Al Audette: I started working at a Cincinnati Dodge Dealership in 1969 in the service Department. While there I became acquainted with the Body Shop foreman. He always told me what you really want to get involved with is an early Continental especially a 1940.

Over the years, I've had many old Lincolns ('40 Zephyr Continental Cabriolet in '95, '41 Continental Coupe in '80, '41 Continental Cabriolet in '92 all of which I still own today) and many others. I have also owned Model A's since 1970 and been a member of the local Model A Club since 1970. We currently have a 1930 Model A Tudor purchased in 1984.

I had automotive training starting in 1969 and was ASE Certified when that program became available. Started working as a Mechanic for the City of Cincinnati working in their many different shops and ending up in Fire Apparatus. While there I was an officer in the local union becoming the secretary then treasurer for 10 years. Worked my way up to Management and after 30 years and 7 months retired in 2001.

I then spent 11 years as a TSA screener at the Greater Cincinnati Airport and made a video with the Cincinnati Reds Mascots showing "How to go through security" in 2012. This was viewed on monitors in the security area and on shuttle buses for long term parking.

In 1985 I was approached by LCOC VP of Regions Elmer Rohn to start our Region. We currently have only 2 charter members still with us.

I am in the process of restoring my 1940 Continental Cabriolet at D&D Classic Auto in Covington, OH. and hopefully it will be ready when our region hosts the 2025 LCOC Eastern National Meet in the Cincinnati area.

My wife Jan and I will be celebrating 44 years of marriage this month. We have 2 children and 7 grandchildren.

Your Board of Directors of the Southern Ohio Region LCOC wish you a very blessed Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.