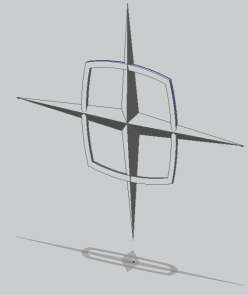


# Continental OBSERVER



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-Lincoln and Continental Owners Club-

Winter 2024

### Upcoming Events

Spring Opener  
May 5th 2024  
Rhinebeck, NY  
Hudson River Valley  
Antique Auto Association

### M.A.R. Officers

**Director:** Gary Convertino  
**Vice Dir.:** Pat Arcieri  
**Secretary:** Linda Clarke  
**Treasurer:** Owen Clarke

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### Director's Message:

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope everyone enjoyed their New Year and had a great and healthy 2023!

As we look forward to 2024, we will be working towards setting some strategic events that offer a focus on our cars and some great shows.

For 2024, we will have our first MAR Get-Together, as we always do, at the Rhinebeck Car Show in New York on May 5th. Please see some other proposed MAR events for 2024 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



Let's make our 65th year,  
a great one!

## Message from your editor, Linda Clarke

As we begin 2024, and celebrate our region's 65th year, I will continue as editor for the MAR Observer. I welcome input from all members for stories about your particular Lincoln, an idea for a MAR quiz, or other items for our newsletter. Also as Volunteer Secretary I collect the annual dues for MAR which are now due for 2024. If you need to reach me, my contact information is as follows:

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**Congratulations MAR**

2024  
MAR

#65

## Vintage MAR

It may be hard to believe that this year the Mid Atlantic region will be celebrating its 65th Anniversary. The member who has great seniority, that I know from Club events, is Brad Luse, who served as National LCOC President during the period 1990-1994. Thank you Brad.



Also Bill Caldwell who started MAR was National LCOC Board President from 1964-1966. We would not have had a club without Bill's foresight. Over the years our MAR Directors have safely kept the Charter of the Mid-Atlantic Region framed. It is dated **June 20, 1959**.

I wish to propose that we have a special **Gathering of Lincolns** on the **20th of June** this year to which our club sponsors dinner for our members who can attend at the Culinary Institute where we celebrated our 60th Anniversary in 2019 as we hosted the ENM. Please contact me if you think this is a worthwhile idea and feel that it is an important date to celebrate.

If I hear from enough MAR members, I will pursue the idea on behalf of the club.

Owen T. Clarke, Jr. Treasurer  
 clarketrustee@msn.com

## MAR QUIZ

*How many members do you think we had in MAR the very first year that we began in 1959. answer on p.6*

Here are some of our MAR Members enjoying holiday festivities at Lyman Orchards in Middlefield, Connecticut in December.  
Please see the story on p.5



### Fall Gathering of Old Cars

The *Gathering of Old Cars* takes place annually at the Mills estate in Staatsburg, NY on the third Sunday in October on their lawn extending down to the Hudson River. It has only been canceled once that I can remember due to Co Vid, and once for torrential rains. It was held one year when we even had a little touch of snow. However, we prefer, and most enjoy a nice Fall day as we near the end of our classic car shows until Spring. Here are a few photos to remember the estate & the show.



Owen, Tim, Jim, Mae, Joe, Peter



At Mills



Line up in the Clarkes' driveway of a few nice Lincolns!

Front of the Mansion



Back exit with the eagle sculptures



### ***December Holiday Gathering at Lyman Orchards in Middlefield, Connecticut***

Those who could attend the MAR Holiday gathering had a delightfully festive outing to ***Lyman Orchards Charles Dickens Homestead Tour*** in Middlefield, Connecticut. What fun it was to walk around the decorated grounds and to speak with the costumed characters dressed as if they had just walked out of the book, *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. My personal favorite was Ebenezer Scrooge who handed out “gold” coins, obviously having changed his ways by the time we walked through the homestead.

The highlight for me was actually twofold. One was learning that this orchard began in **1741** and was still operating complete with a wonderful produce store stocked with an array of homemade goodies waiting to be purchased and brought home. Bob Yurick says he always picks up the cider doughnuts when he is passing by. I can highly recommend their homemade pies! What a tremendous long history for this site since 1741! The second highlight for me was riding on the large hay wagon pulled by beautiful, stately Belgian draft horses. The driver of the wagon was fun to talk to and shared his many years of experience handling Belgian horses. We were lucky to have his expert experience driving the team. He had personally owned many teams of horses in his lifetime and now enjoys giving visitors a good ride at Lyman Orchards.



After the tour, the group gathered at the 1741 Pub and Grill just down the road at the Golf Club to chat and have lunch before heading home.

Thank you Gary for arranging the event so we could get together for some old-fashioned MAR Christmas cheer with old and new friends. We always enjoy getting to know our new members and were especially glad that recent members, Bob and Ruth Vella from West Nyack could attend. Gary Convertino, Ray Mastronunzio and Jim Dunn were able to drive a classic car to the event, even in December!!

*Pictured in the photos above are Bob, Ruth, Ray, Eileen, Bob Y., Owen, Dan, and Penny*

## 2024 Mid Atlantic Region Calendar of Events

**May 3-5 Spring Opener in Rhinebeck, NY** at the Rhinebeck Fairgrounds Saturday-Rods/Customs; **Sunday May 5th-Classics**; Good Swap Meet, Vendors, Car Corral

**June 20, 2024 MAR's 65th Anniversary**; *What do you think of a get together at the Culinary Institute to celebrate? Reply to Owen ASAP. See Vintage MAR section.*

**July 26-27 Mecum Auction-Harrisburg**, with visit to AACA museum in Hershey, PA

**August LCOC Homecoming in Michigan**

**September Road Race Lincoln ENM in Newport, RI** Hosted by Allan Wilcox; Details TBA

**October 3rd Sunday in October—Gathering of Old Cars in Staatsburg, NY**

**December Special Holiday Get-Together (Place TBD)**

If you have ideas, comments or need more information, please contact Gary Convertino, Director [gconvertino@cox.net](mailto:gconvertino@cox.net) or 401-573-9408

Please make sure that Gary has your current e mail address to keep you informed regarding event details in a timely fashion.

### *Treasurer's Report*

Our year-end balance in our account is \$12,192.04.

The Continental Observer and postage are normal expenses that are covered by the dues we collect. Last year we did make a contribution to the Malcolm Pray Foundation. They hosted our members for the photo shoot of our cars with students from San Miguel Academy. Another contribution of \$100.00 dollars was made to the National Heritage Trust for our participation at the Mills Show.

We are presently collecting Mid Atlantic Region dues of \$15.00 for 2024 (No increase) National LCOC Membership Dues were and are still required for all regional members.

Please return your MAR dues and the enclosed ballot to Linda, MAR Secretary, by return mail. It is much easier if you send your dues promptly so that future reminders are unnecessary. If you are paid ahead, it is so noted on your notice.

*Owen T. Clarke, Jr. Treasurer*

# 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 Submitted This Issue



Thank you to Ray Faure, Peter Mann and Ray Mastronunzio for accepting to run as Region Managers for our Mid Atlantic Region for another term.

Remember, Managers and Officers volunteer their time for MAR.

Mid Atlantic Region Lincoln  
and Continental Owners  
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## Mid Atlantic Region



**65th Year**

*Don't forget  
to return  
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