

The Lincoln Log



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FRONT COVER Neon Shuffle. Jeff Shively's 1963 Lincoln Continental under the mid-century neon of the Hi-Mark on old U.S. 31 in Kokomo. **BACK COVER A slinky Lincoln.** This 1966 Lincoln Continental Convertible temped buyers at Kissimmee in January.

From the Director

Hello to the members of the Hoosier Region of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. Winter is past, and spring is finally upon us. On the first Saturday in January, we met at Bynum's Steakhouse for our annual 2026 Kick-Off Luncheon. Twenty-eight members and guests were in attendance. Twelve members enjoyed prime rib. A good time was had by all. The loud volume of our conversations and our not leaving until after 3 p.m. tells the story!

On the last Saturday of January, the Classic Car Club of America arranged to visit the Ray Skillman Collection located in Greenwood. They were kind enough to invite the HR LCOC, Cadillac & LaSalle Club and Buick Club of America. With the four car clubs, attendance was sizable, which makes the people who take the time to arrange events feel their time was well spent. HR LCOC arranged for all the clubs to meet for lunch at Lotus Garden, with 9 in attendance. The

HR LCOC gives a big thank you for being included in this great Saturday car event.

I asked in my last "Notes From The Director" for a member or members to help plan an event in February, March, April, and May. Unfortunately, I did not hear from anyone. There is still time to step up and plan for May. Just let me know!

Our next planned HR LCOC event will be the Annual Picnic at Lime Rock Farm. This will be the 16th year for the picnic and will include, as in the past, other invited car clubs that Eleanor and I belong to and/or have asked to join our event.

With Eleanor and me also belonging to the Southern Ohio Region of the LCOC, our Annual Picnic is also a planned event for SOR LCOC. Your invitation to our 16th Lime Rock Farm Picnic is attached.

Continental yours,
Joe S. and Eleanor Columbe

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 16th ANNUAL LIME ROCK FARM CAR CLUB PICNIC JUNE 13, 2026 12:00 Noon

(Second Saturday in June 2026)

The 16th Annual Lime Rock Farm Hoosier Region and Southern Ohio Region of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club Picnic will be on June 13, 2026, at 12:00 noon, rain or shine. This year the meal will be a catered buffet with dessert including tableware, tea, water, assorted soft drinks and beer. Seating is under cover.

The 2026 cost of the buffet and drinks will be \$25.00 for age 12 and up. Children 11 and under no cost. Members, family of members, guests of members are ALL WELCOME.

If you would like to prepay, send a check made out to:

Joe S. Columbe, 6722 W. 900 S.

Milroy, Indiana 46156-9598

Payment will also be taken at the door.

>>VERY IMPORTANT<<

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**** PLEASE RSVP ASAP and NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026****

RSVP to E-Mail: jscolumbe@tds.net or call 765-561-4900 Joe's cell phone number.

Your RSVP will get a reply. If you have not heard back in two days, please RSVP again.

You are welcome to bring your own picnic if you so desire. Seating and drinks are for all in attendance.

See attached map for directions.

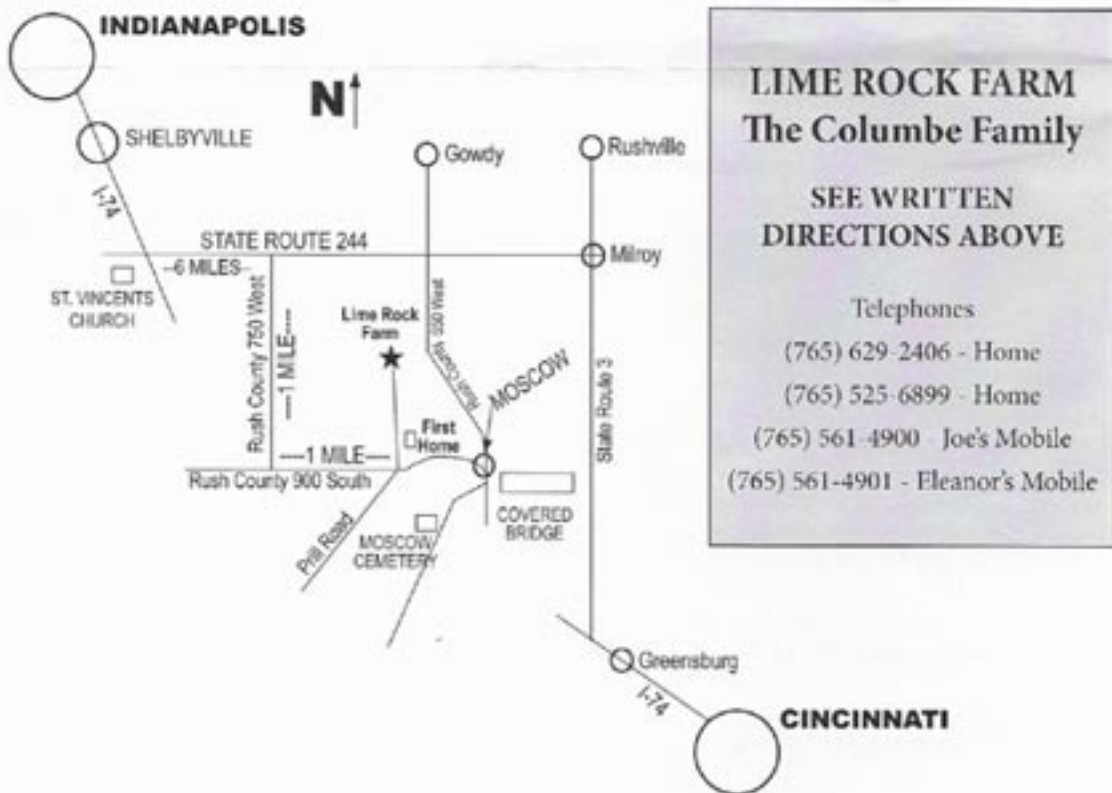
Eleanor and I look forward to seeing and visiting with all our car club friends and their friends at our 16th picnic. Plan to come and have a great car club day with all our friends. Please call or email with any and all questions. jscolumbe@tds.net or 765-561-4900

Between 7 and 12 car clubs will be represented. We all should find plenty to converse over. "You join a car club to learn about your favorite vehicles, BUT you go to the next meeting to be with your friends"

**PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF
LIME ROCK FARM & FOR GPS USE**

6722 WEST, 900 SOUTH
MILROY, INDIANA 46156-959846150
(South West Corner of Rush County, Indiana)

Lime Rock Farm is located about 40 miles south east of Indianapolis, and about 75 miles north west of Cincinnati. We are EXACTLY 6 miles East of I-74 (exit #119) on State Road 244, THEN 1 mile south on Rush County Road 750 West, THEN 1 mile East on Rush County Road 900 South. Our Driveway is on the north side of 900 South, just as Prill Road intersects with 900 South. We are back a long lane. Pass the first home and go to the second home.





A LATE YULETIDE AT BYNAM'S

BY JEFF SHIVELY

As has become an annual tradition, the Hoosier Region shakes off the cold and gloom to meet on the south side of Indianapolis at the culinary institution known as Bynum's Steakhouse. For those who have never been to Bynum's, picture a vintage steakhouse with décor that would have looked perfectly in step with the times as far back as the 1960s.

This outing was extra special, as the restaurant had agreed to prepare several prime ribs for our group. Of course, no matter what you choose, the meal was well worth the time and money. And don't forget the dessert options...decadent and delicious.

Part of the tradition is the Christmas gift exchange. Yes, it was into the new year, January 3, in fact, but that's OK. Many unique and fun gifts were brought by members, with some stealing the prizes of others, much to the comic dismay of the victim.



TOP A 1974 Lincoln Continental Town Car, owned by Darren Klingler.

ABOVE The safest cattle at Bynum's are out front. *Photos courtesy of the author.*



ABOVE Dinner was served, and it was wonderful!

BELOW Director Joe Columbe addresses the now satiated throngs of Lincoln fans.. *Photos courtesy of the author.*





ABOVE Tony & Michelle Blaine arrived in style from Lebanon, Ohio, in a fresh Lincoln SUV, courtesy of Lincoln of Cincinnati. Tony is the general manager of the dealership. **LEFT** One of the cool touches on 1970s Lincoln is the unique placement of Lincoln stars on the cars. Note the location of the star on Darren Klingler's 1974 Lincoln Continental Town Car. *Photos courtesy of the author.*



ABOVE Leftovers are wrapped and ready to provide another meal..or two well into the next week. **RIGHT** A cornucopia of Christmas cheer awaited during the gift exchange. Photos courtesy of the author.

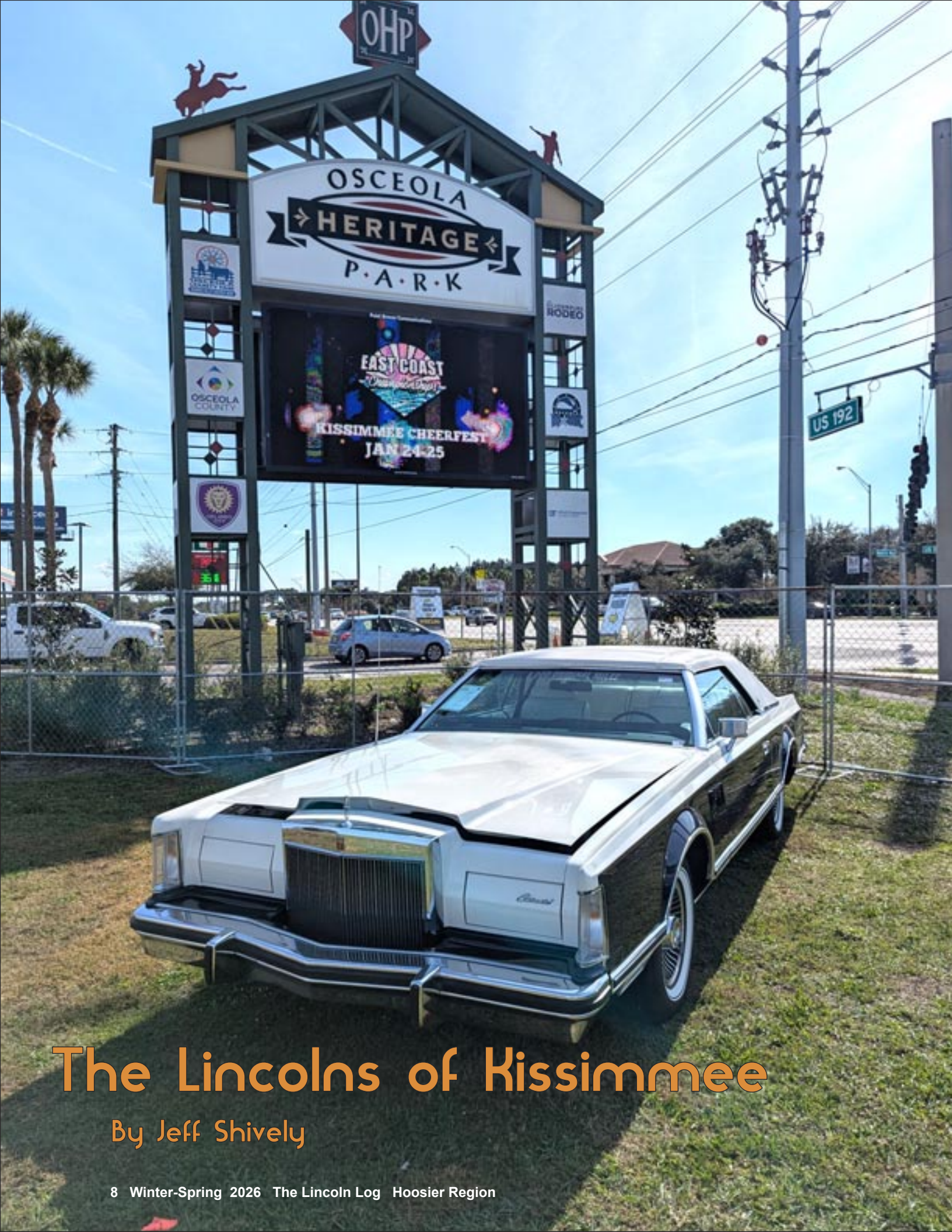
But of course, turnabout is fair play, so many presents passed through many hands before staying with the lucky recipient who'd be taking them home.

As is always the case, we had members of the region from out of state, Ohio and Kentucky, attending. This is always a popular event and one that should not be missed.

Members attending included: Bill Baird & Ryan Beatrice, Tony & Michelle Blaine, Joe & Eleanor Columbe, Mitch Columbe, Seth Fagen, Matt Gerhard, Charlie & Becky Griffith, John & Jupei Hannon, Ted & Kim Hilton, Darren Klingler, John Madden, Sean Madden & Dan Fagen, Gary Stapleton & Jim Lansbury, Jeff Shively, Mike & Anne Marie Smith, Bob Thomas, Paul Temple, Allan Tharp, Rhett Tharp.

Jeff Shively is an LCOC member from Kokomo, Indiana.





The Lincolns of Kissimmee

By Jeff Shively



I had the good fortune to be in Orlando, Florida, the first week of January, attending the Cadillac & LaSalle Club's Winter Reunion and Board of Directors Meeting. On Thursday, Jan. 8, we the Mecum Auction in Kissimmee. The Indianapolis Mecum Auction is held in May and usually features 3,000 cars for sale. Kissimmee is much larger, with well over 4,000 cars. Admittedly, the vast majority of the cars at any auction are of no interest to me. That said, with over 4,000 cars to see, there was certain to be at least a few points of interest.

My favorite car of the auction was an Arctic White 1964 Buick Riviera. I am seeking one in Coral Mist, Teal Mist, or Surf Green, but the blue interior was a nice departure from the usual black interiors. Another car I've taken a shine to is the 1997-2004 Jaguar XK8 Convertible. There were several, including one in my preferred color, Zircon Blue, but it had some obvious issues.



OPPOSITE PAGE 1979 Lincoln Continental Mark V Bill Blass Edition. **TOP** 1948 Lincoln Continental Coupe. **ABOVE** 1956 Continental Mark II. **RIGHT** 1957 Lincoln Premiere Coupe. *Photos courtesy of the author.*



ABOVE 1964 Lincoln Continental Sedan.

BELOW 1969 Lincoln Continental Mark III. *Photos courtesy of the author.*





ABOVE 1978 Lincoln Continental Mark V Diamond Jubilee Edition in gold. **BELOW** 1978 Lincoln Continental Mark V Diamond Jubilee Edition in blue. *Photo courtesy of the author.*



There were 39 Lincolns and two Continental Mark IIs on hand in Kissimmee, ranging from 1941 to 2021. My favorite was a 1948 Lincoln Continental Coupe in Opal Blue Green. I just love the look of the 1940-1948 coupe! For people who love the Mark V, there was a lovely 1979 Bill Blass and a pair of Diamond Jubilee Editions, one in blue and the other in gold. I had never seen the latter in person. One of the more interesting cars was a “modern classic,” a 2020 Lincoln Continental Black Label Coachdoor with under 2,000 miles.

We only had a few hours to walk the entire auction, so I missed many cars. It was an incredible number of cars to take in, and it was wild for this Hoosier to be getting a sunburn while looking at Lincolns in January, but I’d do it again!

Jeff Shively is an LCOC member from Kokomo, Indiana.



A Day in Greenwood

By Jeff Shively

On Saturday, Feb. 28, members of the Hoosier Region joined our friends in the Indiana Region CCCA, Indiana Region CLC, and Indiana Region BCA for a visit to Ray Skillman Classic Cars in Greenwood. Those who have visited before talk about the quality of the cars, and this event did not disappoint.

The focus of the collection has shifted over the years. Currently, there is a great emphasis on vintage race cars. Mr. Skillman really likes Corvettes, so there are plenty of first- and second-generation Vettes to be experienced.

For Lincoln aficionados, the number of cars from our favorite marque was somewhat limited. There was a 1957 Lincoln Premiere Convertible, and on the "&" side of the LCOC, a 1956 Continental Mark II with

LEFT A Baby Bird amongst the race cars at the Skillman Collection. Note the Clermont Drive-In sign above and to the left. **TOP** This 1957 Lincoln Premiere Convertible was a rare FoMoCo machine in the collection.





LEFT A menagerie of two-wheeled fun! Schwinn bikes of all types to bring joy to boys and girls alike. **ABOVE** This rare sign is from a Jerry's Restaurant, an nearly vanished chain. **BELOW** More neon, a carousel, a 1957 Ford Convertible and a Continental Mark II.





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ABOVE The jewel of any collection would be a Continental Mark II like this one. **LEFT** Hoosier Region Director Joe Columbe (l) visits with LCOC Executive VP Paul Temple (r) and Indiana Region CLC Director Warner Young (c).

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TOP A cornucopia of signage and a pair of solid-axle Corvettes. **BOTTOM** A fire-breathing Corvette Stingray with some uniquely Hoosier signage on the wall.



some odd aftermarket wheels. There was another car from Wixom, a 1966 Ford Thunderbird Convertible. There were some nice Fords, including a 1960 Starliner, a 1957 Fairlane Convertible, and a Mustang. Mr. Skillman was an Oldsmobile dealer, so this is understandable.

Perhaps the coolest part of the collection was the neon and porcelain/tin signs. I love Dog n Suds, so that one was really amazing. But he also had a sign from Jerry's Restaurant, a more obscure chain that is almost extinct. It was an enchanting maze of neon light that must be breathtaking at night.

After the tour, the LCOC members made their way to the Lotus Garden for a lunch of delicious Chinese cuisine. Although we had a rookie waiter, everything seemed to come out all right.

This trip to Greenwood was a wonderful way to break up the winter blahs, something desperately needed this season. Attendees included Joe & Eleanor Columbe, Matt Gerhard, Charlie & Becky Griffith, Jeff Shively, Paul Temple, Allen Tharp, and Rhett Tharp.

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