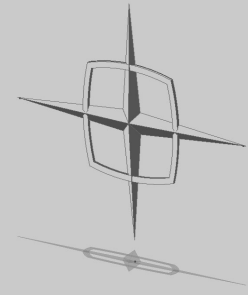


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Director's Message:

Happy Winter All,

It has been a harsh winter so far for MAR members and their great Lincolns and Continentals. I am writing this message just after shoveling 36 inches of snow from the worst blizzard in New England in over 50 years. But seeing all of this snow just makes me yearn for the golden days when my Lincolns can come out and enjoy a nice long ride on a winding road...with the reminiscent of snow as a memory.

MAR is planning on some nice events for 2026, including continuing with the events that are steadfast to MAR such as the Rhinebeck Show and the Staatsburg, NY shows. We also recommend that you make the LCOC Homecoming in August 2026, which should offer a great time. And, we are going to start a new tradition at MAR, going to the annual Army Band Concert with dinner in Springfield, MA. It was a really nice holiday event that many MAR members participated in.

This year, let's try to get together at as many of these events as possible. Remembers MAR is not just about our love for Lincolns and Continentals, but also our desire to continue the great friendships we have created through our love for our cars. Our members have a wealth of information and many stories to share about our various Lincolns. Continentals and Friendships go together, like a great dinner and vino!

Please feel free to contact me any time.

I may be reached at **gconvertino@cox.net** or on my cell at 401-573-9408.

Call anytime....It would be great to hear how you are doing.

My best.
Cheers,
Gary Convertino,
Director MAR



Let's get together to celebrate our Lincolns in 2026. Spring is Coming!

HRVAAA Spring Opener at the Dutchess Co. Fairgrounds Rhinebeck, NY

The HRVAAA works extremely hard to put together an excellent Spring show to begin our season. It is held annually, the first weekend in May. Rhinebeck has a long track record of being a multi day, top-notch show with an excellent display of cars, vendors, and special exhibits. First time attendees always remark about how much the show has to offer and that it exceeds their expectations. The antique and classic cars (up to 2001) are on display on **SUNDAY May 3rd** but if you are inclined to make it a full weekend, it actually begins on Friday afternoon, May 1st from 12 to 5 with vendors, and 8 to 5 on Saturday May 2nd with hot rods, street rods, race cars and customs. This year there will be a special tribute to the Bronco. There is also a cash raffle, show T-shirts for sale, a car corral, and a variety of food vendors. We have our own section for Lincolns. You will be directed to the Lincoln line up. Awards are presented in First, Second and Third place in our Lincoln classes if you choose to have your car judged.

The HRVAAA consists of six local car clubs who work together to put on the show. When you attend this show, you are helping local clubs who share your like interest in maintaining our classic car hobby and all makes and models of vintage cars. HRVAAA stands for Hudson River Valley Antique Auto Association.

To register go to www.rhinebeckcarshow.net

You may call Mike Lueck at 845-750-9823 between 6:00—9:00 pm ONLY

Pre registration is \$20.00 (by April 15) Day of Show registration is \$30.00

We are very sorry to announce the passing of long time MAR member Joseph Barnes from Ramsey, New Jersey.

We send our deepest sympathy to his family.

Dave Kraus is a regular contributor to our newsletter and he found a combined reason to display his new Lincoln Blanket to highlight his other Lincoln hobby.

Check out his collection of vintage tin Lincolns from '49 to '60



Soon you will have your full-sized Lincolns on the road. Thank you for sharing your vintage tin Lincolns in such a creative manner.

We have a few Lincoln blankets left for sale if you have not yet had the opportunity to purchase yours yet. It is of excellent quality, sells for \$90.00 and looks great in any Lincoln! Contact Owen (914-474-7055).

Holiday Get -Together, Army Band Concert and Dinner December 2025

By Gary Convertino

This past year, MAR decided to try something new for our Annual Holiday Get -Together.

Many of us traveled to Springfield, Massachusetts to attend dinner at a great German restaurant, Student Prince Café and the Fort, followed by the Army Band Holiday Concert at the beautiful Springfield Symphony Hall.

The dinner was really delightful, including a room filled with holiday cheer, and even Santa Claus came for a visit (well, maybe visiting the children in the next room, but he was there!).

The Army Band was amazing, and Symphony Hall even gave MAR members our own row to sit in, 3 rows from the stage. The band offered a variety of genres of music that met everyone's musical desires.

Next year, we will meet again in Springfield, MA for dinner and to enjoy the Army Band Concert, hoping to make it a new annual MAR tradition.

All in all, this event was another fun MAR experience, and we are glad that so many MAR members attended.

Our region is large geographically and we try to pick locations that allow good travel routes for our members in different states.

If you have any suggestions for good events/ places to meet in our region, contact Gary.



2026 Mid Atlantic Region Calendar of Events

First Weekend in May—Spring Opener in Rhinebeck, NY at the Rhinebeck Fairgrounds Saturday-Rods/Customs; We get together on **Sunday May 3rd for the Classics and Antiques**; Excellent Swap Meet, Vendors, Car Corral, Displays, Merchandise, Raffle; More info on p. 3

Summer 2026 - Rt 102 Car Show in Connecticut

July 24-26 - Mecum Auction—Harrisburg, PA

August 2-9 LCOC Homecoming—Detroit/Kalamazoo, Michigan

October 18 3rd Sunday in October—Gathering of Old Cars Staatsburg, NY

December Special Holiday Get-Together Springfield, MA

If you have ideas, comments or need more information, please contact Gary Convertino, Director 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.

Membership Secretary Information

The Continental Observer and postage are normal expenses that are covered by the dues we collect.

Mid Atlantic Region dues are \$15.00 for 2026. (No increase) National LCOC Membership Dues were and are still required for all regional members. The last dues notice/ballot was sent in the Fall for 2026 MAR dues.

If your name is noted here: _____ you have not returned your dues yet for 2026. Thank you to those who have paid promptly.

Joe, Gary and Allan were elected to serve as Directors at Large for another three year term to end in 2028. Thank you Joe, Gary, Allen.

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Classified Ads

Please submit classified ads for the next issue of the Observer by 5/15. They are published free of charge for MAR LCOC members. No ads this month.

It is always good to read articles about MAR and MAR members in our National Magazine, LCOC Comments. Bob Vella's story of his Mark III was published in the January-February 2026 issue of *Comments*.

Gregg Merksamer submitted a superb detailed article about our Lincolns at the Mills/Staatsburg show packed with details about the cars and the history of the estate. Wonderful photos too. Great job, Gregg.

Congratulations to Pat Arcieri, Rocco Baldino, and Philip Schuch who won awards at the ENM in Gettysburg in September.

Welcome New Members Alfred and Diane Singleman

Pictured here is Alfred's Mark V. He looks forward to joining us at the Rhinebeck Show in May and we look forward to meeting him and seeing his Mark V.

They live in Schenectady, NY. we are happy to have you join us.



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