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Allan Jones and Nelson Brooks 1947 Lincoln Continental at Bakersfield.

Pace Car Yellow Forties Lincoln Continentals

The only Lincoln Continental Cabriolet entered at the Western Region Fall Meet in Bakersfield, California, in October, 2007 was a Pace Car Yellow 1947 model entered by Allan Jones and Nelson Brooks who drove all the way down from Byron, California, a distance of 231 miles. Byron is near Stockton, a straight shot on Interstate 5 but still a long ride in a 60-year-old car. Allan drives the car everywhere; he has never carried it on a trailer. This car has the regular Ford overdrive, not the Columbia but it still should get around 18 mpg on the road at a steady 60 mph.

As far as they know the car was originally sold to someone in Santa Barbara, California. Allan bought the car out of Washington State but it still had California registration. The paint, upholstery, and chrome was already redone when Allan bought it but he had to rebuild the engine and he is still doing other mechanical work.

There is a lot of misinformation out

there about Pace Car Yellow Lincoln Continental Cabriolets. The original one was the first post World War II Lincoln Continental built. It was actually a prototype and it paced the 1946 Indianapolis 500 on May 30, 1946 with Henry Ford II at the wheel and Wilbur Shaw by his side.

The color was a pale yellow, actually more cream than yellow, never offered on standard Lincoln Continentals in 1946 but offered in 1947 and 1948. There are quite a number of Pace Car Yellow Lincoln Continental Cabriolets of the era around today and a few Coupes. But the shades vary all over the spectrum of yellow from bright Canary Yellow to a medium pale yellow and very few are the original pale yellow. but LCOC

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Fabulous Fords Forever

Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park

Sunday, April 20

This year, we again plan on having a Brunch at the Courtyard Room, which is within the Park and reasonably close to our show area. We plan to meet outside the restaurant at 9:15 a.m. and go into the restaurant as a group at 9:30 a.m. This gives us time to get our cars in place and get over to the restaurant.

This show is open to all vehicles of Ford vintage and has a capacity of nearly 2,000 cars – and it almost always sells out. The vehicles are parked in groups per brand vintage. There is no judging except for a few overall awards – basically it is a fun show with lots of visiting and viewing. The show closes to late cars at 10:00 a.m. sharp and is over at 3:00 p.m. Our Club shares a booth in the General Area with the LZOC Club and manning rests primarily with Baron Night, our Projects Manager.

Consider joining us this year – it's a casual way to start off the year with your car.

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E mail: info@fordcarclubs.org Many of these issues also have a flyer outlining how to register on line or by mail.



Lincolns at Knott's Berry Farm. 2006

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Coming Events

Southern California

Sunday, April 20th

Fabulous Fords Forever & Brunch
Knott's Berry Farm
Buena Park, CA

Sunday, July 20th

Annual Membership Picnic
George Mason Park
Irvine, CA

Saturday, September 6th

Lincoln's at a Dealership
Today Lincoln Mercury
Oxnard, CA
Wednesday to Sunday

October 8th to 12th

Western National Meet
Marriott Hotel
Irvine, CA

Saturday, November 15th

Annual Meeting Northern California

Northern California

Sunday, April 6th

Towe Auto Museum
Sacramento, CA

Sunday, June 1st

Membership Picnic at a Winery
Cline Cellars
Sonoma, CA

Sunday, August 10th

Blackhawk Auto Museum
Danville, CA

director's message

Janet and I just got back from a wonderful trip to China with the Fenskes and Parkers. It is hard to believe that there are 1.3 billion people in China but after landing in Shanghai and seeing the unbelievable economic activity and commerce going on it makes New York City look like kid's stuff. Skyscrapers go on for 50 miles and the freeways could keep up with L.A. any day. After Shanghai we spent nine days touring the various cities including Beijing and the southern high-tech industrial cities of Suzhou/Hangzhou. Beijing has 17 million, Shanghai 14 million and Suzhou/Hangzhou 8 million.

We finally have the plans for the Western National Meet set for October 8-12 in Irvine, California, completed. Our club made a deposit for the Irvine Marriott of \$1000.00 to reserve their space on November 27, 2006. The room rate is \$119.00 per night including parking of \$5.00 per registered guest. We also tied up banquet/meal rates in November, 2006 and we are really benefiting from that commitment in view of the major increases that have occurred in food related costs in 2007/2008. The show field will be at Irvine's Mason Regional Park which is three miles from the hotel and will be on the grass which we committed to a year in advance. We have a whole set of events planned including Wednesday night dinner at Prego's near the Marriott Center, Newport Beach cruise and dinner at Newport Landing, and a tour of the Art Astor Auto collection plus the Friday night reception and auction at the Marriott and Saturday Banquet and awards ceremony.

We will have registration packets available by April 20 and will pass them out to all people attending the Knott's event on that day at the planned breakfast and on the field. In addition you can write to Janet and I at our home address, e-mail us at our e-mail address or go online to the Region website and download the information. The next issue of *Lincoln and Continental Comments* will have a full color page layout of all the events on the inside cover in the next issue.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the many activities that will take place so if you are interested please contact us and we will get you involved.

Mike and Janet

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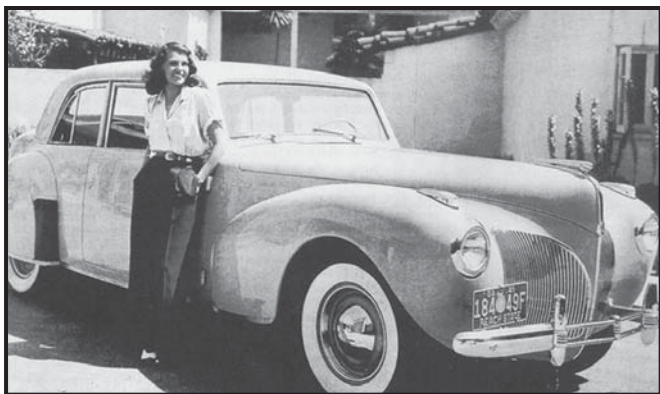
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Western National Meet, Irvine, California, October 8-12

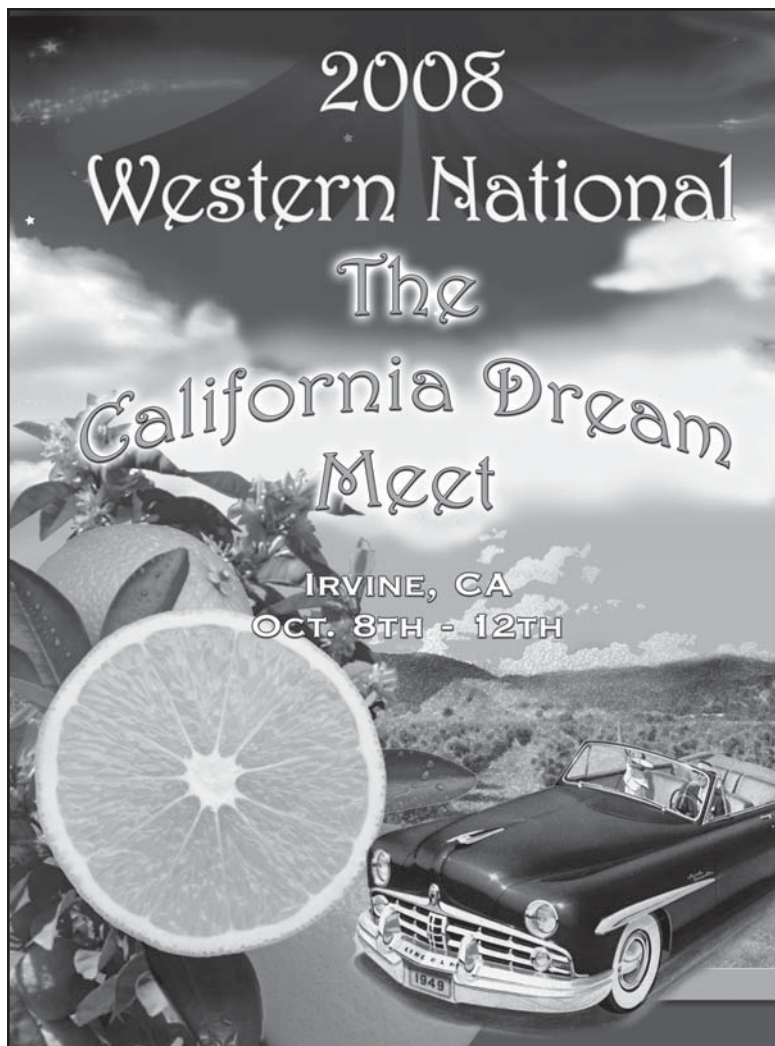
Tim Howley and Barry Froisland of *Biz Launchers* in San Marcos, California, have created a promotion for the 2008 Western National Meet called *The California Dream Meet*. The Western Region in California promises members in the other 49 states five days of warm California sunshine and hospitality and a meet right out of the motion pictures. The meet will be headquartered at the Irvine Marriott in Irvine with a room rate of only \$119 a night plus tax. This includes covered, secure parking for all registered guests and their cars. To make hotel reservations call the Irvine Marriott at 1-888-236-2477 and mention that you are with the Lincoln and Continental Owner's Club.

Meet Packets are now available from Mike and Janet Gribble at 3 Julia Street, Ladera Ranch, CA 82694-1541. Phone: 949-276-2764. E-Mail: mrgrestgroup@msn.com, or download from the Western Region Website at www.LCOCWestern.org. Or the National Website: www.LCOC.org



Wednesday, October 8: Registration opens with an opening night dinner at Prego's Restaurant a five minute walk from the hotel. **Thursday, October 9:** Take a Dream Cruise of Newport Beach Harbor with dinner after the cruise at Newport Landing. **Friday, October 10:** See Art Astor's Dream Collection of cars in Anaheim. Astor even has one of the world's largest collections of vintage radios and television sets, and they all work! Friday night there will be an Italian Buffet reception dinner at the hotel with a riotous auction conducted by Randy Mytar. Friday there will also be the Summer/Fall National Board of Directors Meeting. **Saturday, October 11:** Show Day at Mason Regional Park with the cars displayed on the grass. Saturday night will be the Awards Banquet with winning car photos Sunday morning.

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Above, the *California Dream Meet* poster.
Above left, Rita Hayworth's 1941 Lincoln Continental is one of the cars in Art Astor's Dream Collection. Below, the Western National Meet in Mason Regional Park in 1999.



**Joe Caillau's Early
Spring Fresno
Blossom Trail Tour
Saturday, March 1, 2008
It's "one" for the books**

March 1 dawned as a slightly blustery, late-winter Fresno morning with the remaining vestiges of a recent storm, but promising a coming rebirth of nature's bounty!

Larry Pesetski, of Oakhurst, a group of one, arrived in his gorgeous low-mileage 1971 Mark III polished and buffed "to the nines!" Unfortunately his wife Loretta was "under the weather" and was unable to join us. Kitty and I were invited to join him; it would have been absurd to drive two cars, especially since we were piloting our Honda sedan, not exactly a Lincoln. Both of our Lincolns were "on the fritz."

We headed to Simonian Farms in south Fresno, an interesting and fully stocked display of old farm equipment and implements and fresh and beautiful produce. The three of us were stocked up and, as we were leaving, ran into a local chapter of the Thunderbird Club, also on the Blossom Trail Tour. It was to be "old home week" with mutual friends later on because we ran into them in Reedley at a woody car show at Reedley College. The woodys weren't Lincolns, but they were beautifully restored examples of a bygone era! Many of them were "street-rodded" and others were faithful and original restorations. Some were "surf-ready!"--all hail "The Beach Boys!"

The Blossom Trail was in early profusion in that the cool weather hadn't allowed the trees, for the most part, to blossom fully into the reds, whites and everything in between; some, however, had already blossomed and were starting to leaf out. The Blossom Trail has been modified over the years to include the roads more rural and less traveled, thus making it more enjoyable as a country experience.

We lunched at Reedley's Mainstreet Cafe, and then toured the Mennonite Quilting and International Crafts Center. Kitty even purchased some quilting materials. Many of the international artisanal works were of South American, African, and Eastern origin, an assemblage of truly unique crafts seldom seen in mainstream gift stores!

At that point we motored back to Fresno, thanked Larry Pesetski for his hospitality, and called it a day.

Joe Caillau

**LCOC 2008 Events
in Northern California**

Ever since the 2005 Western National Meet in Sacramento LCOC in Northern California has been quieter than a night in a monastery. But now Jeremy Sanford, Sacramento, has plans for revival.

April 6 the club met and toured the well known Towe Auto Museum in Sacramento. The club is a member of the museum and therefore there was no admission charge. This was a free event.

June 1 will be the Western Region Northern California Picnic. The picnic will be at Cline Cellars in Sonoma.

Cline Cellars is an easy drive from both San Francisco and Sacramento. It is located at the southern end of the Sonoma Valley. The property has lush lawns with picnic tables and ample parking. The winery will provide wine tasting at the picnic site or in the wine tasting room for \$10 a head. The event will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. The cost of \$20 per person will include wine tasting, lunch, and a tour of the winery. The cost will be \$10 for children with no wine tasting.

August 10 the club will meet and tour the Blackhawk Museum in Danville. The museum admission price is \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors, children, and students. After the museum tour there will be an optional drive tour to the top of Mt. Diablo at a cost of \$6 per vehicle. The time of the gathering will be 10 a.m.

For further information contact Jeremy Sanford, 2680 Park Hills Drive, Sacramento, CA 95821. Phone 916-488-3936. E-Mail Jeremy at jsanford@surewest.net

**Southern California
Annual Picnic
George Mason Park
Irvine,
California
Sunday, July 20**

Norm Hoskins reports that this year's picnic will be moved from Yorba Linda Park to George Mason Park. This is the same location that has been reserved for the show field for the Western National Meet in October. Reports are that the park has been improved since the 1999 Western National Meet. By having the picnic here we can get acquainted with the layout and plan spacing well in advance.

Nancy, Janet, Mike, and Norm will put on their usual fine fare and activities to add to the event. Be sure to put this date and location on your calendars. Look for more information in future issues of *The Confab*.

This year, all members involved in organizing the Western National Meet in October are particularly urged to attend as there will be a run through of events and questions, problems, etc. can be discussed at that time. The fare this year will again be \$10 per person. That is a great price for the spread that is put on. To reserve your spot, please contact Norm Hoskins one of the following ways. Please forward your check to Norm at 5485 Vista Del Mar, Yorba Linda, CA 92887. For reservations: Phone: (714)970-3813 E-Mail: norhos@msn.com



Another Pace Car Yellow Cabriolet at a Texas Meet.

(Pace Car Yellow Continued)

does not deduct points for any shade of yellow on these cars. If it has been repainted yellow then it must be Pace Car Yellow. It would be interesting to know if any 1947-48 Lincoln convertibles, sedans, or coupes have been repainted Pace Car Yellow.

The original 1946 Pace Car had a contrasting maroon dash with special white or ivory colored knobs and steering wheel. The seats were red leather and tan whipcord. It is doubtful that the original Pace Car Yellow Lincoln Continental survives and it is uncertain how many more were sold in that color in 1947 and 1948.

A 1946 Ford Motor Company press release for the car and event read in part:

"Henry Ford II, grandson of the founder of the Ford Motor Company, will be carrying on an established family tradition when he slips behind the wheel of a 1946 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet to set the pace the Memorial

Day race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway May 30.

Both his famous grandfather, Henry Ford, and the late Edsel Ford, father of the 28-year-old President of the Ford Company, have served as officials of previous races. Edsel Ford led the roaring pack across the starting line as the official pacemaker in 1932. And Henry Ford served as referee of the 1924 race.

Riding beside Henry Ford II this year in the sleek, low-slung, pace-making Continental, will be Wilbur Shaw, speedway president. Traveling at 100-miles-an-hour, the car will set the pace for the first renewal of the

500-mile race classic since the war.

Old timers, familiar with the fact that the Ford name has been associated with the speedway since 1911, when the first 500-mile race was held, are looking for history to repeat itself this year. They point out that when Henry Ford acted as referee in the 1924 race, L.L. Corun and Joe Boyer, riding the winning car, set a new record of 98.24 mph. In 1932, when Edsel Ford served as referee as well as pacemaker, Fred Fram averaged 104.144 mph to set a new record.

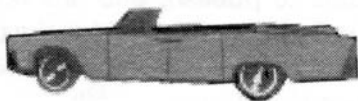
The pace-making appearance (of the new Lincoln Continental) at the Memorial Day race will be one of the first public showings of this new model. On the Saturday following the Memorial Day race, this pace-making Cabriolet will be in the historic Automotive Golden Jubilee parade in Detroit, which will mark the 50th Anniversary of the operation of the first Ford car by Henry Ford driven on the streets of Detroit."

Members admiring the Pace Car Yellow Cabriolet at the Bakersfield Meet last year.



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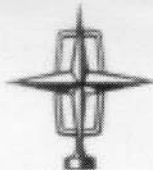
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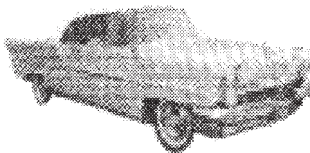
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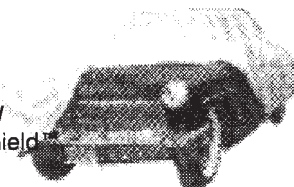
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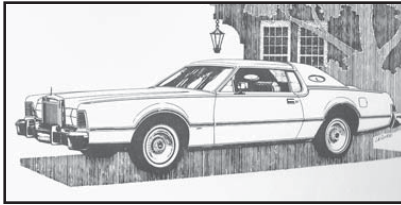
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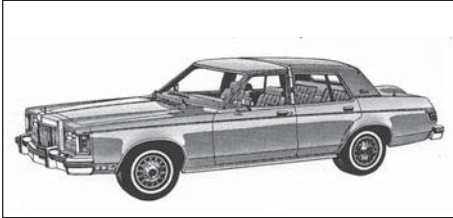
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Western National Meet Marriott Hotel, Irvine, California, October 8-12

Activity is heating up!

Mike Gribble reports that the Registration Packets for the Western National Meet are finished and at the printers. The Packet includes a dinner for early attendees, Newport Harbor Cruise and Dinner, and a tour of the Art Astor Museum in addition to the traditional Friday night dinner and auction followed by the Saturday Car Show and Banquet. The overall theme follows that of the very successful 1999 Western National Meet at the same hotel, *however* several changes have been made to adjust to today's times and to further improve the event.

The packets will be available on line via two web sites: the Region site at www.LCOC Western.org and the National site at: www.lcoc.org and at the Fabulous Ford Forever Show on April 20.

Mike and Janet have enlisted the help of many members and several have experience working at or organizing Meets and Events. A large group was involved in the 1999 and 2002 Western National Meets. This experience is helping to move plans along and bring many ideas to the table. Over the next few months, we will be requesting that members start setting aside and picking up items that can be donated to help make the Auction lively and profitable for the Club. History has shown that the more interesting and useful the item, the longer members stay involved and the more they bid!

Tom McCarthy

TO AN IMPORTANT MEMBER

Western National Meet,
Irvine, California,
October 8-12

