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Bob Blevins' 1952 Lincoln Capri Sedan at All Ford Day.

Lincolns at Knott's Berry Farm

Twenty Western Region Members and about the same number of Region cars gathered at the 20th Annual All Ford Day at Knott's Berry Farm in Anaheim Sunday, April 20. This was far from the largest showing of Lincolns ever at this event, although there may have been many members who came without their cars.

The Lincolns were split into three groups, all in one long row surrounded by Fords and Mercurys. There were about 14 Lincolns and Continentals at the far north end of the row, 14 or so Mark VIIs further south and three Mark IIIs at the far south end. It should be pointed out that most of the Mark VIIs were not LCOC cars, but were displayed by a separate Los Angeles area Mark VII Club.

Inside the green area, the Western Region had a tent to recruit members and pass out meet packets for the Western National Meet in October. The tent was manned by Baron Night assisted by National Executive Vice President Russ Upton who drove all the way over from Scottsdale.

Also in the green area was a display of three new 2009 Lincolns not to be introduced in dealer showrooms until later this year.

However, Lincolns were not the focus at Knott's this year, nor were Mustangs, Pintos, Model As, or fifties Fords, even though there was an endless display of these Ford products and more.

The year 2008 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Model T Ford with a special tribute paid to that model. About 15 Model Ts were on display in the center circle ranging from a 1909 touring car to 1927 models, the last year. Ford also had a prominent display of all its new 2008 products. (You can read about the dauntless Model T on Page 6 of this issue.)



John Walcek's 1940 Lincoln Continental Coupe and 1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible.

Bruce and Helen Hutchinson's 1956 Continental Mark II.



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director's message

Here's some updated information about the Western National Meet coming to Irvine in October. At Knott's Berry Farm we handed out 26 meet packets and so far have mailed out 10 more packet requests. Twenty members enjoyed the great buffet breakfast we had at Knott's and it was good to see so many members join us that morning. To date we have 12 cars committed which is a great start for this event. Please begin to request meet packets as they are now available. When you get your packet you will note that the Registration fee for judging is \$35.00. All of this is forwarded to national for purchase of trophies. The registration fee of \$20.00 per person is split 1/2 to national and 1/2 to our region. The point I am trying to make here is that our local region only keeps \$10.00 per registered person at a meet. In addition to that we put on a full schedule of events and tack on only a few extra dollars per event to help cover our costs. It becomes very important that we get good participation to our events because we have to make deposits for each one and guarantee a minimum level of participation. We hope not to lose money on these events and try to make up any losses with proceeds from the Friday night auction which becomes a make or break part of the event for the region. Please see Tom McCarthy's comments about bringing auction items.

Also, on your registration form we are featuring a tour of the Art Astor Auto Museum. Since we made arrangements for the tour he has announced that he will auction a part of his collection but intends to continue his museum. They have us scheduled for a tour of the selected cars he intends to keep in his collection and not send to auction. He has many cars in his collection that he just can't give up so the tour will still be a fabulous show. So please sign up for the tour. We will keep you updated and correct any necessary changes that develop.

Finally, if anybody is interested in running for a seat on the board of managers please contact me to discuss this opportunity. It can be a lot of fun and a rewarding experience.

We look forward to seeing everybody at the July 20th picnic.

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Coming Events

Southern California

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, June 1st

Membership Picnic at a Winery
Cline Cellars
Sonoma, CA

Sunday, August 10th

Blackhawk Auto Museum
Danville, CA

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Welcome New Members



Western Region cars at Knott' Berry Farm All Ford Day.

Below, Mark IIIs at All Ford Day.

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.

Norm and Nancy Hoskins and Mike

and Janet Gribble 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 the next issue 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. There is also a \$5 per car entry fee. 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



Day At The Races

March 8 was LCOC's "DAY AT THE RACES". If you weren't there you really missed a great time.

For those of you who have attended the event before, we "moved" from the Club House outside dining to the glass enclosed terraced Front Runner Room. A little more spacious, excellent food, and lots of fun.

This year I bought a prepared suggested betting book - the guy who wrote it is \$3 richer, but I'm not! However I didn't have to waste all that time handpicking each race. He told me who would Lose and I bet 'em.

Seriously, it was a great day. Wonderful weather, Beautiful Park and Track, elegant horses and I think about 30 or 31 good friends.

Hope to see you all (y'all) there next year.

Larry Frazier

Towe Auto Museum Tour April 6, 2008

On the sunny morning of April 6 seven Western Region members and guests met at the Towe Auto Museum in Sacramento for some long-overdue socialization. Robert and Joan MacDougal drove down from Carson City, Mike Cunningham and guest drove over from Marin County, prospective region member Joe Belluomini came from Roseville, and Jeremy Sanford and John Woodward were right at home in Sacramento. After an hour of car and club talk the group was treated to a tour of the Museum's extensive and diverse collection that included several vintage Lincolns. A great time was had by all, and there was much optimism regarding future regional events in Northern California.

Jeremy Sanford

Western National Meet

Marriott Hotel, Irvine, California,

October 8-12

The Registration Packets for the Western National Meet are now ready. The Packets include 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.

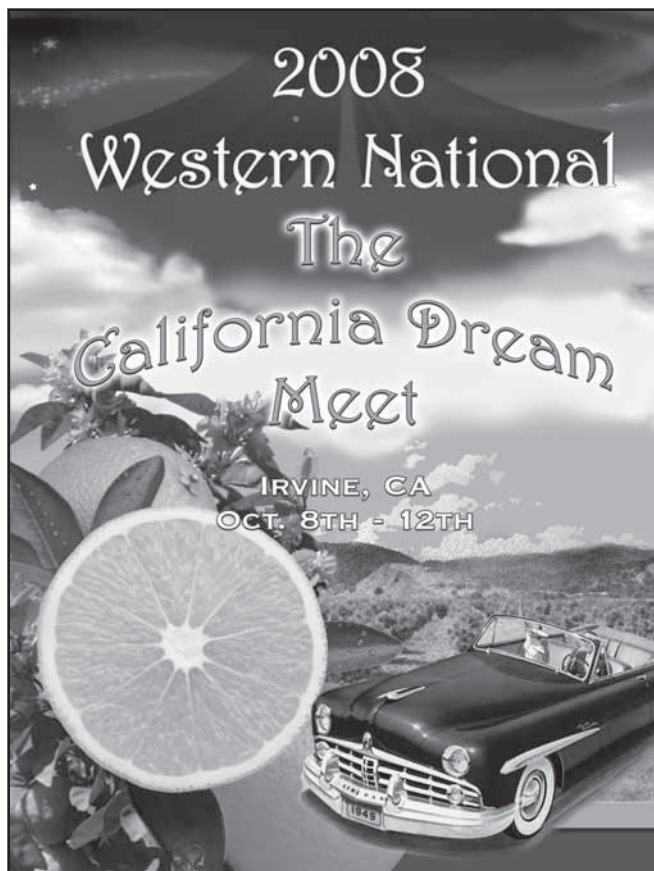
The overall theme follows that of the very successful 1999 Western National Meet at the same hotel, *however* several changes have been made to adjust to today's times and to further improve the event.

The packets are available on line via two web sites: the Region site at www.lcocwestern.org and the National site at: www.lcoc.org Meet Packets are also available from Mike and Janet Gribble at (951)204-8685 or via e-mail at mrgrestgroup@msn.com

To make reservations at the Irvine Marriott Hotel call 866-440-3373 and ask for Group Code LCOH.

One of the key sources of entertainment and income is the Auction. To make it work, we need a very good Auctioneer (which we have), a crack crew administering the action (which we have) and interesting and "auction friendly" items. That's where we come in. We need to accumulate items that will foster bids on bids and allow our Auctioneer to have some fun and get the bidding going. Remember, not all potential bidders know obscure parts so we need a combination of items. Please be on the lookout for items you would be willing to donate. Several of our members are assembling unique baskets for raffle, silent auction or the main auction. Your help is greatly needed.

Tom McCarthy



Northern California Membership Picnic Returns June 1, 2008

The first Northern California Membership Picnic in several years will be held at Cline Cellars in Sonoma on Sunday June 1, 2008 starting at 11 am. Join us for a day of food, wine, and friendship in the beautiful Sonoma Valley. Bring your cars, bring your Lincoln loving friends, at only \$20 per adult (includes picnic lunch, wine tasting, and a tour of the winery). Registration forms were included in the March *Confab* and are due by May 26. For more information contact Jeremy Sanford at (916) 488-3936, or (916) 769-2333.

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. 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.

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

Blackhawk Museum Tour in Northern California

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.



1909 Model T Ford Touring.

The 100th Anniversary of the Model T Ford

The Model T at 100 was the focus of All Ford Day at Knott's Berry Farm this year. (These photos were taken at the event) It took two years to design and engineer the Model T Ford with Henry Ford working 10-12 hours a day assisted by a bevy of brilliant engineers. The car that would change the world was officially introduced October 1, 1908. It had a four-cylinder vertical engine developing 20 horsepower, planetary transmission operated by floor pedals, and flywheel magneto. The car was ingenious in its simplicity and light weight of only 1,200 pounds. A vanadium steel chassis was the key to its light weight and simplicity. Prices started at \$825. After building eight models in his alphabet series, Henry had finally found the magic formula that would put America and the world on wheels. All Model Ts were initially built

at the Piquette Avenue factory. 10,607 were sold the first year of production.

On January 1, 1910 Ford moved its production to the new Highland Park plant. An experimental assembly line was started at Highland Park in 1911. It quickly became the most powerful idea in the machine age.

By 1912, there was a five-passenger touring car at \$600, two-passenger run-about at \$525, six passenger town car at \$800, and a delivery car/truck at \$625. By this time there were nearly 160,000 Fords on the road. By 1913, Fords were being manufactured in England, Canada, and at locations throughout the U.S.

In 1914, Henry Ford announced his \$5 day for workers. The Highland Park plant had doubled its production capacity and the mass-production assembly line was in full swing. Ford was cutting prices right and left and even added a rebate.



1922 Model T Center Door Sedan.



1922 Model Roadster.

In 1915, James Couzens, Ford's key financial officer, resigned. The Henry Ford Hospital opened, and Ford's ill-fated peace ship sailed for Europe. In 1917, the first Ford truck was introduced. The U.S. declared war on Germany, and Henry Ford became heavily involved in war production whether he liked it or not.

In 1918, Ford produced Liberty engines which would eventually lead to the purchase of Lincoln. Also in 1918, an optional self-starter was first offered for the Model T which would result in women being able to drive Fords. In December, Henry Ford resigned as President of Ford and Edsel Ford was elected President.

In 1919-20, Henry Ford moved briefly to California and threatened to start a new automobile company to compete with Ford. His major stockholders panicked and sold out. Now wily Henry was in total control, exactly as he had planned it. The price of the Model T runabout was reduced to \$395. The touring car was already at \$440. By this time there was a coupe at \$745 and a center door sedan at

\$795. Production of Model Ts in Highland Park averaged 3,300 cars a day. In May, 1920 Henry Ford's 2 1/2 year-old grandson, Henry Ford II, lit the first blast furnace at the new River Rouge factory.

In 1921, Ford production was up to over 100,000 in 22 plants across the U.S. Ford prices were cut again. Then on February 4, 1922 Henry Ford startled the industry by purchasing the bankrupt Lincoln Motor Car Co. presumably for his son Edsel. On June 13, the Lelands went flying out the door of Lincoln. Henry Leland had to be taken out sitting in his swivel chair. Ford built its first four-door sedan, priced at \$725. Prices for all other body styles were again reduced.



1927 Model T Coupe.

gift to President Coolidge. In March, Ford announced it would soon introduce a new car to replace the Model T. Back in 1918 Edsel had built a prototype for Model T replacement. Henry took an axe to the car. But now he finally realized that the Model T was doomed. The public was no longer satisfied with mere utility. They were willing to pay more for comfort and style. The 15 millionth and last Model T rolled down the lines on May 26, 1927. Assembly lines were then shut down for nearly six months to gear up for the Model A, a car with a conventional transmission and styling that looked like that of the Lincoln L.

By this time the brass era Model T was long gone. The car was as plain as grandma's foot operated sewing machine, but not all Fords were black, except for the black fenders. For a few dollars extra the



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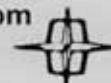
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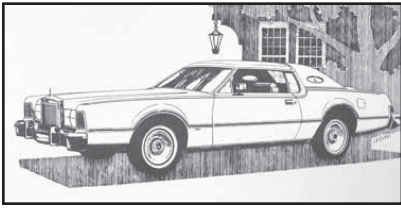
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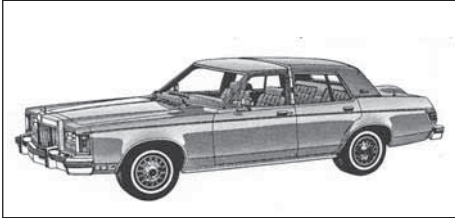


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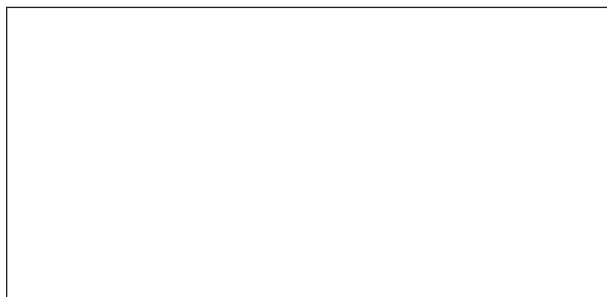
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Northern California, June 1

