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*Cars at the 2008 Summer Picnic in George Mason Park. (John Walcek Photos)
More photos on Page 3.*



Southern California Summer Picnic

Sunday, July 20, approximately 30 members enjoyed the Western Region Summer Picnic held for the first time at George Mason Park in Irvine. This will be the location of the Show for the Western National Meet October 11. The park has been improved since the 1999 Western National Meet. There will be accommodations for up to 120 cars parked on the grass.

Norm and Nancy Hoskins provided a wide variety of sandwiches, salads, deserts and drinks and John Walcek took many pictures of members and their cars. By having the picnic here we were able to get acquainted with the layout and plan spacing well in advance. Members involved in organizing the Western National Meet in October were given a run through of events. Also on the agenda was a status report on the Western National Meet by Mike Gribble.

This was the first year in some time that summer picnics were held in both Northern and Southern California. A report on the Northern Meet in Sonoma, June 1, can be found on Page 5 of this issue.



*Above,
Mike Gribble
speaking to the
group.*

*Right,
John Walcek
and Jim Ayers
with their
1961
Lincoln
Continental.*



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director's message

It's hard to believe but less than two months from now we will have finished our Western National Meet that runs from October 8 to 12 at the Irvine Marriott with the show field at William Mason Regional Park. Things are really heating up. We have mailed out 45 packets and distributed 50 at various events and have received a lot of registrations that are coming from the Web site. Already 15 people have mailed in their checks and registration information. So far we have approximately 24 cars registered. Many people are bringing multiple cars.

When making reservations at the Marriott please be sure to call them at 1-866-440-3373 and mention that you are with the Lincoln Continental Owners Club and use Code #LCOH.

Sunday, July 20, we had our summer picnic at Mason Park and spent some time reviewing the show field layout (see attached article on the event) and enjoying the beauty of the park. We can hold up to 120 cars in the designated area for parking on the grass.

Janet and I spent three days from June 27 to 29 at the Art Astor Auction and watched 300 cars being auctioned off plus lots of memorabilia items. The total take was \$14.5 million and included 7 Lincolns, 1 Edsel, 37 Fords, and 7 Mercurys. The highlights of the Lincolns was the Rita Hayworth 1941 Lincoln Continental Coupe which went for \$209,000, a 1933 Lincoln KA Dietrich Convertible Coupe that sold for \$143,000, a 1938 Lincoln-Zephyr convertible sedan that went for \$140,250, a 1936 Lincoln Model K dual wind-shield convertible sedan by LeBaron at \$132,000, a 1941 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet at \$63,250, a 1937 Lincoln Zephyr four door sedan at \$45,100, and a 1956 Mark II at \$38,500. We really wanted to buy a car but the prices: well you can see from the numbers above why we didn't.

Art Astor has kept 80 of his best cars, radios, and other memorabilia (ones that he couldn't give up) and will continue to have the show room which we will be visiting at the meet on Friday, October 10. I think this is the last opportunity to view his collection and it still is one of the largest in Southern California.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Mike and Janet

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Coming Events

Southern California

Saturday, September 6th
Lincoln's at a Dealership
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October 8th to 12th
Western National Meet
Marriott Hotel
Irvine, CA

Saturday, November 15th
Annual Meeting Northern
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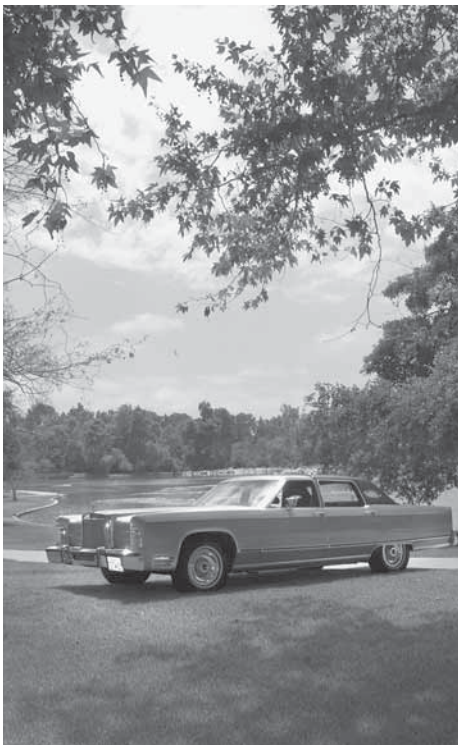
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Gail Walker, Helen and Bruce Hutchinson, George Walker, Janet Gribble, Bob Gee.



Steve Erler's Mark VII Convertible.



*Haiko Postma's
1978 Lincoln Town Car.
(All photos by
John Walcek)*



*Western Region Board Members Bob Reed, Shirley Richards, Norm Hoskins,
Tom McCarthy. Bruce Hutchinson and Mike Gribble.*

2009 Ballots

Included in this issue is your Ballot to vote for Candidates for the Board of Managers for three years starting on January 1, 2009. Please vote for three candidates and return the Ballot to Marv Wendt, as indicated on the reverse side of the Ballot. The Ballots must be returned by October 15th.

Art Astor Auction

Get out your smelling salts! Here are the prices of some of the non Lincoln cars at the Art Astor Auction in late June. These prices include a 12% seller's fee and a 10% buyer's fee, but not the 7 3/4% California sales tax: Most of these cars were in Number 2 condition:

1957 Imperial Crown Coupe, \$46,750
1938 Ford Deluxe Convertible Sedan, \$52,250
1932 Ford Model B Woody Station Wagon, \$93,500
1959 Plymouth Fury Coupe, \$82,500
1953 Ford Convertible, \$44,000
1947 Cadillac Fleetwood Sedan, \$41,250
1933 Packard Eight Five Passenger Sedan, \$57,750
1949 DeSoto Custom Suburban Station Wagon, \$82,500
1935 Ford Convertible Sedan, \$46,750
1940 Dodge D-14 Convertible Coupe, \$57,750
1953 Chrysler New Yorker Town & Country Wagon, \$49,500
1957 Chrysler 300C Convertible, \$148,500
1950 Ford Country Squire Station Wagon, \$68,750
1949 Ford Custom Convertible Coupe, \$42,900
1955 Ford Convertible, \$52,250
1948 Ford Spotsman Convertible, \$236,500
1955 Chrysler C-300, \$181,500
1941 Chrysler Nine-Passenger Town & Country Estate Wagon, \$335,500
1940 Ford Deluxe Convertible Coupe, \$71,500
1938 Packard 12 Convertible Victoria, \$198,000
1941 Chevrolet Convertible, \$52,250
1949 Cadillac 60 Special Fleetwood Sedan, \$88,000

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Western National Meet

Marriott Hotel, Irvine, California,

October 8-12

We are getting down to the final stretch and Mike Gribble reports a significant amount of interest in requests for meet packets. The tours are set up, the Show Area is set up, the Perpetual Trophies that were awarded at Federal Way, Washington, last year are being retrieved and all the other details are being addressed.

The Registration 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 hotel and show field are the same as the 1999 Western National Meet with several improvements. The packets are available as follows: You can E-mail to the Gribble's: Mike Gribble mrgrestgrp@msn.com You can phone the Gribble's: (951)204-8685. Or you can go to the Web Site: Region: www.LCOCWestern.org

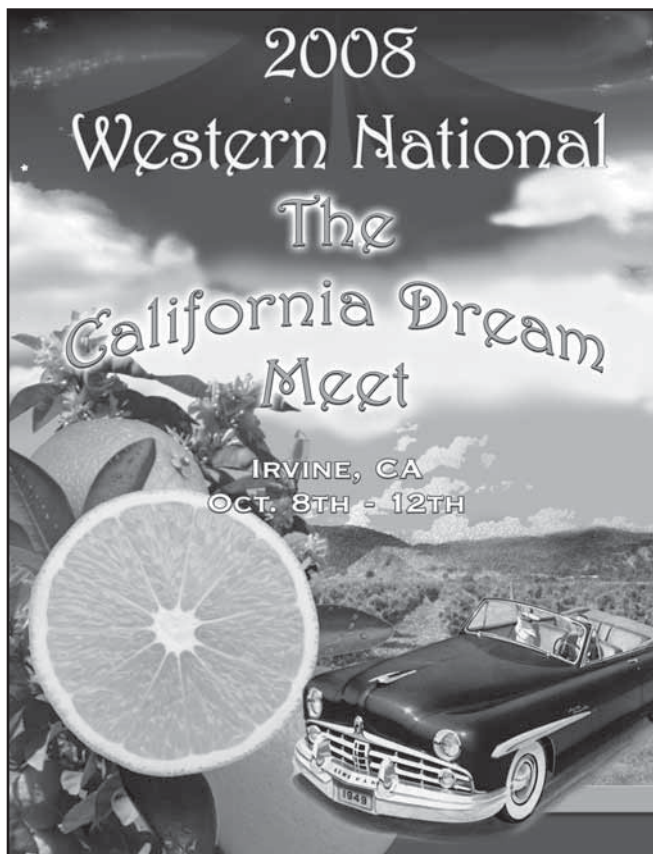
Although gas prices are up, Mike was able to get very favorable room, parking and banquet rates at the Marriott. To make reservations at the Irvine Marriott Hotel call 866-440-3373 and ask for Group Code LCOH.

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. Mike has stressed that, due to increased costs of activities and changes in the items that National controls, success of the Auction becomes paramount this time. An urgent appeal is underway for items that will keep everyone's interest and provide spirited bidding. Car parts, baskets, household / garage items and significant gift certificates are welcome. Mike is providing more information in his Director's Message.

Several of our members are assembling unique baskets for raffle, silent auction or the main auction. Your help is greatly needed.

Finally, we regret that John Wayne, Cary Grant, Joan Crawford and several other classic Hollywood celebrities have declined our invitation to appear as our Awards Banquet guest speaker. We are trying to outdo Abraham Lincoln who was the surprise speaker at the Mid-America National Meet in Itasa, Illinois, last year. However, another famous Hollywood star of the classic era has agreed to appear. His or her identity will be a secret until the banquet.

Tom McCarthy



Northern California Membership Picnic June 1, 2008

The first Northern California Membership Picnic in several years took place on June 1. A perfect spring day greeted the members and their shiny machines at Cline Cellars in Sonoma. After some chit-chat and tire-kicking, the group was treated to a guided tour of the beautiful winery and its lush grounds. After the tour, the group enjoyed a private tasting of Cline Cellar's excellent wines. A couple of bottles were purchased for the group to enjoy during the picnic lunch that followed.

A traditional picnic lunch of finger sandwiches, potato and macaroni salad, chips, sodas, and fresh fruit topped off the afternoon. After lunch, members wandered the grounds and explored the California Missions Museum. Much praise was foisted upon the event organizers for their efforts in bringing activities back to Northern California, and the group parted ways with the hope that we can return to Cline next year for the "annual" Northern California Membership Picnic.

Jeremy Sanford

Art Astor Auction Continued

1938 Cadillac V-16 Convertible Coupe, \$616,000
 1955 Cadillac Coupe de Ville, \$66,000
 1932 Ford Roadster, \$93,500
 1931 Cadillac V-8 Town Sedan, \$63,250
 1933 Chrysler CL LeBaron Imperial Sport Phaeton, \$462,000
 1947 Buick Roadmaster Sedanette, \$71,500
 1954 Packard Caribbean Convertible, \$115,500
 1940 Cadillac Series 75 Formal Sedan, \$88,000
 1949 Mercury Station Wagon, \$198,000
 1949 Ford Custom Station Wagon, \$63,250
 1936 Jensen Ford Tourer, \$203,500
 1932 Ford Cabriolet. \$96,250



*Northern California Summer Picnic.
(Jeremy Sanford Photos)*



1949 Plymouth Woody Station Wagon, \$49,500
 1939 Packard Super Eight Transformable Town Car, \$209,000
 1937 Buick Roadmaster 80 Convertible Sedan, \$66,000
 1958 Nash Ambassador Custom Four Door Sedan, \$49,500
 1953 Ford Victoria Hardtop, \$35,750
 1957 Hudson Hornet Hollywood Coupe, \$49,500
 1958 Ford Retractable Hardtop, \$50,600
 1947 Chrysler Town & Country Convertible, \$181,500

1940 Ford Deluxe Station Wagon, \$165,000
 1940 Mercury Convertible, \$63,250
 1935 Ford Two Door Sedan, \$38,500
 1956 Ford Country Sedan Wagon, \$41,250

Three of the Classic Lincolns sold in the Art Astor Collection.





The field in the Duluth Entertainment an Convention Center.

2008 Western National Meet, Duluth, Minnesota June 25-29

The Mid-America National Meet was held in Duluth, Minnesota, June 25-29 and was sponsored by the North Star Region. The weather was excellent except for brief showers Friday. The number of cars entered was disappointing, 70 as opposed to over 100 cars anticipated. The low turnout was attributed to a combination of high gas prices and the Duluth location. Most of the cars came from Minnesota and the immediately surrounding states and Canada.

There was an excellent variety of cars from all eras and the quality of all the cars entered was extremely high.

One of the main features of the

meet was the first driving tour in 50 years. Thursday some 30 cars drove from Duluth to Bayfield, Wisconsin, a distance of 80 miles. The group had lunch at the Wild Rice Restaurant, a five star restaurant that was open that day exclusively for LCOC.

The show Saturday inside at the (DECC) Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center, was a first as an indoor meet. Many members commented favorably on the large, well lighted indoor location.

The winner of the Elliston Bell Founder's Trophy Saturday night was Jerry Seibert's 1970 Continental Mark III from Illinois. All in all, it was an excellent meet and Duluth is a far better meet site than it is credited as being.



Above, some of the early Lincolns.

Below, the Bayfield Tour.





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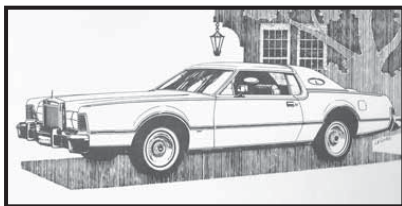
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Collection Reduction. Long time Member in Southern California Bob Gee is starting to reduce his collection of 17 cars and an extensive inventory of parts, most of which are for '65 and '66 Convertibles. The cars are: 1967 4 Door Lincoln Continental - was running well when stored \$2,000. 1968 4 Door Lincoln Continental - 460 Engine - was running well when stored \$1,000. 1977 4 Door Town Car - 460 Engine - was running well when stored \$750. 1979 Mark V - Original Paint - Runs. Needs work \$750. 1976 4 Door Town Car - Given to Richard Nixon by Ford Motor Co. \$3,500.

Contact Bob Gee at (951)571-3319 regarding the above and the parts list.

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