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minesweeper is still at dock, with two more decks added, and for rent for parties for \$4,000 an hour.

Friday a number of us boarded another bus for the Art Astor collection which is now a lot smaller than it was before his auction in June. Before that Art had something like 350 cars. Now the collection is down to about 80 cars and not one single Lincoln is left, but there are still a few Fords and Mercurys. Only a few Packard and Cadillac Classics are left and the collection of vintage telephones, radios

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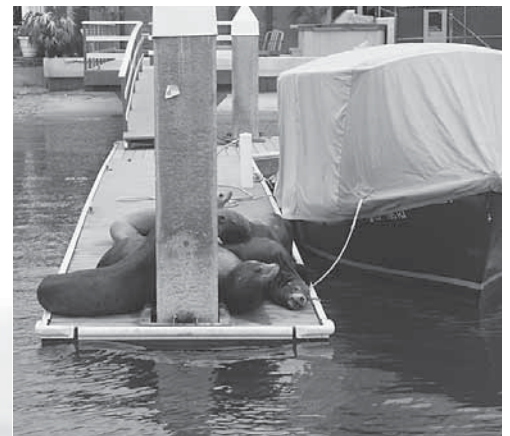
2008 Western National Meet

by Tim Howley

The 2008 Western National Meet at the Irvine Marriott October 8-12 was an overwhelming success with 71 registered cars on the field and only two no shows. Two weeks prior to the meet Mike Gribble was worried that he would not have enough cars to meet the hotel quota to cover the cost of the awards banquet hall, hospitality room, and registration room. Then, at the last moment, the flood gates opened and the registrations poured in. It is simply amazing that the region was able to get this many cars when the economy has gone south, the real estate market has melted to mud, the stock market has plummeted, and the price of gas has reached the moon, although in recent weeks the price of gas has come down dramatically, well almost dramatically.

The boat cruise in Newport Harbor Thursday evening was a boatload of fun, especially seeing all the sea lions lounging on docks and boat decks and seeing all the homes of the rich and famous. Among the famous homes we saw were those of George Burns and Gracie Allen, Shirley Temple, Peter

Falk, and Jack Warner. John Wayne's house was torn down years ago to make way for an even bigger home for some other notable, but John Wayne's



Watching the sea lions in Newport Beach Harbor.



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director's message

It's less than a month after the close of the Western National Meet and I am happy to report that the meet was a resounding success. The festivities began Wednesday night with 22 members dining at Prego's Restaurant. Thursday, 50 people boarded the bus and traveled to Newport Beach for a pre dinner cruise and tour of Newport Harbor with the boat captain providing an excellent account of the many famous homes surrounding the harbor, including a view of the location of Gilligan's Island filming site followed by a wonderful dinner at Newport Landing Restaurant. Friday, 42 members boarded the bus and toured the Astor Museum with a catered lunch. Friday night 85 people attended the reception dinner where Randy Mytar auctioned off approximately \$4800.00 worth of items that included a wide range of collectibles, parts, and gift certificates. One of the highlights was the three Lincoln provided Edsel Ford III hand signed framed artwork of a 1941 Continental Coupe, 1961 Continental Convertible, and 2009 MKS. Saturday night the gala banquet and awards event had 142 people seated for dinner. John Clinard, the Western Regional Communications Manager for Lincoln gave a presentation about the future cars that are being introduced by Lincoln and as he stated they are back in the game big time. It was amazing to discover that almost 20% of the people at the dinner had never been to a National Meet before and the awards were handed out to many new members. John Campbell, one of the new members and our local U.S. congressman from the 48th California District which includes Irvine attended with his beautiful 1956 Mark II.

Mason Regional Park once again turned out to be a terrific location for an event on the grass. We had 71 cars on the field and with the new touring class there were 12 cars that were not judged. Twenty five members spent most of the day judging the cars for the Saturday night awards banquet. Lincoln provided a canopy shelter with seating and many refreshments which all the members enjoyed. They displayed three Lincoln cars including the new MKS and many people took test rides of the cars in the local area.

The Irvine Marriott did an outstanding job providing for our club and after farewells were made Sunday morning and final photos were taken our meet came to a close. Plans are already in the works for future events.

Janet and I wanted to thank everyone who attended and we enjoyed seeing all of our Lincoln friends. *Mike and Janet*

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Southern California

Saturday, November 15th
Annual Meeting
Monrovia Marriott

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*The Art Astor Collection
in Anaheim.*

Annual Meeting Saturday, November 15 Courtyard by Marriott Hotel Monrovia, CA

The meeting will be held between 11:00 a.m and late afternoon and will include lunch. The Agenda will include a review of activities in 2008, establishing activities for 2009, elections of Board Members and Officers for 2009, and other items such as publication methods and frequency. Members are welcome for all or part of the meeting but must make a reservation if attending for lunch. The charge for lunch is \$20.00 each, tax and tip included. Menus at the meeting.

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The hotel is located at the foot of the Huntington Drive off ramp of the 210 Foothill Freeway (going east). Going west, exit at Huntington Drive and go under the Freeway to the Hotel.

Dick Schell

We have a late report that Dick Schell, pioneer member in LCOC and the Western Region died just before the 2008 Western Meet. More details in the next issue.



Den and Jan Fenske won the Elliston H. Bell Founder's Trophy with their 1941 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet at its second LCOC showing. Last year in Federal Way, Washington, the car won a Lincoln Trophy.

All in all, it was a very successful show, perfect cars, perfect weather, and enough awards to fill an Olympic sized swimming pool.

Tim Howley

Left, the Parkers at the Art Astor collection. Below, Randy Mytar and Bob Reed auctioning off the rag doll. Below left, on the Newport Harbor Cruise.

Bottom, the Hoskins entering the field with their Mark VIII.

and television sets is greatly reduced. But it is all still worth seeing.

The Friday night auction brought healthy money with auctioneer Randy Mytar at his best. One old car quilt brought \$500 and another \$750. But Dave Huhn from LaMesa could not get a single bid on a very nice, low mileage 1973 Lincoln Continental Town Car. Anything over \$3,500 would have gone to the region.

Saturday was show day on the grass at William Mason Park. It was a field of Lincolns of all eras from a 1932 Lincoln KB dual cowl phaeton to several Mark VIIIs. There were two Lincoln-Zephyrs and seven early Lincoln Continentals.

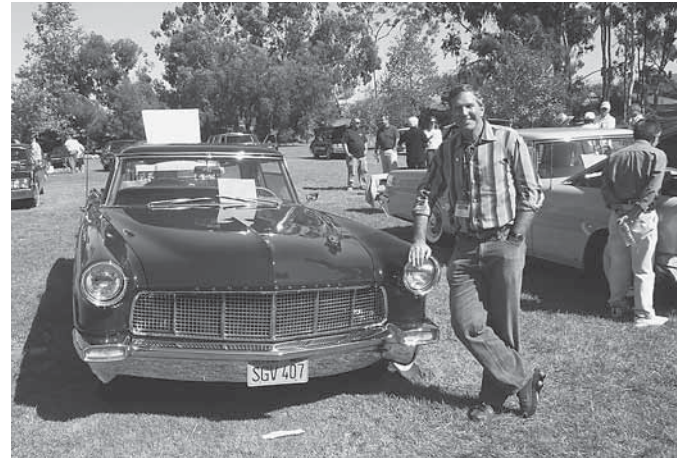
The most amazing class of all was the Continental Mark IIs with eight cars entered. That has to be a record for Continental Mark IIs. To think that on the 50th Anniversary of the Mark II we could only get one to our Western National Meet in Scottsdale.

There were seven cars in the Emeritus Class and 12 more entered for the Original Touring Class and Exhibition.

The Saturday evening Awards Banquet played to a packed house with an interesting video presentation by Lincoln-Mercury and a celebrity appearance by a well known Rabbit.



*Karen Frazier selling raffle tickets.
Below, dinner at the Newport Harbor Restaurant.*



*48th District U.S. Congressman John Campbell
with his 1956 Continental Mark II.*



*Above, the Walkers at the Friday night buffet,
Glenn Kramer and George Richards.
Right, Dick Cronkhite and Sylvia Petersen.*



Judging Tom Spiel's 1967 Convertible Sedan.

Western National Meet Trophy Committee

Much work goes into providing the awards that are presented at the Banquet and are the "Reward" for all the efforts put forward in presenting our cars. I would like to list a few of the people and their responsibilities in making the Award Presentation.

Jim Ayers – CoChairman Jim took a week off from work for our Meet, took charge of the Perpetual Trophy program, donated heavily to the Auction and entered two cars for competition. Jim's work on this Committee and overall was beyond the call.

Mike Cunningham and John Walcek – volunteered to get the trophies from the assembly/storage room to the Banquet Hall and get them set up in order for presentation in the hour and a half available between the end of the show and start of the Banquet. When Mike says "let's go", watch out!

Chris Payne - Chris is a member of LCOC in Illinois and was out here for a visit. Early in the a.m., she volunteered to help prepare some cars (one in particular) for the Judging and continued her help with organizing the trophy table and helping Jim Ayers present them. Chris, thanks much and you're always welcome to visit us again, volunteering to help or not.

John and Jeanne Talbourdet - as Chief Judge (John) and Registrar (Jeanne), their help and advice was extensive, particularly since none of the Western Region members involved had done trophies before.

Doug and Carol Mattix - arranged for the order with the trophy company and arranged for timely shipment to the Hotel. This was their first missed Western Meet in a very long time and Doug led us thru it very well.

A lot of wood and iron was given out and it took the above members to get it done. Our thanks to all.

If you received an award at the Banquet and it needs to have the brass placement tab updated please call Tom McCarthy at (951)698-4300 or e-mail to tfmccarthy85@verizon.net

Tom McCarthy

Time out for games.



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