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Keith and Diane Johnson with their 1956 Mark II Parade Car at the 2008 Western National Meet in Irvine, California.

## Remembering Keith Johnson

The Western Region regrets to announce the passing of Keith Johnson, a long time and very active member. Keith died on August 5 of complications from diabetes which he suffered from for many years. He and his wife Diane lived in Calabasas, California. Keith owned an auto body shop in Northridge, California, and entered cars at Western National Meets in California for many years.

Keith owned two Continental Mark IIs including a custom parade car which he entered at the 2008 Western National Meet in Irvine, California. At the 2006 Western National Meet in Scottsdale, Arizona, he entered a 1957 Lincoln Landau which won a Primary 1st. Over the years he has helped restore many members cars.

Keith's Mark II parade car was made from a parts car that was once owned by the late Charles Faye. The roof was badly rotted because there had been a vinyl top. So Keith cut off the top. The car was very good mechanically but everything was gone

through. The car is Cobalt Blue Iridescent and the interior is all vinyl in a light shade of blue.

The 1957 Lincoln is something pretty special. This was the first year of the four-door Lincoln hardtop which Lincoln called the Landau. The model was offered in both the base Capri and upscale Premiere. Keith's car is a Premiere in a bright shade of pinkish/orange. It was a low mileage orig-

inal car which Keith restored completely. This car is one of the very few 1957 Lincoln Landaus in the club and may be the only one which has been completely restored.

Keith was not a person who collected a lot of cars. He only had three and two of them were in show condition. The last Western Region event that Keith attended was the Knott's Berry Farm All Ford Show in April of this year.

The Western Region extends its deepest family to Diane and Keith's family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Keith's name to Valley Christian Church, 22450 Sherman Way, Canoga Park, CA 91307.



Keith and Diane Johnson in Ventura in 2002.



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## director's message

Well, the Summer picnic has come and gone! On Sunday, July 26th, approximately 30 members and 15 Lincolns showed up at Yorba Linda Regional Park. Sandwiches, salads, fruit platter, chips, watermelon and cookies along with cold drinks were served. We had a brief meeting to talk about upcoming events. We also held a 50/50 drawing and Jim Ayers won \$68.

It was a very nice summer's afternoon, enjoyed with friends and fellow Lincoln enthusiasts. Hope to see all of you on September 12, at the Petersen Museum. Until then~

Continental yours, *Norm Hoskins*

### 2010 BALLOT

The Ballot for election to the Board of Managers for a three year term starting on January 1, 2010 is included with all regular mail Confabs and via a separate mailing to all members that get the Confab by e-mail. It is the most comprehensive Ballot we have had in many years – please give it your attention and return to our Secretary, Tom McCarthy, by October 23rd. You can vote for 3 of the 5 candidates.

If questions, please contact Tom McCarthy at:  
[tmmcCarthy85@verizon.net](mailto:tmmcCarthy85@verizon.net)  
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### Western Region Members' 2004 Lincoln Town Car Meets its Maker

Members who attended the Western Region Summer Picnic will remember seeing Wally and Darlene Aiken of San Marcos who came in Darlene's 2004 Lincoln Town Car.

Happy Days with this Lincoln were numbered. The car was totaled on August 5 while Darlene was driving east on Highway 78 towards Escondido. The car was rear ended by a large semi-tractor truck and pushed into the car ahead of it. The Lincoln Town Car squashed like an accordion says Wally, but fortunately Darlene escaped without injury.

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## Coming Events

### Southern California

Saturday, September 12th  
Petersen Museum Outing  
Los Angeles, California

Saturday, November 14th  
Annual Meeting  
Central California  
Specific Location  
To Be Announced

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# The Petersen Museum Tour and Lunch Los Angeles, California Saturday, September 12 10:00 a.m.



*We're ready to rock and roll.*

For those of you who have not been to the Petersen recently, please join us for a very special tour on Saturday, September 12th.

The Petersen Museum, a cultural landmark of Los Angeles, and one of the finest collections of automobiles in the world, changes its exhibits periodically to better educate automotive enthusiasts as to what's new, what's old and what's unique!

### **What you will be seeing on September 12th is:**

#### **California Car Design: Local Style Global Influence**

#### **What were they thinking? The Misfits of Motordom and others.**

In addition to your tour by an informative Petersen docent, you will have the opportunity to meet Richard Messer, Director of the Petersen for an in depth, insight look into the inner workings of the Petersen. Richard himself has a great collection of classic cars including his long time favorite, a 1963 Lincoln Continental Sedan.

The tour will take a few hours, and you are welcome to stay and browse as long as you like after the tour concludes. Parking will be complimentary and as a group in a private VIP parking area for clubs such as ours.

In addition to the tour, you will be having lunch at the brand new Johnny Rockets "in" the Petersen. For those of you who wish to have lunch with the group, lunch will be \$13.00 per person. This all-inclusive fee allows you to order almost anything on the menu, up to and including the iconic "Johnny Rockets Double Burger" including endless fries or salad and a soft drink. If you want to indulge in a "Rockets Shake", that will be an additional \$3.00.

Please note that as we will be occupying the majority of the restaurant on the busiest day of the week, a guarantee fee including gratuity needs to be in place.

Admission to the Petersen is "A DEAL" at \$6:00 per person ages 1 to 61 and \$4.00 for Seniors 62 and above. (Any one here over 62?????????)

We do need to have a firm headcount to the Petersen by Friday afternoon, September 4th, so please make certain you have filled out the attached form and have sent your check as follows\*. Please make your check out to: LCOC Western Region, and mail to: Steven Erler, Auto-Visuals,

Classic Auto Art, 530 S. Lake Avenue,  
Suite 165, Pasadena, CA 91101

The Petersen Museum Tour will be a really great event and I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

If you would like to preview the Petersen prior to our visit, please visit their site @ [www.petersen.org](http://www.petersen.org). The Petersen Museum is located at 6060 Wilshire Blvd. at Fairfax Los Angeles, CA, 90036. It is VERY easy to find. The parking entrance is on Fairfax just south of Wilshire Blvd. on the east side

If you are planning on driving in and making this a long weekend, the Petersen, is minutes to virtually "EVERYTHING" including Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, the Los Angeles County Art Museum, the La Brea Tar pits, Farmers Market and tons of other really neat things.

**If you have ANY QUESTIONS regarding th Peterson Museum Tour, please feel free to call me, Steve Erler, at 626 791-9821.**

**\*If you are receiving the Confab via e-mail your registration form will be mailed to you in a separate mailing.**

**\*If you receive the Confab in printed/mailed form, your registration form is enclosed**



*The car as is it was found in Gridley, California.*

Looking forward to meeting you all and seeing your beautiful cars! Any friendly tips you may have would be greatly appreciated! I also have a '57 T' Bird waiting for the Lincoln to be finished before the body gets done...frame and engine are all done.

Best regards,  
David and  
Marie-Laure Milroy  
7079 Beagle Street  
San Diego, CA 92111  
(858) 204-7915

## New Member Restoring a 1948 Lincoln Continental Coupe

I just joined the LCOC and am very excited about the prospects of meeting and sharing with other Continental owners.

I found mine (see photos) in a walnut grove for sale in Gridley California, two years ago. I finally bought it six months later and after driving it around the yard once, we loaded it onto the trailer and brought it home to San Diego. It has been a slow process since then. Time may be money...but money isn't time...so I have more time than money! As a French teacher in the community colleges...I work more for l'amour du français than the paycheck!

I have found great mechanic and body guys who work wonders at my fiscal pace and we should be putting the rebuilt V-12 back in soon! Then on goes the new chrome, new wheels (1948 Firestones from Coker)..final touches on the shiny black paint and I will get to drive it for a second time in two years! Oh joy! I just got the hood ornament re-gilded and bought aluminum heads (to be polished) from Merv Adkins in Pomona.

I also picked up a brand new Lincoln insignia for the hood..what a gem! (See photos. Yes..I have it stored in a Belleek tea cup in a display case..where else?)





# Photos from the July 26 Picnic at Yorba Regional Park



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We invite you to attend  
*Lincolns at the Harbor*  
LCOC Western National Meet  
May 19-22, 2010  
Ventura Harbor, California

The Western Region proudly presents *Lincolns at the Harbor*. Come and enjoy the scenic beauty of California's Gold Coast, located 30 minutes south of Santa Barbara. Our activities will take place at the Four Points by Sheraton and Holiday Inn Express Complex. Your rooms are spacious with spectacular views at the Harbor's edge. A full course breakfast will accompany your stay. Plan a few extra days if you can...there is plenty to see and do in this area.

The weekend will be filled with all the activities that mark our National Meets, to include our Friday night auction, Saturday Car Show at the Harbor, and followed by the gala Awards Banquet. Plan to arrive on Wednesday night to be ready for the Car Tour on Thursday morning. We will take in automobile and airplane museums, and we will lunch as we leisurely

cruise on nice roads along the flatland of strawberry fields much like we did in the "good ole days". Friday is mechanical judging and detailing with time for a Harbor walk or transportation to town to enjoy the "world's greatest" antique and boutique shops and a restaurant for lunch before returning for the evening's buffet and Auction. There will be a photo shoot and brunch on Sunday morning to officially conclude our fabulous weekend.

Our hosts for the event will be Den and Jan Fenske and Bruce and Helen Hutchinson. Watch the Lincoln publications for more details as they become available. We will try our best to make this an affordable event, so make your plans to see the California Harbor Show on May 19-22.

See you there! Den and Jan Fenske,  
(805) 985-8721

#### **Meet Our Committee**

On the previous page we are printing the entire Meet Committee, names, phone numbers, and job descriptions. What a group...27 of them!! In asking everyone to serve and help, not one did not agree immediately with much enthusiasm, to help produce our Meet. Thanks to all of you...it's very gratifying to know we'll be bringing you all what we are sure will be a super Meet. Yes, our Region is well and good!

Now, if you are not on this list, and would like to be, use your talent, pick your pleasure, and contact one or two of the appropriate committee members. We are a great group and you will love getting involved. Thanks again, we look forward to our first Committee Meeting in January. Please make sure you read the *Confab*. It will keep you informed.

## marketplace...

WANTED: 1961 Lincoln Continental Sedan with leather and factory air for my personal collection. Highest quality desired. Contact Andy Linsky at 760-333-2228 or [andy@linsky.com](mailto:andy@linsky.com)

1971 Continental Mark III's. Two for sale. In California cars. Both in good condition. \$7,500 for both cars. B.R. Galik, 92 Via Floreado, Orinda, CA 94563. Phone (925) 254-6615 (415) 931-2602

1969 Continental Mark III. 113k miles, second owner for 20 years. Always a Northern California car. Rare burnt orange metallic with white top and white leather interior. Mostly unrestored and still very nice. Runs and drives perfect. All available options. Cold air-conditioning. Serviced and road ready. \$5,500 or best offer. Paul Borgwardt, Walnut Creek, California. (925) 947-2937 or e-mail [pborgwart04@aol.com](mailto:pborgwart04@aol.com)

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.

WANTED -- 1946-48 era Cadillac engine. In restoring my 1947 Cadillac I found the original engine to be running but very tired. Rather than have this one rebuilt I would like to find a good, serviceable used one. Does anyone in the club have such an engine or know where I could find one? Tim Howley, (760) 739-0332 E-mail [t.howley@cox.net](mailto:t.howley@cox.net)

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TO AN IMPORTANT MEMBER

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Petersen Museum Tour  
September 12**

