



Hal and Carol Reniger with the 1965 Convertible at the 2008 WNM in Irvine.

Meet Carol Reniger and her Red 1965 Convertible

Carol Reniger, Simi Valley, California is one of three new Western Region Board Members for 2010. Carol is the proud owner of 'Ruby', her 1965 Lincoln Continental Convertible which she entered at the 2008 Western National Meet in Irvine, California. She has been married to Hal Reniger for 34 years, has two sons, ages 28 and 22, and two rescued Scottish Terriers.

Carol's husband, Hal, has owned a 1971 Mark III for several years, and Carol mentioned that it would be more fun for her if she had her own car to take to car events; but it had to be a convertible. And it had to be something she would enjoy driving. And it had to have personality. And Red paint would be nice.

The Renigers found 'Ruby' advertised in *Lincoln and Continental Comments* in 2007, by a kindly gentleman farmer in Missouri who needed the space in his barn for another Model T. He purchased the 1965 con-

vertible 12 years earlier to restore for his wife, but never got around to it. So, aside from the occasional parade in rural Southwest Missouri, 'Ruby' sat in her barn with three Model Ts, from 1995 to 2007. 'Ruby' was originally Red with a Red interior, and will be returned to the correct shade of Red when she is repainted, hopefully in the next 12 months.

'Ruby' was purchased from photos, sight-unseen, after members of a nearby Rotary Club did a visual inspection and followed her as she was driven up and down a local road. She didn't smoke and she tracked straight. She leaked a little, but didn't make any funny noises, so arrangements were made to purchase her and have her shipped from Mt. Vernon, Missouri to Simi Valley, California.

On the day of arrival, Carol was like a little kid waiting on the curb for her Mom or Dad to come home from work. When the transporter finally arrived and 'Ruby' was unloaded, it was love at first sight!

'Ruby' got her name after Dorothy's Ruby Red Slippers in the *Wizard of Oz* (Red car – Red slippers, Missouri is close to Kansas, etc.).

She also met Carol's rigorous criteria: Convertible, enjoyable to drive, unique personality, and Red.

'Ruby' is one of 3,356 Lincoln Continental convertibles built for 1965 and there were not many all red ones!

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At the 2008 Western National Meet in Irvine



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director's message

It's the Holiday Season already. Like many others, this year has flown by. I have enjoyed 2009 as Director of LCOC. The Kick-Off Dinner in February to the Western National Meet in Reno, the Summer picnic and our visit to the Petersen Museum were all highlights for me.

On Saturday, November 14 we held our Annual Board Meeting in Fresno. We discussed plans for 2010 and our calendar. We also had the results of our Board of Director's election. I would like to congratulate Marv Wendt, reelected, Carol Reninger, newly elected and Mike Cunningham also newly elected for three years each. I am sure these new Board members will be an asset to the club and hopefully will have additional ideas for events and club projects.

On a further note, my good friend and fellow Board member, Tom McCarthy, submitted his letter of resignation from the Board. Tom, however, has agreed to help us by coordinating the *Confab* schedule and to continue his work on the E-Mailings. Many thanks are owed to Tom from the club and me personally. He is an invaluable asset to LCOC. Tom's resignation left us with a vacancy for one year (2010) on the Board. The next highest vote in the election was Stacy Roscoe. An invitation to be on the Board and fill Tom's spot was extended and graciously accepted by Stacy. So we have a full Board in place for 2010.

Member Den Fenske attended the Board meeting and gave a summary and outline of the 2010 Western National Meet (WNM) to be held in Ventura in May. As usual, Den is super organized and it looks like the WNM will be excellent.

Our Kick-off for 2010 will be a Board meeting and dinner to be held in Bakersfield Feb. 26-27, explained further in this issue.

I wish all of our members Happy Holidays, and drive safely as those Lincolns and Continentals are irreplaceable.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for
a prosperous New Year, *Norm Hoskins*

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Coming Events

All California

Saturday-Sunday,
February 26-27
Kick-off Dinner
and Board Meeting
Bakersfield, CA
(other evens to be
decided at this
board meeting)

May 19-22
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BOARD MEETING
RESERVATIONS
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THIS E-MAILING
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Western National Meet Committee Meetings



There will be a first meeting of the Western National Meet Committee at 11 am. on Saturday, January 16 at the Sagebrush Cantina, 23527 Calabasas Road, Calabasas, California. Come with a brief report and any ideas and questions to share with everyone. About half of our Committee is well experienced with Naional Meets and will help you with your role. The restaurant is located on the south side of the 101 Freeway at the Valley Circle off-ramp. Our meet packets should be ready by then.

A selection from the menu will be offered for lunch for about \$15 a person including a gratuity and tax. Please bring cash as we have to collect from each of you to pay the restaurant's total bill.

A second meeting will be held on Saturday, May 15 at the home of Den and Jan Fenske at 2117 Ocean Drive, Silverstrand Beach, Channel Islands, California. This will be a "bag stuffing party". Take the Victoria Avenue off ramp and go south on Victoria, seven miles to the beach front street of Ocean Drive. Bring cash for a sandwich lunch to be provided. We will fill bags with lists, schedules, coupons, brochures, and complimentary goodies. Our Meet will start the next Wednesday evening.

For further information contact Den and Jan Fenske at (805) 985-8721 or cell phone (818) 383-8224 or e-mail: demand jan10@hotmail.com.

Western Region Annual Kickoff Banquet Saturday, Feb. 27 "Back to Bakersfield"

Many Western Region members fondly recall a weekend meet held at the Doubletree Hotel in Bakersfield back in the autumn of 2007.

Bowing to many requests to return to this appealing venue, the annual kickoff dinner and belated Valentine's Day celebration will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2010. A registration form is enclosed, and you'll notice the attractive room rate of \$79 and a delicious banquet meal at just \$40.00. At these prices you can't afford not to attend, so plan to join in the fun!

The initial board meeting of the New Year also will be held at the Doubletree starting at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Members are invited and

encouraged to make a day of it and attend both the board meeting and the banquet. The banquet begins with attitude adjustment at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at seven. If you really want to enjoy a Bakersfield weekend plan on arriving Friday the 26th and enjoy an evening of dining and dancing with Lincoln friends at Buck Owens's Crystal Palace which is "just across the street" from the Doubletree.

This promises to be an exciting event with the introduction of new board members, as well as discussion of the many spectacular Lincoln and Continental events which are in the works for 2010.

Bakersfield and the Doubletree are easy to find. Take Highway 99 to Highway 58 (the Rosedale Highway), and go west on 58. The Doubletree is on your left.

Inquiries? Call Marv at (760)375-5337.



*Carol Reniger's 1965 Lincoln Continental
Convertible at Irvine in 2008.*

**(Carol Reniger
continued from Page 1)**

Carol has run a small business, Baskets n' Bows, since 1991 and has chaired successful events for non-profits since 1999. Carol has been a member of Executive Women International (EWI) since 1997 and Leadership Simi Valley since 2004. In 1979, she was hired by McCormick-Schilling (Schilling Spices) to be the first woman sales rep in the country.

As Chair of the Annual Auction for the Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley for several years, she and her team were responsible for net proceeds of over 100K each year. In 2005, Carol chaired the EWI National Spring Conference with over 250 attendees from across the country at the Universal Hilton at Universal City.

Her business, Baskets n' Bows, was named 'The Most Unique Gift Store in Eastern Ventura County' by the readers of the *Ventura County Star* in 2000, and was selected as one of the Top 50 Gift Basket Companies in the U.S. in 2006 by *Gift Basket Review* magazine.

Welcome to the Board Carol Reniger.

Western Region Board Meeting

by Marv Wendt

On November 14, 2009 the Board of Managers of LCOC-Western met in Fresno (Home of the Bulldogs) for the annual meeting. The meeting was well attended with all but two board members present. Twelve guests attended as well.

Highlights of the meeting included the announcement of the winners of the recent elections. New faces on the board will include northerner Mike Cunningham who is known for his sterling wit and ultra-clean Mark VIIs, and Carol Reniger who is famous for her snappy charm and red '65 ragtop (do we say that in Lincoln circles?) In a stunning announcement board member Tom McCarthy tendered his resignation as secretary to the board,

citing just too many commitments to continue in this role. Tom, however, will continue to serve as *Confab* liaison to the editor. Ventura resident and runner-up Stacy Roscoe (mighty tri-power '58 drop-top) in what was a tight race was drafted to serve out the remainder of Tom's term. Yet another northerner, Jeremy Sanford (think nice Mark III) was strong-armed into taking on the secretarial duties. Incumbent Marv Wendt was re-elected. Officers Norm Hoskins, Marv Wendt and Bob Reed agreed to stay on in their current positions.

Treasurer Reed reported on the excellent financial health of the Western Region, thanks in no small measure to the proceeds from the '08 Irvine Nationals and the cost savings resulting from better than 70% of the membership now receiving the cyber *Confab*.

Membership Chairperson Shirley Richards reported that region membership currently hovers at around 190 avid Lincoln/Continental enthusiasts.

Many, many interesting 2010 events coming to an area near you were discussed, with #1 being the National in Ventura, lots of one-day gatherings in up north, the prospect of a mid-state seasonal meet, as well as one in the deep south (California, that is) in San Diego County.

Prior to adjournment there were kudos all around for the efforts put forth by the board as well as volunteers who work diligently to make the Western Region the fine organization that it is.

*Below, the 2007 Fall meet in
beautiful downtown Bakersfield.*



Mike Cunningham and his two Mark VIIs.

Mike Cunningham, San Rafael, California is another one of three new Western Region Board members. Mike has been a Western Region and LCOC member for almost 20 years.

He is the very proud owner of two beautiful Mark VII LSCs. He has had the first since new; a 97 point, platinum color '85 and a 98 point, white '92 that he bought in 2000. Both serve as daily drivers in the rotation of his "fleet" that includes a '69 Cougar XR7 convertible and a '73 F100 truck.

Mike lives north of the Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County and just retired after 32 years with the phone company (SBC Comms). He told the *Confab* that in all those years he has crossed the Golden Gate Bridge more than 10,000 times and has never had an accident. He has "a passion for the product" and looks forward to serving the needs of the club.

Mike entered his 1985 Mark VII LSC at the 2009 Western National Meet in Reno, Nevada where the car won a Primary 1st. He entered the 1992 Mark VII LSC at the 2005 Western National Meet in Sacramento, California where it won a Primary 1st and a Lincoln Trophy.

The 1992 Mark VII was originally sold by Dick Donnelly Lincoln-Mercury in Reno to a man who lived in Carson City, Nevada. When he passed away in 2000, friends of Mike's at Joe Kerley Lincoln-Mercury in San Jose learned about the car and called Mike. The car only had 39,000 miles and still had the original tires. The car is white with a white leather interior. This car has sequential port fuel injection and 45 additional horsepower.

After Mike bought the car he took it to the Sears Point Raceway and took 20 seconds off his lap time with the 1985 with throttle body fuel injection.

Mike only puts about 3,000 miles a year on the 1992. The 1985 now has over 160,000 miles. Mike uses synthetic oil in the 1985.



*Mike Cunningham's 1992 Mark VII LSC
at the Western National Meet in Sacramento in 2005.*



*Mike Cunningham with his Primary 1st
Award for the 1985 Mark VII LSC at the
WNM in Reno in 2009. Below, four
Mark VIIs in Reno.*



Stacy Roscoe and his 1958 Lincoln Continental Mark III Convertible.

Stacy Rosco, Ventura, California was appointed to the Board for 2010 at the 2009 Fall Board meeting to fill the space left open by Tom McCarthy. Stacy is retired from Procter and Gamble after a 27 year career in manufacturing. He currently serves on several boards in Ventura County. He holds a degree in mechanical engineering from Notre Dame and served for four years in the U.S. Navy. He and his wife Kerry have two grown daughters.

The Roscoes own a fully restored 1958 Lincoln Continental Mark III convertible that was first shown at the Western Region 2007 Fall Meet in Bakersfield. Then it won a Primary 1st and a Lincoln Trophy at the 2008 Western National Meet in Irvine.

The car was originally owned by a furniture manufacturer in Santa Fe Springs. Stacy bought the car in 2002 from the man who bought it in the estate sale of the second owner. The speedometer was broken at 96,000 miles. The color was Deauville Yellow which was a 1958 stock color. The car was restored to the original color.

The car now has an optional in 1958 Mercury Maunder engine with three two-barrel Holley carburetors. This was a very rare option which this car did not have when new. Stacy believes that only about 100 1958 Lincolns were so equipped when new. At first Stacy bought the Marauder air cleaner in the original box and then spent three years locating the rest of the system.

Stacy took the car down to the bare unibody and completely restored it. The restoration took five years. Stacy farmed out most of the restoration and attended to the details himself. The people who restored the car all discovered that it is overly complex with seemingly three times as many parts as are necessary for any function.

The car was very well equipped when new and even had an FM radio. Stacy believes this is the first FM radio



ever put into any car, certainly any Lincoln. The car gets about 8 mpg around town and got close to 12 mpg on the highway.

The Roscoes joined LCOC and the Western Region when they bought the car seven years ago. Stacy wants to keep LCOC a meaningful and fun part of the Lincoln ownership experience and he is especially interested in the organizational efficiency necessary to accomplish much with our region's talented and motivated volunteers.

*Stacy and Kerry Roscoe
with the 1958 Lincoln Continental
Convertible at the 2008 Western
National Meet in Irvine.*



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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. Meet packets will be available by January 15. 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,
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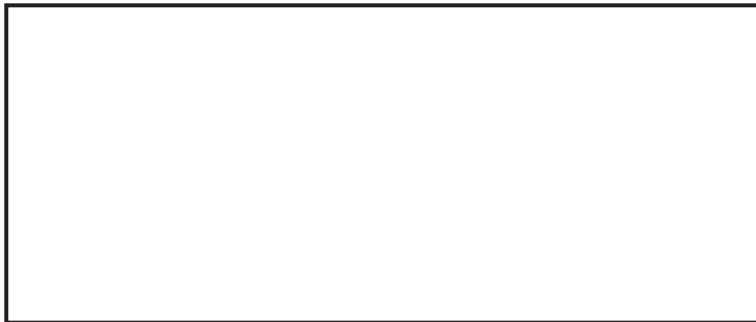
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Annual Kick-Off Banquet

February 27, 2010

Social hour: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM
Board Meeting: 1-5 PM

Doubletree Hotel Bakersfield
3100 Camino Del Rio Court
Bakersfield, California

Banquet: \$40 for your choice of Char-Broiled Tri-Tip, Chicken Cordon Bleu or Eggplant Parmesan.

Hotel Accomodations: Room rates at the Doubletree will be \$79 per night (both Friday and Saturday).
Make your reservations directly with the hotel and use code: LCOC.
The number is 1-800-446-6677 or 661.323.7111.
Deadline for reservations is Friday, February 12.

Board Meeting: The semi-annual Board Meeting will be at the Doubletree from 1 – 5 (no lunch). All members are encouraged to come and participate at this meeting.

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