



Some of the cars at the 2002 Ventura Western National Meet.

2002 Ventura Meet. Remember?

May 19-23 will mark the second time that a LCOC Western National Meet has been held in Ventura, California. The region held a meet here September 11-15, 2002. Headquarters was the Ventura Holiday Inn with the cars shown on the roof and second floor of the parking garage. Den and Jan Fenske were the meet hosts.

The theme of the Wednesday evening welcoming party was "Red, White, and Blue" honoring the first anniversary of 9-11. Thursday there was a Santa Barbara tour. Tom McCarthy set up the tour but never made it due to trouble with his 1966 convertible. Needless to say, he won the hard luck award. This was a bus tour, not a car tour. The group stopped for lunch at the Acapulco Restaurant.

Thursday evening dinner was held at the Derby Club near the hotel. There was no tour Friday. The ladies went shopping in Ventura while the guys cleaned up their cars.

There was a Lincoln sponsored reception Friday evening with the theme "Hawaii in Ventura". All were attired in Hawaiian shirts and dresses, sarongs and leis. The hotel erected a tent poolside and the wind made an unexpected appearance. The wind blew the crowd up to the 12th floor for a fabulous luau where Janet and Mike Gribble won first prize for the best Hawaiian costumes. A spirited auction followed the luau.

Saturday nearly 90 cars showed up at the parking garage for the show. A lot of the members at that show are no longer with us either because they have since dropped out of LCOC or they have gone to that great car show in the sky. This was the last LCOC National Meet attended by Bob Davis. A year ago we lost Jack Cassan, who attended all of our California National Meets.

The Awards Banquet was up on the 12th floor of the hotel and was in the Hawaiian theme with black ties and formal gowns optional. Special Contribution and Longevity Awards were presented to Georgette and Arnie Poole, Bob Lawton, Ginny and Bob Cressey, Barbara and Dave Cole, and Dick Schell. We have since lost Arnie, Barbara, and Dick. Baron Night sang a patriotic song, Dave Cole spoke on early Lincoln Continentals, and the late Charlie Steward was the highest bidder on a 1942 and 1964 Lincoln painting done in a patriotic theme.

The meet ended Sunday with a farewell brunch at the home of Den and Jan Fenske on Silver Strand Beach. (Continued on Page 3)

*Friday night Luau
at the 2002 Ventura Meet.*



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director's message



Our biggest event of the year is almost here, our Western National Meet in Ventura May 19-23. The committees have been working very hard to make this meet a memorable event for all attendees. See you in Ventura.

At the end of this year, I will be stepping down as Western Regional Director. Our club needs members to step up and run for the Board of Directors. Please contact Assistant Director Marv Wendt for information.

Our Temecula wine tour will happen in August. We will meet with our cars and caravan to several wineries. Details of exactly when and where to meet in next *Confab*. Please drive your Lincolns and Continentals to this outing. It should be fun.

Finally, hopefully our Western Region Directory will be coming to you via e-mail soon!

Continently yours, *Norm Hoskins*

Fabulous Fords Forever April 25

This year the Knott's Berry Farm event featured 70 years of the Lincoln and Lincoln Continental. Selected cars were displayed in the grass area in the rear of the park. On the field, all other cars were displayed in groups by their brand. It was a great opportunity to roam around and see the large array of Ford Motor Company brands in one place. Unfortunately, there were not as many Lincolns as usual. Western Region members gathered for Brunch as a group at 9:30 a.m. at the Chicken House. A full report with photos will be carried in the next issue of the *Confab*. Remember, both our editor and photographer were in Florida at the time of this meet.

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Temecula Wine Country tour
in August

Northern California

June 13, 2010. USS Hornet Tour.
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CA 94501

July 24, 2010. Annual Wine
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Blackstone Winery. 8450
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RSVP Jeremy Sanford
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Northern California events.

All California

May 19-23
2010 Western
National Meet
Ventura Harbor, CA

A LuVern Frank Schmidt, In Memoriam.

The Western Region regrets to announce the passing of LuVern "Smitty" Frank Schmidt January 12 in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. He was 81 years old. Smitty was a long time member of LCOC and the Western Region. Smitty was a huge car enthusiast, restoring classic cars and showing them at shows all over the country. In addition to LCOC, he was a member of LZOC, T-Bird Club, and the Mustang Club.

He is survived by his wife Adrienne, son Brad, daughter Linda, daughter-in-law Nancy, brother Jerry, sister Angie Theyen, and brother-in-law Speedy. Thoughts and condolences may be submitted to the family at www.lietrefrezefuneralhome.com

Ventura 2002 Continued

Lincoln Trophy winners included Georgette Poole and her 1948 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet, Bob and Karen Reed and their 1951 Lincoln Sedan, Tom Spiel and his 1957 Continental Mark II, Ed and Hazel Lacey and their 1971 Continental Mark III, Sherman and Phyllis Lovegren and their 1979 Continental Mark V, Mike and Janet Gribble and their 1973 Lincoln Continental Sedan, and James Powers and his 1988 Lincoln Mark VII.

Western National Meet Committee Meeting May 15

A second meeting of the Western National Meet Committee will be held on Saturday, May 15 at the home of Bruce and Helen Hutchinson, Northridge, California. This will be a "bag stuffing party". The address is 11129 Vanalden Avenue, Northridge, California 91326. Phone (818) 360-3865. Take the Tampa Turn-off and go north to Rinaldi from the 101 Freeway. From the 118 Freeway eastbound, exit Tampa, going westbound, exit Reseda Blvd. They are approximately one block south of Rinalda and one block west of Wilbur. Call Bruce for additional directions. 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.

Jack and Linda Rosen won the William Coughlin Trophy for their recently restored 1956 Lincoln convertible, Geoff Weiner won the Dr. Erwin C. Ruth Trophy for his 1976 Continental Mark IV, and Tom Gerrard won the Elliston Bell Trophy for his 1956 Lincoln convertible.



*Tom Gerrard won the Elliston Bell Trophy at the 2002
Western National Meet in Ventura.*

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2010 Western National Meet

Lincolns at the Harbor

Ventura, California, May 19-23, 2010



The LCOC 2010 Western National Meet, *Lincolns at the Harbor*, will be held at California's Ventura Harbor May 19-23, 2010. We are busy planning a fun-filled time for Lincoln lovers and hope you will be able to join us! The theme of this year's meet is "Nautical." Dress the part if you would like; there will be an award for the person (or persons) who best represents the theme.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Western National Meet—with or without your Lincoln. If you have any questions about the meet, please call:

Den Fenske, Meet Host: (805) 985-8721

Bruce Hutchinson, Meet Host: (818) 360-3865

Marv Wendt, Registrar: (760) 375-5337

Event Overview

Wednesday (5/19): Plan to arrive in the afternoon and check into the host Ventura Harbor Holiday Inn Express, then visit the Hospitality Room (opens at 3 p.m.) to pick up your meet packet and goodies. Wednesday evening, we will meet at the hotel's restaurant,

Alexander's, at 6:00 p.m. for a no-host dinner. Before settling into the hotel, we recommend filling your gas tank and getting ready for the tours Thursday morning.

Thursday (5/20): Everyone is invited to participate in the car and museum tours. We'll drive at a moderate speed on a flat route that's just 29 miles round trip. You can travel with us in your "modern iron" or hitch a ride. We'll visit both air and auto museums and stop for a no-host lunch at the airport café, returning to the hotel in the afternoon. Thursday's no-host dinner is at Milano's Italian Restaurant along the waterfront.

Friday (5/21): We will have a variety of things to do, including detailing, tire kicking, mechanical judging, a harbor walk, or antique shopping in picturesque Ventura. Friday night is the big auction (we need contributions of auction items) at the "El Grande" Buffet (Mexican food)—an evening of fun, humor, and excitement. The auction can get pretty competitive when you've found that item or car part that you've always longed for!

Saturday (5/22): The car show starts in the morning with the judges'

meeting and arranging cars on the show field. Lunch is provided for all judges. The car show usually runs until about 3 p.m., but it's not over until so declared by the National Head Judge. Come enjoy—and compete with—the finest classic Lincolns in the world! Saturday night is the Gala Awards Banquet. Dress up and enjoy the awards that are given to those beautiful deserving cars. It will be a fun and eventful evening.

Sunday (5/23): In the morning, the major award winners will have their photographs taken with their cars. We'll have a no-host brunch and bid a fond farewell to Ventura.

Accommodations

The host hotel is the Ventura Harbor Holiday Inn Express, located at 1080 Navigator Drive in Ventura, CA. It's easy to find, near the Seaward Avenue exit from US-101.

The hotel has a wide array of amenities for your comfort and enjoyment. Hotel rooms are spacious with a beautiful harbor view from the balconies. RV parking is available, but there are no hook-ups. If you are flying, you'll probably want to use either the Bob Hope (Burbank) Airport or LAX. Driving to the hotel from either airport takes approximately two hours.

Make reservations directly with the hotel by calling (805) 856-9533. There is a special LCOC rate of \$119 (plus tax) per night if you mention the code word "Lincoln" when making your reservation before April 30th which has now past. Room prices include a complimentary full breakfast.

Shortage of Articles for the Confab

At the February Western Region Board of Directors meeting I made a plea for articles on Western Region members and their cars. So far no response. Now "my cup runneth dry." Looks like soon you'll be reading about restoring my 1950 Dodge, 1949 Dodge, and 1941 Chrysler, the guy who took two years to rebuild the engine for my 1946 Ford, my trips to the Eastern and Mid America National Meets, how I kill weeds at my ranch in Valley Center, and how to repair lawn mowers and weed cutters. *Tim Howley*



"Okay, Men, do I Have Any Volunteers?"

by Marv Wendt

One of my favorite classic films is *To Have And Have Not*, and one of my favorite lines from the movie is Lauren Bacall's "I'm just another volunteer".

Like Betty Bacall, when Jan and I volunteered to act as registrars for the 2010 Western National Meet we thought it would be the proverbial "piece of cake", and we would not wind up having to assist the French Resistance. We'd hosted a couple of kickoff banquets, some board meetings and a seasonal meet or two, and had those events pretty much down to a science. Well, this being the registrars for a National is a pretty big deal. One must coordinate with a number of other volunteers who are busily planning all the other elements of the event including judging, trophies, dash plaques, banquets, auctions, hotel reservations, and extracurricular activities. Plus, one becomes the banker, treasurer and accountant for the meet. We are fortunate that LCOC National developed a swell computer spreadsheet which enables us to track all the necessary information, and submit it to all the other volunteers in a timely and continuously updated fashion.

When we receive a completed registration form, good bureaucrats that we are, each one is reviewed for completeness, we discover sometimes that a key data element may be missing. This isn't surprising as the document has

more questions than the Spanish Inquisition, and in our busy lives it's easy to forget to enter a VIN or member number or something. These omissions necessitate a contact with the attendee, which is always a pleasant side benefit of the job.

As the deadline for meet registration approaches (about two more weeks, as this is written) the 2010 Western National is shaping up to be a dandy with members coming from as far away as Germany (volcano permitting) and the Midwestern U.S. There promises to be a fine array of Lincolns and Continentals. Mark IIs will be well represented, as well as some "new" cars that we haven't seen before. We can tell you what they are, for a price.

All things considered it's a fun, challenging job, kind of like work. But, here's the upside. We were once asked

how we know so many people in LCOC. Well, after a couple of months of putting names together with where folks live, with what Lincoln they'll be showing, what they'll be having for dinner, etc., the information on sheets of paper becomes faces, then real live people, then acquaintances, and then friends.

Looking forward to seeing all our friends in Ventura in May 2010!

Raffle and Auction News

The clock is ticking closer to the Big Event, and we need your help!

Many of the sources and vendors who donated generously in the past are being pinched by the same tough economy we are experiencing ourselves. While our regular donation sources want to support our Meet with raffle and auction items, many simply cannot.

We are asking that you help us out with an extra push for donations from people you know and whose services you use. \$25 here and \$50 there, in our tough economy can make the difference in the success of our Meet. We can use cash donations to purchase auction items.

Please don't leave us adrift at sea in Ventura, rather, please dig deep to see how you can contribute.

Carol and Hal Reniger

*This electric scooter
will be one of the items
at the Friday night auction.*





1932 Lincoln KB at the Lincoln Foundation Meeting and Charlotte Show.

Lincoln Foundation Museum Moving Closer to Reality

As of April 15, 2010 LCOC members have sent in 107 pledges to the Lincoln Foundation Fund totaling approximately \$74,600. We still need \$117,000.00 to reach the Jerry Capizzi and Chris Dunn Challenge Goal by August 1, 2010. In addition to naming rights selected and tax deductions 30 of these members also received Lifetime Memberships in the Lincoln Motor Car Foundation with pledges of \$1,000 or more. We thank each of our pledging members for their support and interest in building this beautiful Museum dedicated to preserving the Lincoln legacy.

The Lincoln Museum will be built on the grounds of the 90-acre Gilmore Museum at Hickory Corners near Kalamazoo, Michigan. The museum's 20,000 square feet of space will be built in two 10,000 square foot phases. The exhibits will highlight Lincoln's role in the American automotive industry. Construction on the first phase is planned to begin in 2011 and be completed in 2013.

Randy Mytar will be doing architectural renderings of the Lincoln Foundation Museum. It will not be a barn like all the other buildings on the Gilmore property. It will be a recreation of an early Lincoln dealership. The interior will be composed of a large number of galleries. There will

be several displays for Henry Leland including his precision engineering laboratory, his 1903 Cadillac, the Liberty aircraft engine, the first Lincolns, Ford's purchase of Lincoln in 1922, and Classic Lincolns from 1921 through 1939. There will be a gallery for the development of the 1936 Lincoln-Zephyr and another for the 1939 Lincoln Continental. Other galleries will be for the Continental Mark II, Mexican Road Race Era Lincolns, 1961-1967 Lincoln Continental, and the modern Marks III through VIII.

Hopefully, we will be able to publish Randy's renderings in the next issue of

Lincoln and Continental Comments so that members will have some idea what this museum will look like.

A fund raising dinner for the Foundation was held at the Charlotte, North Carolina Motor Speedway April 7 where Edsel Ford II was the key speaker.

If you have not made your pledge at this time, please step up to the plate!. Send in your pledge and help your fellow Lincoln enthusiasts build this Lincoln Motor Car Museum, dedicated to preserving the Lincoln Heritage for generations to enjoy. (There is a pledge card on Page 8 of the March-April issue of *Lincoln and Continental Comments*). Please send your check and your pledge today. We need your help. Joanne Lower

LCOC Funding Coordinator.



Edsel Ford II signing autographs at the Lincoln Foundation dinner.

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On the driving tour at the 2010 ENM, Ocala Florida.

2010 Eastern National Meet, Ocala, Florida April 21-25

It will be a challenge for the Western National Meet this month to meet or beat the 2010 Eastern National Meet in April which drew some 72 cars and approximately 150 members and friends to the horse capital of the world. While the meet was located in horse country there was no horsing around. This was an extremely well organized and executed meet put on by the Florida Gulf Coast Region. The 72 cars was a very good turnout in this economy. The days of 100 plus meets are over, at least for the present.

The theme in Ocala was *70 Years of the Lincoln Continental* with several 1940 Lincoln Continentals in attendance, but there were a lot more modern Lincolns including nine Mark VIIs, other Marks, quite a few Lincoln Town Cars, two 1976 Black Diamond Mark IVs, and three 1956 Lincoln convertibles. Jim Schmidt of Ocala brought four cars including a 600 mile 1940 Lincoln Continental Coupe and a black Continental Mark II that was originally owned by Henry Ford II. No Western Region cars and only two Western Region members were in attendance. They were Tim Howley and John Walcek who are assigned by LCOC to cover all National Meets.

The headquarters hotel was the Ocala Holiday Inn and Suites which has an Asian theme and a parking area

that was more than big enough for all our cars.

The Ocala Festivities began with Cheeseburgers in Paradise by the hotel pool Wednesday evening. Thursday morning there was a 41 mile tour of 13 older Lincolns and Continentals and numerous late model cars of all makes. The tour traveled through the legendary Ocala horse country to the Horse and Hounds Restaurant and Pub for lunch. After lunch the tour went on to the palatial home and car collection of Tim Petty (no relation to the racing Pettys) where we were all treated to ice cream bars from Petty's vintage Good Humor truck.

Friday there were morning and afternoon bus tours to Don Garlits' Museum of Drag Racing and the Jim

Schmidt car collection which is a part of the National Parts Depot. Friday evening wound down with a Heart of Horse Country Buffet and lively auction.

Saturday was Show Day to the back and east side of the hotel with perfect weather and a wonderful field of cars. The Elliston Bell Best of Show winner was appropriately enough Ron and Karen Mihalek's 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet from Richfield, Ohio. Thankfully, the storms, which raised havoc in Mississippi Saturday, held off until Sunday afternoon when the meet was over.

How the Editor got to and from Ocala is a story in itself. On the evening of April 20 he boarded a commuter flight from San Diego to Los Angeles where he flew all night to Orlando, Florida seated next to a fat man who snored. Arriving in Orlando at 6 a.m. he waited until 9 a.m. for a shuttle to Ocala, a distance of 90 miles. Returning Sunday afternoon, he reboarded the shuttle for a 6:30 p.m. flight from Orlando to Atlanta which was delayed on the runway for over an hour. This connected with a 10 p.m. flight from Atlanta to San Diego which was also delayed. This time he sat next to a middle aged Delta stewardess who talked his arm off. He arrived back in San Diego at 1 a.m. Monday. No wonder there were no other Western Region members in Ocala. *(Editor Tim Howley at the 2010 Eastern National Meet.)*



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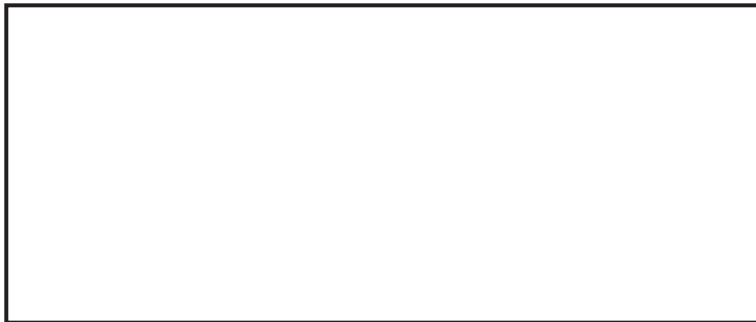
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