



Overview of the field from the Holiday Inn Express balcony.

2010 Ventura Meet.

The 2010 Western National Meet goes down in the Western Region history books as one of the smallest in decades with 41 cars registered, seven less than in Sacramento in 2005 and four less than in Scottsdale in 2006, a meet sponsored by national. The only explanation anyone could come up with is the current state of the California economy. Despite this, there was a good turnout of members and unlike Sacramento the Western Region made money on the meet.

The meet was held at the luxurious Ventura Holiday Inn Express right on the water at Ventura Harbor, with overflow guests and festivities held at the adjacent Four Points by Sheraton. Both hotels were designed by the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation and bear the distinct Frank Lloyd Wright architectural trademarks, although the hotels were built long after Wright died in 1959. Wright would have been pleased with a meet at these hotels. He owned both a 1940 and 1941 Lincoln Continental customized to his peculiar automotive taste.

Thursday's main event was a 14 car tour to the World War II Aviation Museum at the Camarillo Airport, about 12 miles from the hotels. This museum consists of two hangers and is operated by the Southern California Wing of the Commemorative Air Force at Camarillo Airport. The hangers house exhibits, artifacts, a library, and numerous vintage warbirds.

Lunch was at the Camarillo Airport Cafe and in the afternoon the tour group

drove on to the Murphy Auto Museum in Oxnard. This is a collection of about 40 vintage cars, mostly Model T Fords and Packards. It is operated by Don Murphy, a retired neurosurgeon from Ventura. The museum is a non profit organization open to the public. The oldest car is a 1903 Curved Dash Olds. There is also a large model train display. Dinner Thursday night was at Milano's Italian Restaurant just down the road from the hotel.

Friday was mechanical judging and a Western Region Board Meeting. Friday night there was the Le Grande Buffet and an excellent auction in the Sheraton's main ballroom. Auctioneer Randy Mytar really got everybody in the spirit of bidding with all of the varied items sold within two hours. The high point of the auction was a quilt of cars featured in color in *Lincoln and Continental Comments*. The quilt was made by Maxine Woods and it brought a top bid of \$500 from Jack Rosen.

Saturday was a windy show and tell day in the south parking lot of the Holiday Inn with the cars right next to the water. Local newspaper publicity brought out a lot of locals to see the cars plus more Lincolns displayed by non members or members who had not entered

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director's message

The 2010 Western National Meet is now history. Ventura was a wonderful location, and the hotel and accommodations were very nice. The tour on Thursday and the show on Saturday were excellent. A BIG



THANK YOU is owed to Den and Jan Fenske and Bruce and Helen Hutchinson and all the volunteers who helped to plan, organize and execute those plans.

Our next planned event will take place on Saturday, August 21. We will meet in the parking lot of Marie Callendar's Restaurant on the Southwest corner of Rancho California and Ynez St. in Temecula, California. We will meet between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. and will caravan into Temecula wine county and stop at several wineries. Tasting and lunch is on your own or you can bring a picnic basket.

Please drive your Lincolns. The roads are easy, flat, etc. Most wine tastings are \$10 - \$12 per winery. We leave the meeting spot at 10:00 a.m. Take I-15 South to the Rancho California off-ramp, turn left to the meeting spot. It should be warm and sunny, a perfect day to drive Lincolns. RSVP me at (760) 990-4702, just for a count of cars and bring some cash for wine tasting.

Continently yours, *Norm*

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Coming Events

Southern California

August 21
Temecula Wine Country Tour
RSVP Norm Hoskins
(760) 990-4762

Northern California

July 24
Annual Wine Country Picnic.
12:00pm.
Blackstone Winery. 8450
Sonoma Hwy, Kenwood, CA
95452

September 4,
Western Railway Museum.
11:00am.
5848 State Hwy 12,
Suisun City, CA 94585

RSVP Jeremy Sanford
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November 13
Board of Directors Meeting
Temecula, CA
Details to come

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by Tim Howley,
Glenn Kramer,
and Norm Hoskins.*

Join a Day of Wine and Song on our Temecula Wine Tour Saturday, August 21

You are invited to join the Western Region tour of the wineries of the Temecula Valley. We will drive through beautiful Southern California countryside south of Lake Elsinore where you will find hundreds of award-winning wines offered by over 30 wineries. The Temecula Valley is a veritable paradise encompassing an area that includes over 35,000 acres of rolling hills and vineyards. These wineries are centrally located and within an hour's drive from San Diego, Orange County, and the Palm Springs area. The wineries are less than two hours from most points in Los Angeles.

The rolling hills, fields of vineyards, and the beauty of Mount Palomar in the distance create the perfect surroundings to enhance a California wine tour. The wineries in Temecula are worth exploring. The beautiful grounds, gift shops, restaurants, and exhibits make your experience even more pleasurable.

This is a fun place to visit with golf courses, lakes, hot air balloons, and the historic buildings of Old Town Temecula to explore. Stroll the wooden boardwalk to browse the interesting shops or enjoy a ride in a horse drawn carriage.

While visiting the Temecula Valley Wine Country you can avail yourself to a vast array of winery restaurants, and intimate bed and breakfast inns, should you decide too stay overnight. This has long been an area popular with car clubs for tours and shows.

Our winery tour will be held on Saturday, August 21. We will meet between 9 and 9:30 am. in the parking lot of Marie Callendar's Restaurant on the Southwest corner of Rancho California and Ynez St. in Temecula. We will be leaving our meeting spot at 10 a.m. Our caravan will tour into the Temecula wine county and stop at several wineries. Tasting and lunch is on your own or you can bring a picnic basket.

If you are planning to sample the wines at all of the wineries please have a designated driver. Most wine tastings are \$10 - \$12 per winery.

To get to our gathering spot take I-15 South to the Rancho California off-ramp, turn left to meeting spot. If you are coming down from Los Angeles you will want to take the 10, 60, or 91 to I-15. For further details and for a car count call Norm Hoskins at (760) 990-4702.



*The field at the Holiday Inn Express
mid day Saturday.*



Ready for the Thursday morning tour.



The three Mark IIIs.

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Saturday night was the Gala Awards Banquet. Although they were not there Bob and Ginny Cressey were honored as a part of the region celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the 1940 Lincoln Continental. They own a white 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet. Bob was a pioneer member of LCOC and the Western Region. He is 95 years old and Ginny is 90.

Regretfully, meet host Den Fenske was not able to be at the meet. He was hospitalized a few days before the meet with a major medical problem. During the banquet meet co-host Bruce Hutchinson called Den at the hospital and all of the banquet attendees joined in wishing him a big "Get Well Soon." Den is now home and recovering. The entire Western Region wishes him a speedy recovery.

Winner of the Elliston Bell Trophy was no surprize. It was Stacy and Kerry Roscoe with their yellow 1958 Lincoln Continental Mark III Convertible.

Auctioning off Maxine Woods' quilt.



Above, our group inside one of the planes at the air museum.



Below, Bruce Hutchinson on the phone to Den Fenske



Bruce and Shirley won the Costume Contest.





John Walcek photographing the Elliston Bell winners Stacy and Kerry Roscoe and their 1958 Continental Mark III Convertible Sunday morning.

2010 Western National Meet Winners

Touring/Original:

1978 Town Car, David and Judy Sutliff, Burley Idaho, 1st.

Primary Awards:

1940-42 Lincoln Continental Coupe:

Chris and Elinor Bang, San Jose, 1st.

1952-55:

1952 Lincoln Convertible, Charles and Judy Shubb, Chatsworth, 1st.

1956-57:

1957 Lincoln Landau, Tom Spiel, Riverside, 1st.

Continental Mark II:

1956 Mark II, Vin DiBona, Los Angeles, 1st.

1956 Mark II. Robert and Nancy Ratinoff, Sherman Oaks, 2nd.

1958-60:

1960 Mark V Landau, Tom Spiel, 1st.

1961-63 Convertible:

1963 Convertible, Kevin Johnson, Bellevue, Washington, 1st.

1961-63 Sedan:

1962 Sedan, Bob Blevins, Yuma, Arizona, 1st.

1964-65 Convertible:

1964 Convertible, Chad and Barbara Hunt, Morgan Hill, 1st.

1965 Convertible, Robert and Carol Parker, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2nd.

1965 Convertible, Hal and Carol Reniger, Simi Valley, 3rd.

Continental Mark III:

1971 Mark III: Andy Linsky, Palm Springs, 1st.

Continental Mark V:

1979 Mark V, Richard and Colin Cass, Palm Springs, 1st.

1977 Mark V, James Chantler, Normandy Park, Washington, 2nd.

Continental/Lincoln Mark VII:

1988 Mark VII, James Powers, South Pasadena, 1st.

Senior Awards

1949-60:

1958 Continental Mark III Convertible, Stacy and Kerry Sorcoe, Ventura, 1st.

1951 Lincoln Sedan, Bob and Karen Reed, Simi Valley, 1st.

Continental Mark II:

1957 Mark II, Tom Spiel, Riverside, 1st.

Continental Mark III:

1969 Mark III, Jeremy Sanford and John Woodward, Sacramento, 1st.

1961-69 Lincoln Continental:

1966 Lincoln Continental Convertible, Steve and Becky D'Ambrosia, Damascus, Oregon, 1st.

1967 Lincoln Continental Convertible, Tom Spiel, Riverside, 2nd.

1970-79:

1979 Lincoln Versailles, Marv Wendt and Jan MacNeil, Ridgecrest, 1st.

1980-89 Lincoln Continental, Mark VI, VII, and VIII:

1993 Mark VIII, Edward and Chris Gray, Snohomish, Washington, 1st.

1992 Mark VII, Mike Cunningham, San Rafael, 1st.

1988 Mark VII, Walter and Shirley Finner, 2nd.

1995 Mark VIII, George and Gail Walker, Ventura, 2nd.

1996 Mark VIII, Norman and Nancy Hoskins, Fallbrook, 2nd.

Best Touring/Original:

1978 Town Car, David Sutliff, Burley, Idaho.

Lincoln Trophies:

1939-42 Lincoln Continental:

1941 Lincoln Continental Coupe, Chris and Elinor Bang, San Jose.

1949-57:

1957 Lincoln Landau, Tom Spiel, Riverside.

1958-60:

1960 Continental Mark V Landau, Tom Spiel.

Continental Mark II:

1956 Mark II, Vin DiBona, Los Angeles.

Continental Mark III:

1971 Mark III, Andy Linsky, Palm Sprngs.

1961-67 Lincoln Continental Convertible:

1964 Lincoln Continental Convertible, Chad and Barbara Hunt, Morgan Hill.

1961-69 Lincoln Continental Coupe and Sedan:

1962 Lincoln Continental Sedan, Bob Blevins, Yuma, Arizona.

Continental Mark IV and V:

1979 Continental Mark V, Richard Cass, Palm Springs.

Continental Mark VI, VII, and VIII:

1988 Lincoln Mark VII, James Powers, South Pasadena.

Perpetual Trophies:

William Coughlin Trophy, Best Senior 1949-1960:

1951 Lincoln Sedan, Bob and Karen Reed, Simi Valley.

L. Dale Shaeffer Trophy, Best Senior 1961-1969:

1966 Lincoln Continental Convertible, Steve and Becky D'Ambrosia, Damascus, Oregon.

Robert H. Davis Trophy, Best Senior 1980-1989 Lincoln Continental, Mark VI, VII, VIII:

1993 Lincoln Mark VIII, Edward and Chris Gray, Snohomish, Washington.

Emeritus Awards:

1951 Lincoln Lido Coupe, Jim and Joanne Pringle, Lacey, Washington, First Emeritus Award.

1986 Lincoln Town Car, Robert Sheran, Reno, Nevada, First Emeritus Award.

1941 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet, Den and Jan Fenske, Channel Islands, Second Emeritus Award.

1956 Continental Mark II, Norman and Nancy Hoskins, Fallbrook, Second Emeritus Award.

1978 Continental Mark V, Terry Cone, Lake Oswego, Oregon, Third Emeritus Award.

1969 Lehmann-Peterson Limousine, Bob and Joan MacDougal, Carson City, Nevada, Fourth Emeritus Award.

1964 Lincoln Continental Convertible, Steve and Pam Widener, Tacoma, Washington, First Emeritus Award Second Time Around.

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Ed and Chris Gray's 1993 Lincoln Mark VIII won the Robert H. Davis Trophy.



Steve and Becky D'Ambrosia's 1966 Lincoln Continental Convertible won the L. Dale Shaeffer Trophy.



Bob and Karen Reed's 1951 Lincoln Sedan won the William Coughlin Trophy.



Den and Jan Fenske's 1941 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet.



President's Crystal, Fifth Emeritus Award:

1977 Lincoln Continental Town Car, Bob Gee, San Ysidro, California.

1985 Continental Mark VII, Mike and Janet Gribble, Ladera Ranch, California.

1946 Lincoln Continental Coupe, Bruce and Helen Hutchinson, Northridge, California.

Elliston H. Bell Founder's Trophy, Most Outstanding Senior Lincoln or Lincoln Continental:

1958 Continental Mark III, Stacy and Kerry Roscoe, Ventura, California.

Special Awards:

Hard Luck, 1941 Lincoln Continental Coupe, John Walcek, Placentia.

Long Distance, 1977 Continental Mark V, James Chantler, Normandy Park, Washington.

For Technical Services, Daryl Udell.

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Western Region Board of Directors Meeting in Ventura

by Jeremy Sanford

A mini Western Region Board Meeting was held May 21 at the Western National Meet. Region Director Norm Hoskins reported that the club appears financially healthy. Norm feels the club needs to focus on events. Northern Cal has a few events planned and Norm will host a Temecula wine tour in August. Norm wanted it known that Marv is a great right hand man.

The membership roster is done and it looks great, thanks to Jeremy Sanford and Shirley Richards.

North/South Meet: Norm wonders if Fall 2010 is feasible for a North/South regional meet. No one seems eager to stage a fall 2010 N/S meet. Jeremy Sanford suggested a Spring 2011 N/S meet since the 2012 LCOC WNM is not until September. Marv has been interested in a central coast location for a meet, he will investigate Morrow Bay or Pismo Beach.

Norm stated that Shirley Richards is investigating Rancho Santa Fe for a possible regional or national meet. The consensus seems to be that Rancho Santa Fe is beautiful but pricey.

Tim Howley thinks that a 2012 Western National Meet in San Diego would be a wonderful idea. Norm would like to incorporate a tour of the USS Midway into a San Diego meet. Tim was inspired by the 2009 Eastern

National Meet in Lancaster Pennsylvania in 2009.

Norm Hoskins thinks a October 2012 WNM at Pechanga Indian Casino in Temecula is a possibility and he will do preliminary investigations. The Board members seemed very receptive to this idea.

Tim Howley suggested the Town & Country Hotel, Atlas Hotel, or Holiday Inn National City as possible hotels for a San Diego meet. Several board members thought National City was too far south.

Norm reported that there have been no volunteers to run for the 2011



Below, Norm Hoskins with Carol and Bob Parker.

LCOC Western Region Board of Managers. Nominations are needed soon. Marv Wendt will try and recruit. Marv suggested a few names, including George Walker and Charles Schubb.



The Fall 2010 Board Meeting will be held in Temecula on November 13, 2010. Location to be announced.

Tom McCarthy wanted to impress upon the board the importance of planning events far enough in advance. Tom reminded the Board that the ballots for electing 2011 Board members must be mailed in August, so the nominations need to be in soon.

Tom is happy with the progress made in emailing the Confab to members. Jeremy Sanford will replace Tom as the person responsible for distribution of electronic Confabs, Tom will remain in charge of mailing out paper Confabs to those members who cannot receive electronic copies.

Western Region at Knott's Berry Farm April 25

Every year for the last 15 years or more the Western Region has participated in Fabulous Fords Forever at Knott's Berry Farm. This year's 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 Lincolns were displayed with other Ford built cars. Unfortunately, there were not as many Lincolns as usual.

Western Region members gathered for Brunch as a group at

Left, Mike and Janet Gribble.

marketplace...

1940 Lincoln Continental Convertible #H93268 - one of the first! Dark blue, good tan top, dark tan leather upholstery, Columbia 2-speed rear axle, radio. Some literature. Older restoration, only 3,268 miles since. AACA Senior and 5 Preservation Awards. \$90,000 firm. Call Jean at 650-964-0561.

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1966 Lincoln Continental 4-door sedan. Classy beautiful car, handles and rides like a dream. AZ car body in great condition. Only 60k on rebuilt engine. New Moss Green Paint with black vinyl top. NEW rebuilt carburetor and 1967 master cylinder and brake lines, good tires, cold A/C. Only \$7,500. Call John (480) 734-4908.

Lincoln Continental Mark IV '73-'75 black dash excellent condition-\$200; black door panels-\$100 each; plus shipping. John Walcek 714-528-1860, email john.walcek@earthlink.net"

1957 Continental Mark II. Redone engine, transmission, brakes, water pump, etc. Air-conditionng. Needs upholstery, paint, some plastic parts. Car is located in Venice, California. \$28,000. Juliette Cummins, (310) 562-4367.

1987 Lincoln Town Car. One-owner (garaged). Original Silver with gray leather interior, original pin striping, Landau top (excellent condition). Serviced regularly and stored in garage, no dents and never wrecked! Current smog, clean registration. 159,000 original miles, VIN:1LNBM81F8JY612248. Minimum bid \$2,800. Inspection by appointment in Coalinga, CA. Contact: Dan Hernandez Ph: 831/917-0907

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