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The Concord Hilton Inn will be the site of the 2012 Western National Meet.

Western Region Will Host 2012 Western National Meet

The 2012 Western National Meet will be held September 26-30 at the Concord Hilton in Concord, California, approximately 30 miles northeast of San Francisco. This will be the first LCOC National Meet held in the greater San Francisco Bay area since Pleasanton in 1993. Jeremy Sanford of Sacramento, 2011 Assistant Director for the Western Region, will be the meet host/chairman. The specific location of Concord is on Interstate 680 in Contra Costa County.

The Concord Hilton is a large traditional hotel that will be undergoing renovations in early 2011. These renovations will be completed by the time of the meet. A section of the parking lot to the south of the hotel could be blocked off and protected as the show field. The room rate at the hotel will be \$109 a night including a continental breakfast. The hotel is located three blocks from the local Ford-Lincoln dealership and hopefully Lincoln will have some involvement in the meet. Possible activities being discussed are a tour of the nearby Blackhawk Collection of Classic cars, a San Francisco Bay cruise, a drive-in movie, and most importantly a driving tour, very possibly to the Sonoma-Napa Wine Country. California Wine Country tours were a popular Western Region attraction in both Northern and Southern California in 2010.

The theme of the meet will be Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Continental Mark IV and all things from the year 1972.

Past Western National Meets in Northern California have been San Francisco in 1968, Los Gatos in 1973, Santa Clara in 1977, San Jose in 1983, Sacramento in 1985, and Pleasanton in 1993. The 2010 Western National

93. The 2010 Western National Meet in Ventura



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director's message

Well, this is my final message to the Western Region. It has been my pleasure to serve the region for the last two years as Director. Nancy, Riley and I have made so many friends and met so many nice people in this club.

We have our new Board of Directors in place for 2011. Your new Director is my good friend Marv Wendt. He and



Jan are hosting a Spring Meet in Morro Bay in April. Details are on Page 5 of *The Confab*. I would like to thank the current Board for their support and commitment to LCOC.

We would like to wish all our members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Continentally yours, Norm

Happy Holidays

The officers and staff of the Western Region of LCOC wish all of our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Coming Events

All California February 12 Valentine's Kick-off Banquet (See article on this page)

April 29-May 1 Western Region Spring Meet Morro Bay, California (See article on next page)

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Members at the 2010 Western National Meet Friday night buffet/auction.

2011 Valentine's Rick-Off Banquet Back to The Sportsman's Lodge! February 12, 2011

Mark (as is in Continental) your calendars for the return of the Kick-off banquet to the iconic and newly remodeled Sportsman's Lodge in Studio City. Hosts Helen and Bruce Hutchinson promise a wonderful Valentine's Day themed dress-up event at this magnificent, historic venue which has been a favorite of Hollywood celebs for decades, and mentioned by famed Western author Larry McMurtry in his latest book as "one of his favorite places". If you and your valentine are coming from any distance and need to "get a room" for Saturday night (or longer) contact Charlotte Robertson directly at (818) 769-4700.

Room rates range from \$115.00 to 145.00, which is more than tolerable for this popular locale. Registration information for the banquet will be in your January, 2011 *Confab*. The Fall, 2010 Western Region Board of Directors Meeting was held Saturday, November 13 at Carrow's Restaurant in Murrieta, California, just north of Temecula.

There was excellent attendance including the three new Board Members in attendance - Shirley Richards, Stacy Roscoe, and Jim Ayers.

The first order of business was events for 2011. The Kickoff Dinner will be held February 12 at the Sportsman's Lodge in Studio City. Bruce Hutchinson will spearhead that effort. The 2011 Northern California activities will probably include a trip to the gold country, a railway outing, a meet with the Ford clubs, and a picnic in August. Southern California events will include All Ford Day at Knott's and possibly a tour of the Merle Norman Collection in San Sylmar.

New Western Region Directors for 2011 announced at the meeting are: Marv Wendt, Region Director; Jeremy Sanford, Assistant Director; Stacy Roscoe, Secretary; and Bob Reed remaining as Region Treasurer. Stacy will take on the new position of Lincoln and Continental Comments Correspondent, contributing Western Region news to the national LCOC magazine. Mike Cunningham was



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The 2010 Directors of the Western Region are left to right: Marv Wendt, Director; Jeremy Sanford, Assistant Director; Stacy Roscoe, Secretary; Bob Reed, Treasurer.

Murrieta Board Meeting News November 13, 2010

named Membership Secretary two months ago, replacing Shirley Richards.

There was much discussion of *The Confab* which is now being emailed to most of our members. Tom McCarthy will step down as co-editor of *The Confab* but he will continue to schedule issues and work with Copies and More on the separate mailing to members who do not subscribe by e-mail.

There will be a renewed effort to carry advertising in *The Confab*. Rates were set at \$50 a year for business card size ads to be carried in six issues and \$75 a year for double business card size ads. Much discussion was made on the 2012 Western National Meet and the 2011 Western Region Spring Meet. The Western Region will host the 2012 Western National Meet to be held at the Hilton Inn in Concord, California September 26-30. The Western 2011 Region Spring Meet will be held at Morro Bay, Calfornia, April 29-May 1.

The Western Region has voted not to actively participate in the Regions Newsletter contest now being promoted by National because it is too restrictive in terms of editorial content. The region does not print an editor's column nor does it regularly print articlels on member cars and Lincoln historical articles. In recent years it has become increasingly difficult to get members and their cars articles and rarely does The Confab print Lincoln historical articles. The Confab is mainly a vehicle to promote Western Region events before they occur and report on the events afterwards.



The view from The Inn at Morro Bay.

Marvelous Morro Bay in April, 2011!

It's official! The LCOC Western Region Spring Meet will be in Morro Bay at The Inn at Morro Bay the weekend of April 29 through May 1, 2011!

And you ask; "What could be better than this?" Well, the answer is; "It's almost free!" The usual fees for registering your Lincoln (or Henry's Other Lady) for the "people's choice" concours will be waived along with the normal charges for registering yourself and a guest or guests. But, wait for it..... There will be a hosted hospitality suite on Friday night as well as following the Saturday night awards banquet. Have friends who aren't members of the Western Region yet? We'll extend the courtesy of complimentary registration to them and their cars as well.

If you attend one LCOC Western Region event in 2011, make it this one! The restored Mid-century designed Inn celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2011, and promises to charm you with its chic and elegant ambience.

Attractive room rates of \$99.00 will be offered (you can also upgrade your accommodations for a reasonable premium, if you choose) and you may take advantage of this great rate for as long as three days prior to the event, and three days following if you want to spend more time to explore and enjoy the many attractions (especially the wineries!) that the Central Coast has to offer. The Inn's chef is a master of his craft, the food is excellent and the Saturday night banquet selections will be reasonably priced.

Nestled on 4,000 acres just inside Morro Bay State Park directly on the waterfront, the Inn at Morro Bay offers visitors a true coastal hideaway of unsurpassed natural beauty. The parking area is all brick and the cars will be placed on brick tiers which is something we have never experienced before. The Inn offers 98 beautifully appointed guest rooms, many overlooking the bay.

Morro Bay has been a favorite location for car shows for years because of its central location and many attractions. The climate here in April and May is ideal and you can usually count on more sun than fog. The town's most striking feature is Morro Rock, a 576 foot high volcanic plug. Morro Rock stands at the entrance to the harbor. Morro Rock is one in a series of similar plugs that stretch in a line inland called the Nine Sisters. It is possible that the landscape moved over a volcanic hot spot through the ages.

Since the beginning of the 20th century, the town has been a center for beach holidays. Tourism is the city's largest industry. The town is a pleasant tourist destination which has very mild weather all year long. There is no such thing as traffic in Morro Bay, unless, of course, you count birds, sea mammals, and fish! Morro Bay is a working fishing village. The town of Morro Bay is filled with fine restaurants and charming places to shop for smart attire. antiques, books, gifts, and novelties. You may want to spend a day in the downtown area before or after our The second day of our meet. meet. the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce will sponsor their annual Celebrate Morro Bay Parade and the Morro Bay Kite Festival.

Complete registration information about the event will be in *The Confab* in January, 2011, but if you need more information call Marv or Jan at (760) 375-5337.

See you in Morro Bay!





Bob Gee with his 1977 Lincoln Continental Town Car and the President's Crystal at Ventura in 2010.

A Tribute to the late Bob Gee

The Western Region regretfully announces the passing of Robert "Bob" Gee who died peacefully at his home in LaMision, Baja, California on October 28. He had been suffering from cancer for the past two years and it finally progressed from skin cancer to throughout his body.

Bob had been a member of LCOC and the Western Region for many years. In 2004 he and his wife Pat won the Dr. Erwin C. Ruth Trophy at the Western National Meet in Albuquerque, New Mexico with their 1977 Lincoln Continental Town Car. Since then Bob won five Emeritus Awards with the same car, the most recent being the President's Crystal at the 2010 Western National Meet in Ventura, California.

Bob's beloved wife Pat was killed by a hit and run driver near their home in Baja in 2005, and many Western Region members attended a memorial to Pat at Bob's daughter's home. A memorial service for Bob was held in Baja November 13, the same day as as the Western Region Fall, 2010 Board of Director's Meeting in Murrietta, California.

Bob loved older cars and kept a small collection in a warehouse in

Colton, California. In previous years he was into saillboats and flying his own plane. Years ago he was an equestrian and won state championships in 1957 and 1958. Before Bob retired he was a printing machine salesman and owned his own printing equipment sales company.

He is survived by three sons, Michael, David, Robert Junior, a daughter, Susan Delmer and two grandchildren, Nolan and Rose. The Gee's 1977 Lincoln Continental Town Car was featured on the front cover of *Continental Comments* 253, the July-August, 2003 issue with an accompanying story written by Pat inside the magazine.

In the spring of 2001 Bob and Pat visited Pat's aunt and uncle on Long Island. While there, they went to a party and met a cousin of the host who showed them the car. It was owned by a man whose father left it to him. At the time the Gees saw the car it only had 22,000 miles and was in like new condition. They fell in love with the car and bought it on sight.



Bob Gee with the President's Crystal in Ventura in 2010.



Pat Gee dancing up a storm at the 2004 Meet in Albuquerque.

In early September of 2001, the Gees drove to Long Island with a trailer to pick up the car on approximately 9/11, 2001. While going to pick up the car they were able to see the area of destruction in Manhattan, not a pretty start to LCOC's Eastern National Meet in Gathersburg, Maryland, a week later. They picked up the car on Long Island and trailered it to the meet where they won a Primary Second.

On the way home they dropped the car off at Cody Gray's place in Houston where they stored it for the Houston Mid-America National Meet a month later. It again received a Primary Second. The car won a Lincoln Trophy the following year at the Eastern National Meet in Nashville, Tennessee.

More Photos from the Murrieta Board of Director's Meeting





Mike Cunningham, George and Shirley Richards.



Stacy Roscoe and Jeremy Sanford.





Jan McNiel and our new Region Director Marv Wendt.

marketplace...

Estate Sale 2010 Lincoln MKZ Red with white/tan leather interior, 2400 miles, Navigation, Blue tooth, LoJack, Fully loaded, Show room floor condition, \$27,500, Call Ralph at 805-807-8848. Do not call prior to Dec 1, thank you.

<u>1940 Lincoln Continental Convertible</u> #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.

<u>1993 Lincoln Town Car.</u> Dark blue, gray leather upholstery, sheepskin front seat covers, Pirelli w/ws, Executive model, power everything. All records and service manual, beautiful condition. Always garaged 150k miles, runs great! Passed smog in January. \$3,000. Call Jean at 650-964-0561.

<u>Still trying to sell my 1988 Mark VIIs.</u> One is a white LSC in near show condition. The other is a blue Bill Blass in good driving condition. All reasonable offers will be considered for both cars. Tim Howley (760) 739-0332 E-mail for photos and further information: t.howley@cox.net

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@earth-link.net"

<u>1987</u> 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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