



1939 Delahaye Type 163 Cabriolet built for the 1939 New York World's Fair.

Touring the Mullin Museum, French Curves

Photos and story by Jim Ayers and John Walcek

On March 12, a group of about 48 LCOC members and their friends, 12 of them driving their collectible Lincolns, gathered to tour the Mullin Museum in Oxnard. Upon arrival we were treated to an assortment of cookies, coffee cake, and brownies baked by Carol Reniger. The Ventura County Star was also on hand to record the event and it appeared on the news later that evening.

This museum probably has the most notable collection of exotic, streamlined cars from Europe built in the '30's. The cars on display are stunning! But this museum also has a collection of some rare and original unrestored Bugatti automobiles brought over as a lot from the famous Schlumpf Collection in Mulhouse, France. There are a couple of modern Bugatti prototypes, and early race cars, and a whole "art deco" lounge. Also on display is a 1925 Bugatti race

car that was confiscated for non-payment of import taxes and dumped in a Swiss lake. It was resurrected after spending 75 years underwater, and the \$250,000 purchase price was donated as a charity fundraiser.

Three of the Mullin brothers were

there, and Patrick Mullin gave our group a personal tour of the museum, and explained the significance of the cars on display: Delahaye, Bugatti, Talbot Lago, Hispano Suiza, and others.

One hundred years ago, in Europe, and America, many car companies formed to make horseless carriages / cars, experimenting with the new technology of machines and the internal combustion, gas, electric, and steam engines.

Car production started with the German Mercedes Benz, but spread to France, Italy, Spain, and England. Companies and whole empires flourished building custom, exotic and fancy cars for racing, for wealthy industrialists, and for the royalty.

In America, Henry Ford and the Ford motor Company pioneered assembly line techniques and made car ownership available to the common man. His son, Edsel, liked automobile styling, was probably influenced by these classy French cars, and brought his ideas into the designing of cars produced by Ford in the '30's.

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*1938 Talbot Lago T150CS
Gotte D'Eau.*



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director's message

The LCOC Western Region is off to a wonderful 2011! We incorporated Nevada into the Region, and are working on a logo that represents the new makeup of the region to boot. A new and fun club project is nearing completion, and will undoubtedly be a revenue generator.

The kickoff dinner in Studio City in February was a well-attended rousing success (and it didn't rain). Sincere thanks to the Hutchinsons and the Richards for hosting this traditional event that begins our calendar year. There's a rumor of moving this shindig to a more Northern locale next year.

If you missed the Mullin Museum Tour on March 12, you missed an outstanding experience. The Mullin is in a great big industrial building (formerly owned by Otis Chandler of L.A. Times fame) tucked away in a business park in Oxnard. It's filled with one-of-a-kind French automobiles of the Art Nouveau period, as well as furnishings, art work, sculptures and memorabilia from the talented Bugatti family. Thanks to the efforts of Hal Reniger, we're featured in an article in the local newspaper. If those of you in the North think you're being neglected, many quality opportunities to stretch your Lincoln's legs are coming your way. Intrepid Northern Western Region Activities Chairperson, Jeremy Sanford has a bunch of stuff planned for those pleasant Northern California summer weekends, so keep on eye on the CONFAB events calendar.

The big Knott's Berry Farm Ford show is coming up, and we'll have a contingent at that function as well.

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Coming Events

All California

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

Southern California

April 10
Fabulous Fords
Knotts Berry Farm
Anaheim, California

Northern California

May 22
Niles Canyon Railway
Excursion with 75 Mile
Train Ride

June 25
Sutter Gold Mine Tour
Meet in Sacramento

July 24
Cadillac LaSalle Club
Portal Park Snow
More details to come

August 20
Annual Wine Country Picnic
Location TBA

September 11
Fun Ford Sunday
Solano County Fair
Grounds Vallejo

October 2
All Ford Show

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director's message continued

More on the Mullin Museum Tour: Forty plus Western Region members plus numerous guests attended, bringing with them nine Lincolns, ranging from the Roscoe's '58 Continental to the Walker's Mark VIII. It was good to see members who we don't see enough of at our events including the Conns, Davidsons, DiBonas, Fraziers, Kindigs, Parres, Shulmans and Smiths. The spectacular tour was followed with a superb lunch at La Dolce Vita, in Oxnard's historic Heritage Square. This was an extremely high quality get-together and could not have happened without the considerable efforts of Jim Ayres and Carol Reniger, they could give lessons on how to do these things. "Tre bien" and thanks to you both.

Don't forget Morro Bay in your plans, there's still time to register yourselves and your Lincoln, and make reservations at the Inn at Morro Bay. But, time's a 'wasting, so please, make your reservations with the Inn, and send your car and attendee registrations to Marv and Jan. Many Lincolns and Continentals are already registered, the oldest being a '41 and the newest and '04 as well as few "Henry's other ladies." So, whatever you drive you'll be enthusiastically welcomed!

Until we meet again, I remain Continentally yours, and remember.... LCOC – Western Region – "It's more than a car club." And, by the way, don't forget to pay your 2011 dues.

This column is dedicated to the memory of Suze Rotolo.

Marv Wendt

Directions to The Inn At Morro Bay

From the South:

Take Highway 1 (leave Highway 101 at San Luis Obispo) to State Park Road which becomes Main Street. Or take Morro Bay Blvd. (If you want to go through the City of Morro Bay) and turn right on Main Street to The Inn.

From the North:

Take Highway 1 (you can leave 101 in Atascadero and take Highway 41 west to Morro Bay). Take either Main Street south or Morro Bay Blvd. west to Main Street and turn right on Main to The Inn.



The view from The Inn at Morro Bay.

Your Last Chance to Visit Scenic Morro Bay...Ever!

Well, not really but time is running out to make hotel reservations (April 5) and car show and awards banquet registration (April 19) for the LCOC – Western Region Spring Meet!

The Meet will take place at the Inn at Morro Bay on Friday the 29th of April through Sunday the 1st of May. If you can come earlier, as some members are doing, the Inn will honor the appealing room rate of \$99.00 three days prior to the event (that would be Tuesday) and three days after the event (that would be Wednesday). You can really make a Central Coast vacation out of this, and enjoy Lincolns and fellow Lincoln friends as well.

The hospitality suite will be available late Friday afternoon so that you can pick up

your registration packet, celebrity “goodie bag” and enjoy some refreshments. Some members are planning a tour to Hearst Castle, a picturesque 30 mile drive to the north up Highway 1 on Friday evening.

On Saturday the traditional “people’s choice” car show will take place on the Inn’s tiered, brick surfaced show field. The awards banquet will be Saturday evening, and a Western Region breakfast board meeting will be Sunday morning.

See the registration form on the next page of this issue of the CONFAB, and please note that this is your last CONFAB before the Morro Bay Spring Meet, so make your reservations and registration real soon. Remember, there is no charge to register for the meet, but hotel rooms and the banquet are on you. If you still have questions about the meet, give Marv Wendt or Jan McNiell a call at (760) 375-5337. P.S., invite friends!

Make your hotel reservations today by calling the Inn at (805) 772-5651,

**and ask for the LCOC room rate
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MEET APRIL 29-MAY 1 MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA

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Northern California
Events

Member Name _____
Guest _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip _____
Telephone _____
email _____

Friday evening – Hospitality Suite

How many will be attending? _____

Saturday Show – Inn parking lot

People's Choice Judging

Registration per person x _____ = \$ 0

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Registration per auto x _____ = \$ 0

registration fee waived

Year _____ Model _____

Body Style _____

Year _____ Model _____

Body Style _____

Saturday evening – Awards Banquet at the Inn

Your choice of Grilled Chicken Breast for \$38 x _____ =

\$ _____

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\$ _____

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\$ _____

For a total of = \$ _____

Sunday Board Meeting

How many will be attending? _____

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The undersigned Lincoln & Continental Owners Club Member signing for and representing spouse/guest, in requesting to enter the above Western Regional Meet, does HEREBY release the National Club and sponsoring Region for any and all liability connected with this meet

(Signature) _____

•May 22. Niles Canyon Railway Excursion. We will meet at the Sunol Depot, 6 Kilkare Rd. Sunol, CA 94586 at 11 am. The excursion train is a 75 minute ride to Fremont and return through the Niles Canyon on historic rolling stock.

•June 25. Sutter Gold Mine Tour. Sutter Gold Mine offers a comprehensive look into the gold mining process and its historical progression from gold panning and hydraulic mining to hard rock techniques. Besides that, it's just plain fun to go underground and see what's usually only seen by miners: the inside of the Earth. Members will meet at 10:30 am. in Sacramento and enjoy a scenic drive up into the historic Mother Lode. Bring a pot luck picnic lunch! 13660 Highway 49, Sutter Creek, CA 95685.

•August 20. 4th Annual Wine Country Picnic. Location TBA.

•September 11. Fun Ford Sunday Vallejo. This is an annual event held the second Sunday in September at the Solano County Fairgrounds, it is open to all Ford produced automobiles. Clubs stake out their own areas when they arrive.

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In 1936, Ford came out with the streamlined Lincoln Zephyr, with its pointy nose and pontoon fenders, and swept back windshield; considered to be the first mass produced, successful, streamlined car. This was further tweaked to create the Lincoln Continental in 1940, with its lowered belt line, long hood, passenger cab set further toward the rear wheels, no running boards, high rear trunk, and spare tire on the outside.

Following the museum tour, most of us caravanned to La Dolce Vita restaurant for a delicious lunch. Door prizes were awarded to some lucky attendees. Stacy Roscoe won a 1:24 scale model of a 1936 Bugatti Atlantic, a duplicate of which was on display at the Mullin in their display case. Bobbi Shulman received a replica of a vintage French poster. Carol Reniger was the recipient of a vintage set of Lincoln Continental playing cards, and Maureen Adrain received a 1967 copy of *Automobile Quarterly* that featured Bugatti automobiles.

Belonging to a car club is an opportunity to network with like-minded people, and to get to know them and their cars and contacts. Everyone who attended the event realized that we are especially privileged to have a museum of this caliber in Southern California. Seeing it in the company of our fellow

*Unrestored Bugattis from
the Schlumpf Museum in France.*



*1925 Bugatti after 75
years at the bottom of a
Swiss Lake.*



*Jim Ayers,
Carol Reniger,
and Peter
Mullin.*

*1938 Hispano Suiza
Du Bonnet Xenia*



Lincoln and Continental owners made it all the more special.

Experiencing the different car collections, on a broader level, can lead to an understanding of history, culture, life, and the world through the eyes of the automobile, and the freedom of individual mobility and expansion of life possibilities that it enabled.

The rare, limited production cars on display at the Mullin Museum were ahead of their time, and definitely influenced the design of cars for decades to come. These styles are as magnificent today as they were over eighty years ago, which is what "classic" means.

Those of you who missed the opportunity to tour it with us should make a point of seeing it soon. Regardless, we hope you'll join us at our next event which is the Spring Meet at Morro Bay April 29-May 1. We'll see you there.



Our group
outside the
Mullin Museum.

Western Region February Board Meeting

The Board of Managers Meeting was held on the afternoon of February 12 at the Sportsman's Lodge in Studio City, California in conjunction with the Valentine's Day Kickoff Dinner.

Treasurer Bob Reed reported that the region is in good shape financially but the total net income for 2010 was only \$159.66. Region Director Marv Wendt reported on the January 2011 LCOC National Board Meeting in New Orleans. A complete report is being carried in the March-April issue of *Lincoln and Continental Comments*.

We have been asked by National to incorporate LCOC members from Nevada into the Western Region. After a brief discussion, Mike Cunningham made a motion to absorb Nevada. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mike Cunningham reported that we currently have 207 members in the Western Region. Mike will be emailing renewals to all who receive *Confab* electronically. Paper copies will be sent to other members and to those who do not respond to the electronic renewal request.

The remaining 2011 Board Meetings will be May 1st – Morro Bay, a Summer Meeting to be scheduled only if needed and a November Meeting is being worked on by Mike Cunningham to be held at the Calistoga Inn in Calistoga. More details to follow.

Carol Reniger updated the group on her research into the proposed car flag project we initiated at the November board meeting. The flags could have the LCOC logo (as it appears in Comments) and could be used on car tours or at meets. Preference was for a black logo on a white flag. Pricing was very reasonable. In the week following the meeting the board agreed to purchase 250 flags.

There was no significant discussion of a broad range of events for 2011. The list of events is being carried elsewhere in this issue of the *Confab*. These and other events being considered are coordinated by Jeremy Sanford in the North and Jim Ayres in the South. Jeremy and Jim received the board's thanks for their excellent

work to keep the club on the road!

There was discussion on the 2011 Regional Spring meet to be held from April 29 to May 1, 2011 at The Inn at Morro Bay. After discussion it was decided that to show a car, an owner must already be a member or must join both LCOC National and the LCOC Western Region. If a car is exhibited outside of the show, there is no membership requirement.

The board decided to keep using Copies and More for distribution of *Confab* to those who do not receive it by email. The monthly cost seemed very reasonable for all that they do, although there seems to be some month to month variation that we do not fully understand.

The last directory was published in April 2010. Jeremy Sanford agreed to publish the 2011 directory in April after he receives the results of Mike Cunningham's membership renewal work. Marv Wendt will provide a Director's write-up for the directory with a powerful message as to the value of membership. The directory will be emailed to those receiving *Confab* electronically, and will be mailed by Copies and More to those not receiving *Confab* by email.

Jeremy Sanford is planning a revision of Western Region website that will include attractive pictures on the front page.

Stacy Roscoe,
Region Secretary

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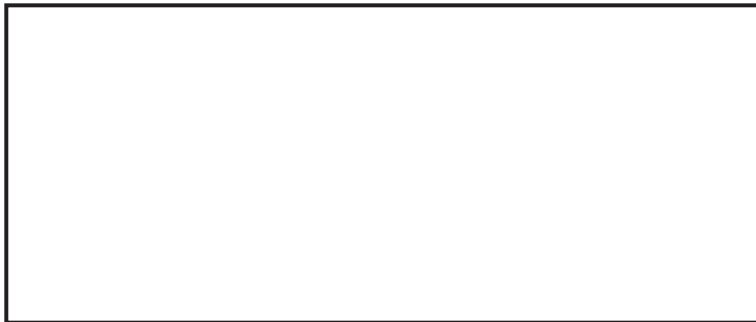
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