



Left to right, George Walker, Jim Powers, and Jim Ayres on the veranda of the Walker home.  
Below right, Gail Walker in the living room of the Walker home.

## The George Walker Collection

At the end of the 2010 Western National Meet members were invited to an open house at the home of George and Gail Walker, Western Region members who live in the hills above Ventura. The Walkers have a beautiful home which overlooks the city and the ocean. The living quarters are on the second floor and the entire first floor is George's car collection with an elevator running between the two floors.

George's daily driver and club car is a 1995 Lincoln Mark VIII which he bought in 2000 with 20,000 miles. It had 127,000 miles at the time of the Western Meet. Even so, the car received a Senior Second in Ventura. George says this car is a really fast and comfortable to drive, and the faster you go the more the car lowers itself automatically.

His other club car is a white 1957 Continental Mark II which he had at the 2011 Western Region Spring Meet in Morro Bay. Originally this car was sold by a dealer in Pasadena. He has owned the car for about 13 years.

He has a dragster which is a 7 second car with a Chevy engine with aluminum Buick heads. It is alcohol powered with fuel injection.

There is a 1956 Ford F-100 pickup with a 302 Ford engine and a C-4 automatic transmission, a 1970 El Camino 454 with a four speed and cowl induction, a 1990 Cadillac Allante, a 1985 Pantera GT5S, and a 2004 Cadillac XLR coupe convertible.

He has a Viper and a 2000 Lamborghini which is a kit car with a Chevy engine.

George loves motorcycles, especially antique motorcycles. His most prized one is a 1914 Ixion, a British cycle made from 1913 to about 1921 1/2. This is the only one he knows of in the U.S. The only other one he knows of that is together is in the Antique Motorcycle Museum of Great Britain. He has about 10 motorcycles in all including a 1921 Douglas, which is British. It is an opposed twin, the engine doesn't go sideways on the frame, it goes front and rear. It has a three speed transmission. They called it chain come belt because it was a chain from the engine to the transmission and a belt drive to the rear wheel. The brakes were very much like bicycle brakes. There is a 1929 BSA and a 1929 French Stylson, both of which he bought in Europe. Another one is a 1925 AJSB Twin, very rare. They are not all European and vintage. He has an XL 350 Honda, a 1976 750 Honda which is one he can ride, two 1981 Honda CBX models, one with only 13 miles and the other with only 27 miles.

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## director's message

It's June already and the car event season is in overdrive. The Western Region has already had a number of quality events this year, and even more are already locked in or in the planning stages. We have also been invited to events sponsored by other organizations. I recently received a flyer from Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Los Alamitos for their charity car show on September 17. Unfortunately, this bumps into the Oregon National, but if you can't make the National, the chairman of the event advises that we can have our own class if five or more Lincolns attend. If you're interested, contact Doug Conwell @ (562)304-3497 or [doug@gspc.org](mailto:doug@gspc.org). If you're up North, "Cruisin' to Carson" in Carson City, Nevada is July 22-24. Contact Mia Skagen-Gaa @ (877) 519-5567 x3142 or [gdwcasinio.com/Carson/index.php](http://gdwcasinio.com/Carson/index.php) for the entire scoop on this event.

On another note, we want to continue to grow the number of members who receive the CONFAB (and my sterling column) via e-mail. I think back on those days if you did time as a car club newsletter editor, lots of typing, printing, copying, collating, folding and licking was required, multiple times a year. None of us volunteers want to go back to that, particularly when we produce an eight or more page newsletter, eight or nine times a year that goes to over 200 members. We have managed to save so much money with the cyber CONFAB that we were able to have our "free" Morro Bay event, and have been able to underwrite the startup costs for two new club projects. Many car clubs sole source of communication is electronic (Cadillacs and Corvettes being two). Whether or not we can get to this point is debatable, but it appears to be the wave of the future.

When you get this CONFAB, Jan and I will be on the return portion of, like Brock Yates used to say, "One lap of America". We're driving to Virginia (in an orphan Mercury) for Jan's college reunion, then meandering back across the country visiting car museums, Presidential libraries, historic rock 'n roll sites, and whatever else catches our eye.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Western Region's many wonderful Lincoln events this summer and beyond.

Continently yours, *Marv*

This column is dedicated to Yvette Vickers and Mary Murphy.



## Coming Events

### Northern California

June 25  
Sutter Gold Mine Tour  
Meet in Sacramento

July 24  
Cadillac LaSalle Club  
Portal Park Snow  
Registration form is available at  
[www.lcocwestern.org/events](http://www.lcocwestern.org/events)  
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for further details"

August 20  
Annual Wine Country Picnic  
Location TBA

September 11  
Fun Ford Sunday  
Solano County Fair  
Grounds Vallejo

### Southern California

July 30  
Nethercutt Collection Tour  
Sylmar, California

October 2  
All Ford Picnic, LaPalma  
Park, Anaheim  
more info later.

## Welcome New Members

### California:

David and Soly Lear, Danville, '60  
Continental convertible  
John Kiszla, Vallejo, '61 Continental  
conv. He was at Morro Bay  
Marisa Gustafson, Carlsbad, '77  
Continental convertible  
Gary Stauffer, Hermosa Beach, '62  
Continental  
Darrell and Milene Radford,  
Templeton, '41 Continental  
Richard Nivison, Laguna Niguel, '96  
Mark VIII  
Jim Gates, San Marcos, '48  
Continental coupe  
Les and Alexis Garner, La Quinta, No  
Lincoln, yet.  
Paul Herrick, Newport Beach, '71  
Continental Mark III "Phaeton"  
Dr. Rick Zeigler and Ron Verschoor,  
Beverly Hills, '41 Continental Cabriolet  
and '68 Lehman Peterson limousine  
Olive and John Dorman, Atascadero,  
'86 Mark VII LSC. They were at Morro  
Bay.  
James and Nedra Kindig, Camarillo,  
'60 Mark V convertible and a '60 Mark V  
Landau

### Nevada

Gary and Janet Pierce, Gardnerville,  
'42 Continental coupe  
Jim and Susan Young, Henderson, '89  
Town Car  
Cary Yamamoto, Reno, '70 Mark III  
and '75 Mark IV

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## 2011 LCOC Western Region Northern California Events

•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 10:30am at the Wendy's restaurant just off US 50 at 2750 Power Inn Rd. Sacramento, CA 95826 and enjoy a scenic drive up into the historic Mother Lode. Bring a pot luck picnic lunch! Members can also meet at the mine, 13660 Highway 49, Sutter Creek, CA 95685. Contact Jeremy Sanford (916) 769-2333 for further details

•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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*These photos show  
the Nethercutt  
Museum,  
Train,  
and Collection.*



## Western Region Tour of the Nethercut Collection Saturday, July 30 Don't Miss This One!

The LCOC Western Region invites you and your guests to tour the Nethercutt Collection and Museum, (<http://nethercuttcollection.org/>) in Sylmar on Saturday, July 30th. This is a totally FREE event!

Among the treasures spanning four floors in the collection's original facility is one of the world's most outstanding assortments of beautifully restored antique and classic automobiles. They are showcased in an exquisite recreation of an opulent automotive grand salon of the 1920s and 1930s. An amazing collection of automobile mascots, antique furniture, clocks and watches, and one of the worlds finest collections of Mechanical Musical Instruments are displayed in our music room.

The Nethercutt Museum showcases more than 130 of the world's greatest antique, vintage, classic, and special interest automobiles including many top winners of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

Just steps outside the Museum are a perfectly restored steam locomotive and a Private Car, which was owned by the eldest daughter of Santa Anita Race Track founder, E.J. "Lucky" Baldwin.

We will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Bear Pit Bar-B-Que, 10825 Sepulveda Boulevard., Mission Hills, 818-365-2509. (<http://bearpitbbq.com/>) Go to the web site, or call for directions. The directions from the restaurant to the museum will be handed out at lunch, if needed.

The tour of the Collection will follow lunch at 1:15 – this will be the only time to view the Lower Salon area, so please be on time. The tour will last approximately two hours..

The interior tours of the locomotive and pullman rail car are at 12:30 and 3:45 p.m. for approximately fifteen minutes.

The museum is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and you may tour it on your own either in the morning before lunch, or after the guided tour.

IF YOU WILL BE JOINING US FOR LUNCH, PLEASE R.S.V.P. WITH YES, NO, OR MAYBE, SO THAT WE CAN LET THE RESTAURANT KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE TO EXPECT.

INFO: Jim Ayres, 949-689-8471  
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*George Walker's 1995 Lincoln Mark VII.*



*The 1957 Continental Mark II.*



*The 1914 Ixion British motorcycle.*



*George with his motorcycle collection.*



*The 1985 Ford Pantera GT58.*



*The Walker home.*



*The 2000 Lamborghini kit car.*



*The Dodge Viper.*



*Board Members at  
the Inn at Morro Bay.*

## Highlights of the Western Region Board of Directors' Meeting in Morro Bay, California May 2, 2011 Submitted by Stacy Roscoe, Western Region Secretary

Membership Chairman Mike Cunningham reported that we currently have 223 members in the Western Region plus two new members signed up during the meet. The directory will go electronically to those receiving *Confab* electronically and will be mailed to those who receive their *Confab* through the mail.

Treasurer Bob Reed reported that the region is in good shape financially. Bob also reported that a new account was opened at Wells Fargo and the club money transferred from Chase Bank which no longer wanted our business.

Board members up for re-election are: Jeremy Sanford, Bob Reed, and Bruce Hutchinson. We expect to have others running, so we will plan on sending ballots out by mail in September and receiving them back by mail in time to certify the winners at our November board meeting. Marv Wendt will provide notice of the election to our membership in his next *Confab* director's message.

Marv passed around copies of cor-

respondence with Dave Cole that establish Dave as an honorary member for life, including a letter from Elliston Bell to Dave.

Marv sent letters to all LCOC members in Nevada after the board voted to absorb Nevada into the LCOC Western Region at the February 12 board meeting. Marv reported that seven or eight Nevada LCOC members have responded and joined the LCOC Western Region.

Two versions of a new logo that incorporates recognition of Nevada as part of the LCOC Western Region were circulated at the meeting. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mike Cunningham, and seconded by Bruce Hutchinson, to develop a slightly modified version of the logo submitted by Jeremy Sanford. The motion was unanimously accepted. Jeremy will add some detail to the Lincoln star to highlight the surface angles.

The new logo will recognize that the Western Region has been in existence since 1955. (Part of the discussion regarding this date indicated that the Western Region is the oldest and the largest region in LCOC. In fact, the size of the next three largest regions added together do not equal the size of the Western Region.)

The 2012 Western National Meet will be held in Concord September 26-

30, 2012. Jeremy Sanford reported that he will be putting together a meet committee this summer. When asked about the theme, Jeremy suggested that since 2012 will be the 40th Anniversary of the Mark IV, perhaps we should have a 70s theme. Tim Howley suggested a car collection in the area that would be a good destination point for a tour during the meet.

Our 2011 club events are being coordinated by Jeremy Sanford in the North and Jim Ayres in the South. Jeremy and Jim again received the board's thanks for their continued work to provide excellent venues for club outings. Upcoming events are published elsewhere in this newsletter.

Jim Ayres discussed the possibility of scheduling events at the Riverside International Auto Museum, the Huntington Beach Concours, and/or the Nethercutt Museum. After discussion, it was decided to investigate the potential for a visit to the Nethercutt. That event will take place July 30.

Marv will put information about possible upcoming events in his director's message as a means of generating interest and feedback from club members.

Mike Cunningham has shifted plans for our November board meeting. Instead of meeting at the Calistoga Inn in Calistoga which Mike found too noisy, we will gather at the Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa. This hotel is a



*Mike Cunningham with  
Carol Reniger and  
Helen Hutchinson.*

well maintained 1950s style property off of Highway 12. Mike suggested that we could meet in the morning and go on a wine tasting tour in the afternoon.

Carol Reniger reported that 100 car flags with the LCOC logo (as it appears in *Comments*) have just arrived. They have a black logo on a white flag. Pricing was very reasonable and the flags will sell for \$10 each. We discussed the introduction of the flags to other regions through an ad in *Lincoln and Continental Comments*, in regional newsletters, and on the LCOC website. Jeremy Sanford will post pictures of our product on our Western Region website.



*Hal Reniger with the proposed shirt at the Morro Bay Banquet.*

Hal and Carol Reniger presented a club shirt as another project idea for the club, and reviewed the options and pricing for adding regional logos and the member's name on the shirt. There would be a separate set-up charge for each regional logo that our club could absorb as an entrée to business within each region. A consensus was reached to first test the market in our own region before we buy ads in *Comments* and start promoting this nationally. The order form could be put in *Confab*.

Tim Howley reported that the Morro Bay meet will be featured in *Lincoln and Continental Comments* in the July/August issue as part of a larger story of LCOC's return to Morro Bay 40 years after the 1971 National Meet was held there.

*Board  
Members  
Jeremy  
Sanford,  
Jim Ayres  
and  
Bob Reed.*



Tim also discussed the need for more space in *Confab*. He is getting more material than in the past, and could expand, but is limited by cost considerations. Tim suggested that promotions could be handled on one or two pages that could be made the last pages on the internet version of *Confab* and as a one page (two side) insert that the printer could add to the current *Confab* format. If we do not utilize the insert approach the *Confab* will have to add four more pages with additional costs including postage.



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

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Maybe you remember my dad Walt Rhea I have a handful of OLD 60's car seats and door panels if you know of anybody who wants them. We are cleaning out our warehouse in Anaheim and before we threw them out I thought maybe some member would like them for free. Debbie Rhea. Radarsonics@aol.com MAY

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