



*Above, a gathering of Western Region members at the Pullman car.
Below right, the main salon of the Nethercutt Collection.*

The Western Region Visits the Nethercutt Collection

On July 30 the Western Region hosted a visit to the Nethercutt Collection and Museum located in Sylmar, California. Most of the approximately 50 club members and guests attending this event gathered at the historic Bear Pit Bar-B-Que in Mission Hills for lunch and connection with old and new friends before traveling a few minutes up the freeway to the museum. Club members from as far as San Diego joined us for this rare opportunity to see a world class collection of over 250 cars, hood ornaments, mechanical musical instruments, antique furniture / collectables, and a completely restored steam locomotive and private rail car.

The collection was started in 1956 after the co-owner of Merle Norman Cosmetics, J. B. Nethercutt, purchased his first auto restoration project, a \$500 1930 DuPont Town Car, and restored it so well that it took Best of Show in the prestigious Pebble Beach

Concours d'Elegance in 1958. By the summer of 1992, Nethercutt's cars were winners in this event a record of six times.

Lincolns on display from the 1930s were truly amazing, as they should be for cars that, when new, they sold for a

price equal to the cost of eight average size houses of the time.

Admission to this incredible facility that opened in 1971 has always been free to the public so that the beauty of the collection can be shared to the maximum extent possible. Special thanks go to Jim Ayers for coordinating this memorable LCOC experience.

This was not the first time the Western Region visited the Nethercutt Collection. An article by Tom Biss in the August, 2001 issue of the *Confab* tells of another tour of the Nethercutt.

Biss wrote: "About 50 Western Region Members joined us for this free tour. We had a great time and everyone was impressed with the cars and everything else they saw. The collection now occupies two buildings. The first building is called San Sylmar, and it houses not only some very fine classic cars, it also contains a vast collection of music boxes, clocks, pipe organs, and hood ornaments. The Grand Salon, with its marble floors and pillars is breathtaking.

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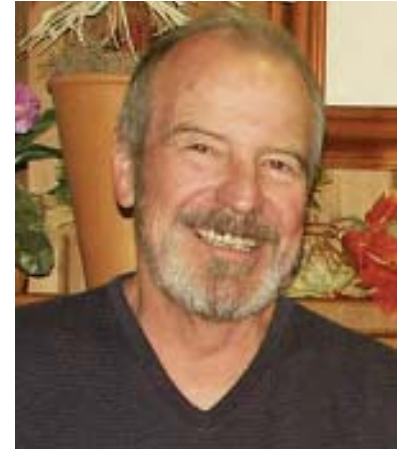
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Director's message



We lost a veteran Western Region member this month. Dick Cronkhite, Marine, former Western Region Director and Secretary, owner of many award-winning Lincolns over the years, and an all-around good guy, went to the eternal car show.

Dick lived in Prescott, Arizona, but retained his Western Region membership from the days when he lived in the San Diego area, and hosted, along with Sylvia, many well done regional and national events. I hold a special place in my Lincoln heart for Dick, as he was responsible for “suckering” Jan and me into Western Region membership in the mid-‘90’s. We also have Dick’s former Mark VII. He will be deeply missed by us all, and our thoughts and sympathies go out to Dick’s family.

I must take the opportunity to again thank the many members who do so much to keep this organization moving forward. Jim Ayres hosted a swell event at the Nethercutt Collection, and is working on our attendance at the All Ford Picnic on October 2nd. By the time you read this Jeremy Sanford’s wine country picnic will be in the Western Region history books, and he’s just cranked out this year’s membership roster. Mike Cunningham is hosting the Annual Board Meeting in Santa Rosa on November 11th. Baron Night (an unsung hero) is selling our latest club project, LCOC-logoed car flags. Again, thanks to all of you for making it run like a well tuned Lincoln.

Along the lines of “contributions”, our esteemed CONFAB editor is always looking for articles for the publication. Tell us about your Lincoln, a past Lincoln, ups and downs with Lincolns, and travels with Lincolns, or even technical advice on Lincolns. We all enjoy your Lincoln stories, and genuinely want to hear from you.

When you receive this issue of the CONFAB, the Western National in Eagle Crest, Oregon will be less than a week away. Hope you made your reservations and that your Lincoln is ready for the trip. Our Northwestern Lincoln colleagues promise an unforgettable event.

Continently yours,

Marv

Dedicated to Dick Cronkhite, we’ll miss you, Buddy.

EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB PICNIC & CAR SHOW SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011

The So-Cal Chapter of the Early Ford V-8 Club has extended a special invitation to the Western Region to bring our Lincolns and Continentals to this great, classic event, now in its 42nd year.

For more information contact the V-8 club at (714) 832-2828, or Jim Ayres or Marv Wendt. Hope you'll attend and help us in having a fine showing of Ford's finest product!



Coming Events

Northern California

September 11
Fun Ford Sunday
Solano County Fair
Grounds Vallejo

Southern California

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

Southern region activities chairperson, Jim Ayres, naturally, has planned our attendance at this event with military precision. We'll meet Sunday morning at Ruby's Restaurant in Anaheim at the intersection of Interstate 5 (the Santa Ana Freeway) and Lincoln Avenue at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast then caravan to the show field (LaPalma Park, Harbor Boulevard at LaPalma Avenue) less than two miles away at around 9:00 a.m. If this is just way too early for you, just meet us at the park by 10:00 a.m. The entry fee for the event is \$35.00 at the gate.

If you're coming some distance, a great hotel choice for Saturday night is the Doubletree Inn in Orange, at the intersection of Chapman Avenue and City Drive, just west of Interstate 5. Room rates start at \$98.00 with covered parking for your Lincoln for \$13.00. Many restaurants are within walking distance of this hotel.

Contact the hotel through the Doubletree or Hilton websites for this rate.

The Early Ford V-8 Club promises us that our cars will be parked together and special awards if we fill the show field with Lincolns and Continentals.

The Continental Confab is published and mailed every six weeks. Dates are published annually. The deadline for submitting articles and ads is 20 days prior to the planned mailing date. All articles and ads should be submitted in writing to: 1780 Iris Way, Escondido, CA or e-mail t,howley@cox.net.

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Nethercutt tour continued.

Behind the San Sylmar building is the restoration shop. This part of the tour was the part enjoyed by almost everyone, and we got to stay as long as we wanted. The most impressive parts of the restoration shop were the rugs on the floor, glass cases where parts are neatly stacked and numbered and oak cabinets for spare parts.

Our tour of San Sylmar and the restoration shop took the entire morning. At about noon 40 of our members enjoyed a fine lunch at the Fiddlers Restaurant. After that it was back to view the car collection in the new building across the street.”

More information about the Nethercutt Collection can be obtained by going to: <http://nethercuttcollection.org/>



Some of our gang in the Main Salon of the Nethercutt collection.



*Left, Stacy and Kerry Roscoe.
Above, Fords at the Nethercutt.*

Western Region to Participate in Early Ford V-8 Club Picnic October 2

The LCOC Western Region has been invited to the 42nd Annual So-Cal Early Ford V-8 Club PICNIC and CAR SHOW on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd. In the past, this show has been well attended by LCOC Western Region members. This year the Early V-8 Club is opening the show to all makes, all models, and all years. We may have our own section of the park for our cars. Every Lincoln owner will also be given a special hand-made ceramic plaque in appreciation of showing their car.

This is a fun event, and with your participation it will be even more so. While we would encourage you to bring your Lincoln, it is more important that we see you! This will be a very relaxed day. La Palma Park is a beautiful grassy park with plenty of large shade trees. The gates open at 6:00 am with parking of cars to continue until about 9:30 am. If you're a little late they certainly won't turn you away. Also there is no strict requirement that you stay until a specified time. If you wish to leave after lunch, you may do so. For those not wanting to pack a picnic lunch there will be a gourmet food truck as well as vendors selling BBQ hamburgers and sandwiches.

Marv and Jan are looking into reasonably priced hotels near the park for those driving a long distance, and will probably arrange a dinner gathering on Saturday evening. More info on this will come soon.

Sunday morning, before the show, we will meet at the new Ruby's Diner at 1128 W. Lincoln Ave. for breakfast between 7:00-7:30am. Click on this link for the menu and driving directions, and enter Anaheim Ca. in the location box:
<http://www.rubys.com/2-locations/locations.aspx>. We will caravan from Ruby's to the park, about



Lincolns at a previous Early Ford V-8 Picnic.

six blocks away. Remember this is going to be a relaxed day. If you can't bring your Lincoln, we still want to see YOU!

Please print out the registration form and mail to the address indicated. If you receive your *Confab* by e-mail your registration form will be at the end of the newsletter. If you receive your *Confab* by regular mail it is enclosed. If you can't print it out, let me know so that I can mail a form to you. Also RSVP to me so that I can let Ruby's know how many people to expect.

Hope to see you there!

Jim Ayres
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Tim and his dad long ago with dad's new 1946 Ford club coupe.

There's a *Ford* in My Past

by Tim Howley

I wasn't weened on Lincolns. It was Fords, although my best friend's grandfather owned a series of Lincolns which led to my passion for these cars.

I came from a Ford family. My dad even owned a Model T Ford coupe long before I was born. When I came along he had a 1937 Ford two-door sedan with yellow hub caps. His brother George had one just like it with black hub caps. When George went off to World War II he sold my dad his Ford and dad sold off the one with yellow hub caps.

Our family had that car throughout World War II and by the end of the war it was pretty well worn out. On V-8 Day, in October, 1945, my dad and I went to see the new 1946 Fords on display and he joined thousands on the waiting list for the new model. The dealer would only put him on the list if he gave them the old '37 as a down-payment. Nine months went by, July, 1946, and we still didn't have our new Ford. Finally, my mother got so mad she called the Ford dealer, C.E. Johnson Motor Sales on Broadway in North Minneapolis and told them if they didn't come up with our new Ford in a week she was going straight to Henry Ford II to have his license pulled. The dealer, so sick of dealing with my mother, called back the next day and said he had a car for her. It wasn't the maroon Super Deluxe club

coupe dad ordered, but a slate gray metallic Super Deluxe club coupe. This was totally unacceptable to my mother but she told my dad and I to get on the bus and go over to the dealer to see the substitute Ford.

There it was at the very back of the showroom, brand new, but so gray it blended right in with the concrete block walls and concrete floor. Dad didn't like the color, but I told him it was either take the little gray Ford or keep riding the bus for another year or more. So dad signed the final papers, paid the balance, and we drove home on that sunny July day in our brand

new '46, the first new '46 Ford in the neighborhood.

When the Ford pulled up to the house neighbors came running out to see it. That's how much attention new cars drew in those days when the waiting lists stretched from late 1945 well into 1948.

That little gray Ford took us everywhere, to the lake, pheasant hunting in Southern Minnesota, to Duluth and the North Shore of Lake Superior on summer vacations. Dad kept that Ford until I was old enough to drive, then gave it to me as my first car, and he bought a slightly used Packard.



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Foolishly, I later traded it in on a more than slightly used 1953 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible, red with a Continental Kit. The girls loved the Chevrolet, the Ford was far more dependable.

Many years later, living in California, I began having 1946 Ford dreams and longed to have the old club coupe back. Eventually, I found a nice original one in Fallbrook, maroon, just the color my mother wanted. Sadly, I lost that neat little car in the San Diego wildfires of 2003. I thought I would never see my beloved 1946 Ford club coupe again.

Then out of the blue another one turned up at Cruise Night in Escondido. It was an all original one owner car, but the color was yellow, and I had to pay through the nose to make it mine.

The yellow color is a story in itself. The original owner was a lady living in San Diego whose son was a CHP Highway Patrolman. As she got old she developed a habit of running through stop signs. So she had it repainted from the original black to bright yellow so other cars could see her coming. She continued running through stop signs so he took the car away from her. He was a Model A Ford collector and he put it in his building. Eventually she died and then he died. That's how we came to get the car out of his estate. We have rebuilt the engine. The yellow color remains.

We all have our old Ford memories and Ford memories are what the Early V-8 Ford Picnic in LaPalma Park is all about. If you want to see all the old Fords you remember bring your Lincoln on October 2 and share in the nostalgia.





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*Note: In the tradition of our club, THE SAM CHASTAIN PRESERVATION AWARD will be given to the Ford product that best preserves the originality of the vehicle.

From the 91 Freeway

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