



Western Region Participates in the Early Ford V-8 Picnic

Fifteen Lincolns and Continentals and their owners participated in the 42nd Annual So-Cal Early Ford V-8 Club Picnic and Car Show on Sunday, October 2nd. This was the largest representation of any of the many Ford clubs at this longtime event in Anaheim's LaPalma Park. These were cars of Western Region members, former members, and non members. The Lincolns and Continentals had their own section and class and every Lincoln and Continental participating was given an award. This was a special hand-made ceramic plaque in appreciation of showing their car. The Western Region also received a special award for participation.

This was a fun event on a warm but

sunny and beautiful day. La Palma Park is a beautiful grassy park with plenty of large shade trees. The gates opened at 6:00 am with parking of the cars continuing until about 9:30 am

At noon all of the participating members were photographed by John Walcek. Then members broke for lunch at the many restaurants and fast food operations in the area. Some members brought picnic lunches. Two new members for the Western Region were recruited at the event. Sunday morning, before the

show, region members met at the new Ruby's Diner at 1128 W. Lincoln Ave. for breakfast between 7:00-7:30am. Then the group caravanned from Ruby's to the park, about six blocks away.

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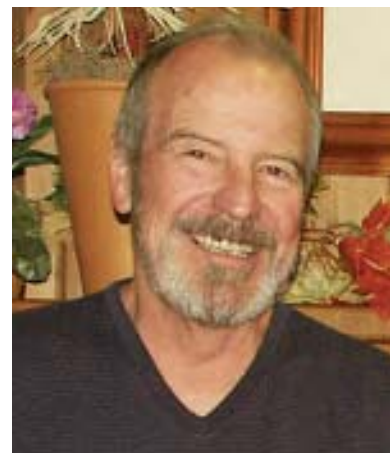
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John Walcek
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Director's message



With the advent of fall, car event season comes to a close. LCOC – Western Region hosted a number of excellent events this summer, and Jan and I made as many as we possibly could. Unfortunately, we had to miss the National Meet in Oregon, but by all reports it was superb. A bit light on the cars (certainly compared to Michigan's 100 cars) perhaps, but a quality event nonetheless. However many Lincoln folks and cars these occasions attract, the effort put forth by the hosting region is the same, lots of planning and preparation to make sure all of us attending have a really good time.

We had the considerable pleasure of attending Jeremy Sanford's wine tasting and picnic at the Simi Winery in Healdsburg in August. The tour of the historic winery was fascinating; the wine selection was superb, made even more enjoyable by the private conference room where we enjoyed the winery's products. This was not a hugely attended event, but I believe that all of us who showed up drove a Lincoln, Oh, except for Mike Cunningham who just had to bring a stunning Cougar convertible. Jeremy's summer wine country events are always a treat, and well worth the trek to Northern California. Thanks, Jeremy.

We had a sizeable contingent at the 42nd annual All Ford Picnic in Anaheim on the 2nd of October. We had so many Lincolns in attendance, (everything from John Walcek's '40 Lincoln Continental Coupe to Bruce and Helen Hutchinson's Jack Nicklaus Town Car) that the Early Ford V-8 Club awarded us a club participation award, and we all went home with shiny blue ceramic plaques for our "Outstanding Automobiles". Fifteen Lincolns showed up driven by Western Region members, former members, and non-members, a few of which we persuaded to join the club. Jim Ayres did his usual bang-up job of badgering people to attend, and not to be outdone brought two of his own Lincolns. Thanks, Jim.

Some of you may remember Marco and Hennrike Drewes, the couple from Germany, who attended the National Meet in Ventura in May of 2010. These two love the Western United States, and dropped in on Jan and me on the 27th of September on their way from Las Vegas to San Diego. Jan whipped up one of her Mexican specialties and we exchanged Lincoln-themed gifts. Marco has a '68 sedan, with an interesting history which we'll tell you more about some other time.

On yet another Lincoln note, the cable TV channel *Speedvision* has a new reality show titled *My Ride Rules*, in which three competitors judge each others cars on style, personality, and performance. In a
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recent episode Lincoln owner Jason Moreno from the San Fernando Valley pitted his gorgeous black '63 Lincoln Continental against some other "stuff". His ride ultimately didn't "rule", but there's no accounting for taste.

Well, car show season seems to be hanging on after all, so in the Jim Ayers tradition of attempting to attend every one that goes on, Jan and I attended the 36th Annual Kern River Rod Run in picturesque Kernville. If you've missed Kernville it's a swell little mountain town with great accommodations, nice places to dine, and non-stop scenery.

On a paradise-inspired October Saturday, We drove our '47 Lincoln Continental up the mountain hoping to get some respect from all those street rodders, and were not disappointed. We saw lots of pastel colored rods, with an emphasis on '40 Fords. And when was the last time you saw three Cord/Hupmobile/Hollywood-Grahams together? A great, historic car show.

Let's not forget our upcoming board meeting on November 12 in Santa Rosa. Board meetings are always open to the membership, and the board and I welcome and encourage the membership's attendance, participation and contributions. In fact, if you show up we'll buy you breakfast! If you need more information contact me or Mike Cunningham. Mike always makes these meetings more than just club business; they're fun as well. This one's going to include a hospitality suite, a winery tour and lots of wine country fine dining. So plan to attend.

Have I remembered everything? Oh, I almost forgot; Buddy Holly got his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame! It's about time!

Yours in Lincolns & Continentals

Marv

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*Jim and Carol Higgs 1995 Lincoln Town Car,
Jim Ayres 1964 Lincoln Continental Convertible Sedan,
Chuck Goode, 1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible Sedan.*



*John Walcek getting ready to take a photo.
The car in the foreground is
Hutchinson's 1993 Town Car.*



*Jerry Seward 1956 Continental Mark II,
Sean Hickman 1958 Lincoln Capri Coupe.*



*John Walcek 1940 Lincoln Continental
Coupe, Jack Dickerson 1962 Lincoln Continental
Convertible Sedan, Vince Scully, 1931 Lincoln Custom.*



*Jim Ayres 1961 Lincoln Continental Sedan, Andrew
Zensal 1938 Lincoln-Zephyr Brunn Town Brougham.*



*Steve Erler 1988 Mark VII Custom Convertible,
John Rutenberg 1980 Mark VI Bill Blass,
Bruce and Helen Hutchinson 1993 Jack Nicklaus Town Car.*



*Left, John Walcek 1940 Lincoln Continental Coupe, Jack Dickerson 1962 Lincoln Continental Convertible Sedan.
Below, Jim Ayres 1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible Sedan, Andrew Zensal 1938 Lincoln-Zephyr Brunn Town Brougham, Marv Wendt and Jan McNiel 1947 Lincoln Continental Coupe.*



*LaVonne Howley showing off her prize picture from Redmond, Oregon.
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Jeremy Sanford.

Western Region Northern California Picnic

On Saturday, August 20, Western Region members and guests met at the Simi Winery in Healdsburg, California for the fourth annual LCOC Wine Country Picnic. Mike Cunningham, with dog Shelby, arrived in his 1969 Lincoln-Mercury Cougar XR-7 convertible. Jeremy Sanford and John Woodward drove over from Sacramento in their 1969 Mark III. Chris Hunter hopped over the hill from Napa in his sleek black 1972 Mark IV. Director Marv Wendt and the lovely Jan McNiel took the longest distance award, traveling all the way from Ridgecrest in their true blue 1986 Mark VII. Kent Noyes and Tom Burke arrived from San Francisco in a blue sedan from some "other" automaker. All the club cars proudly flew their new LCOC flags and attracted much attention from the passers by. Guests Emily and Steve Klein and their nine-month-old son Adam were guests of honor. (Emily was the group's hostess and tour guide at the 2010 Picnic at Blackstone Winery and helped arrange this year's event.)

Simi tour guide Tim, a long-time employee of the winery, led the group on a tour of the historic winery founded in 1876. Tim told the story of

Isabelle Simi Haigh, who took over operation of the winery at the age of 18 after her father's death. Isabelle and her husband kept the winery running even through Prohibition. They survived by producing communion wine, but quietly put the remainder of their production into storage, hoping the nation would eventually come to its senses and repeal the 18th Amendment.



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