

Fabulous Fords Forever, April 22

Story and photos
 by John Walcek

Sunday, April 22 was the 27th year of the Fabulous Fords Forever at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, California. This is the largest all Ford show in California featuring Ford, Lincoln and Mercury cars. The show featured Ford products from 1903-2012 in 52 classes. There was a Lincoln class for Lincolns and Continentals of all years from 1922 to the present. There were about 37 Lincolns from the '30s to the 2000s. Many of these Lincolns were altered or customized.

The day was overcast and cool, perfect for this special day. (It's usually unbearably hot on the asphalt.) Nearly 1,900 Ford built cars assembled in the parking lot at Knott's. Over 1,000 were Mustangs, leaving about 900 to represent all the other Ford makes from Model Ts to the exotic Pantera, Tiger, Saleen, and Cobras. This year the show celebrated the 80th anniversary of the '32 Ford, 50th anniversary of the Cobra, and 45th anniversary of the Mercury Cougar.

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Bob and Carol Parker with their 1965 Lincoln Continental Convertible.



Mal McFarland's 1947 LC and George Abadjain's 1937 Lincoln-Zephyr.

*Jim Ayres' '64
 Convertible and
 Vince Scully's 1931.*



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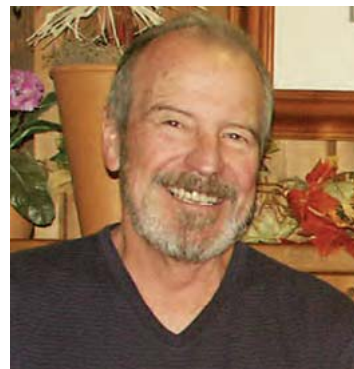
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Director's message

I've always felt very fortunate to have grown up in Southern California. As a certified car nut since I was able to toddle, the lure of automobiles and the hobby, in all it's incarnations has had a serious hold on me. One of my fondest memories is that of drag racing and its unsavory evil twin, street racing.



Some car enthusiasts select a genre or sub-group in the car culture and stick with it. Everybody seems to have their favorite, and their favorite brand. When I was a senior in high school, I scratched "Fords Rule" on my desk in English class (what a juvenile delinquent vandal). Some guy in a later class would scratch out my challenge and cut "Chevys Rule" into the taxpayer's furniture. We went back and forth with this idiocy for the rest of the semester, and I never did find out who my adversary was. But, the gauntlet was thrown and I became an ardent drag (street) racer.

Some folks, particularly law enforcement, prodded by the insurance industry, viewed the sport of street racing somewhat unfavorably and there was increasing pressure to make the kids stop doing that. An enterprising guy by the name of Wally Parks with backing from Chrysler Corporation (the Old Chrysler Corporation) travelled the nation creating drag strips, the sanctioning body which became the National Hot Rod Association.

The NHRA has become huge and the bucks involved are as big as or bigger than other motorsports. Jan and I had the recent pleasure of meeting some NHRA organizational types, and they invited us to Alex Xydias 90th birthday bash at the Wally Parks/NHRA museum at the L.A. County Fairplex on Saturday, June 16. Now if Alex name doesn't ring a bell think SoCal Speed Shop and Bonneville land speed records. Naturally, the invite came with a hitch and that's the \$80.00 a head dinner, the proceeds of which benefit the museum and the Alex Xydias Center for Automotive Arts. The Center is a training program for high school age kids in everything automotive, kind of like "auto shop" used to be, before many high schools dropped it from the curriculum.

What does this have to do with Lincolns you say? Well, in our continuing effort to let the rest of the hobby know that we exist, Jan and I plan to attend, wear our "colors" (this is a casual event) and rub elbows with some of the founders of the California car culture. If you'd like to join us, call me for ticket information or contact Monique Valadez at mvaladez@nhra.com or (909)622-3389. If you want to, come early and enjoy the L.A. Roadster show which is going on at the Fairplex the same weekend.

Hope to see you there, and at the Huntington Beach Concours on June 3. Continentally yours; *Marv* This column is dedicated to Dick Clark, Levon Helm and "Grumpy" Jenkins.

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Coming Events

**Lincoln Class at the
Huntington Beach
Concours d'Elegance,
June 3**

**Annual Wine Country Picnic
Winery at a Sonoma County
winery (to be announced)
July 28**

**Fun Ford Sunday
Vallejo
September 9**

**WESTERN NATIONAL MEET
Concord, California
September 26-30**

South Bay Ford- Lincoln Anniversary Celebration.

South Bay Ford-Lincoln in Hawthorne, California is having an anniversary celebration on Saturday June 16. They have invited the Western Region to display member cars at their dealership as a part of this one day event.

This is not a Western Region planned or sponsored event. Members would be displaying their cars as individuals. It is always a good idea to help the Ford-Lincoln dealers who help us. If you have interest in participating in this event please contact Jim Ayres who is our Southern California Activities Director. Contact Jim Ayres at 949-689-8471 or e-mail him at Jayres01@ca.rr.com

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*Above, Ruben Brito's
customized 2001 LS.
Right, unidentified Mark
IV.*

*Lower right,
Marissa Gustafson
with her
1977 Lincoln
Continental Convertible.*



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Huntington Beach Concours Sunday, June 3

Over its 24 year history, the Huntington Beach Concours has grown to be one of the outstanding automotive events in Southern California. First staged in 1986, the Concours has its home on the picturesque lawns of Huntington Beach Central Park in Huntington Beach. Central Park lies adjacent to the Huntington Beach Public Library & Cultural Resource Center at Talbert and Goldenwest. The field of entrants includes the best domestic, British, European and Asian, vintage to current automobiles and motorcycles. Recently, vintage and racing bicycles have also been added to the event.

When the event was staged in 1986, its premise was not the usual Concours that favors the elite makes of the automotive world. The Steering Committee envisioned an event that would feature all automotive makes. The Committee understood that all car guys have lavished time, effort and expense on their automobile or motorcycle of choice, and all entries are deserving of recognition. Moreover, whether a car guy, motorcyclist or cyclist; everyone has an appreciation for the broad spectrum of entries at the event. The Committee felt that a Ferrari owner would enjoy seeing the Fords and Street Rods. Likewise, a Muscle Car man would equally enjoy Mercedes or Masarati. Over the years, the Committee's vision has been proven out time and time again, as many of the entrants on a regular basis own a variety of foreign and domestic makes, and enter them each year. Comments from the entrants also validate the Event as they very much enjoy seeing the wide variety of manufacturers and builders represented.

The Huntington Beach Concours has been a constant fund raiser for the Children's Resource Center at the Huntington Beach Public Library.

The total funds raised have been well over \$300,000 over the life of the Concours. Funds raised go directly to support the Children's Resource Center wing at the library.

This year, for the first time, there will be a Lincoln class, with five sub-classes to be determined by entries. We will all be

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parking our Lincolns and Continentals together, and with space permitting, be alongside the Thunderbirds.

In addition to the car show, there will be a student auto art contest, entertainment, Hot Wheels races for the kids, food and other vendors, and a VIP luncheon for \$25 paid in advance.

You will not find a better value in a Concours of this caliber. Entry is only \$30, which includes admission for you, your car and a guest. Additional guests are \$10 each. All cars are welcome as there will be judging in a drivers class as well as concours class. If you prefer not to have your car judged, that is also an option.

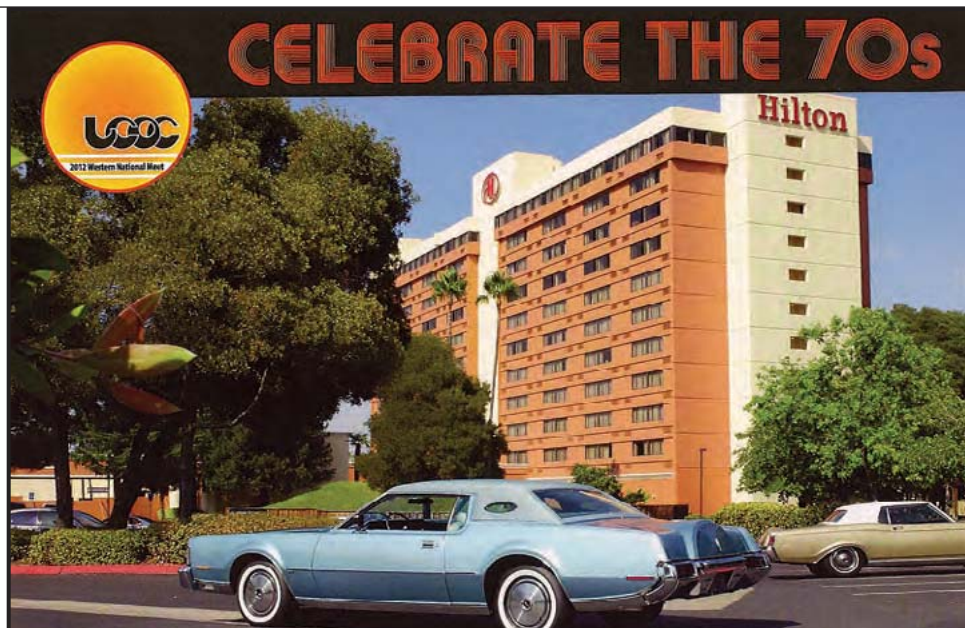
Saturday June 2nd is the Rod and Custom portion of the event. Sunday June 3rd is the vintage car concours. Our club is having an informal competition with the Thunderbird and Packard clubs to see which club can field the most cars. We're hoping to see a big turnout.

If anyone would like to volunteer to be a judge, contact Ken Thomas Chief Judge, phone: 562-421-0490 or 213-595-1545 E-mail: hbcheadjudge@gmail.com

Any questions can be answered by clicking on the "contact us" button on the web site, www.hbconcours.org, by contacting Jim Ayres at 949-689-8471, or by e-mailing your question to so.cal.events@lcocwestern.org

Directions: Huntington Beach Central Park, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach. From the south take I-405 North exit 15 for Warner Ave. West toward Magnolia St. Keep right at the fork and merge onto Warner Ave. Turn left onto Beach Blvd. After about 1 mile, turn right onto Talbert Ave., go to the end of the street, about 0.9 miles, and enter the parking lot. From the north take I-405 South to Beach Blvd. exit towards Huntington Beach Go about 2 miles to Talbert Ave. turn right, go to the end of the street, about 0.9 miles, and enter the parking lot

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2012 Western National Meet Concord, California September 26-30

Western National Meet registration is now open. The registration form and other details are available online at www.lcocwestern.org/meet. The Meet will be held at the Concord Hilton, just off Interstate 680 at 1970 Diamond Boulevard, only 30 miles from San Francisco. The newly remodeled hotel is offering an excellent \$109 room rate that includes a continental breakfast. Call the Hilton at (800) 850-9327. Meet registration is open through September 10, but hotel rooms at this discounted rate may sell out, so book soon!

This year's Western National Meet celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Continental Mark IV. Whether you arrive in a '41 Lincoln Continental, 1956-57 Continental Mark II, or a '96 Town Car, be sure to dig back in your closet and pack your '70s spirit!

In addition to the cars and camaraderie present at all National Meets, we have some great tours and events planned. The self-guided tour of San Francisco is a must for any visitor who has never seen the City by the Bay. This tour can be taken at anytime during your stay in Concord.

We are proud to offer two ways to sample the fruits of the Napa Valley wine regions. The first option is a wine tasting trip to the Napa Valley by private limousine. Depart the Hilton in

a chauffeured limousine for a 45 minute drive to the heart of the Napa Valley where you will enjoy visits to several distinct wineries and a picnic lunch. Feel free to imbibe to your heart's content, secure in knowing your car and driver await to transport you safely back to the Hilton at the end of your day. The second option is a delicious wine and food pairing presented by sommelier extraordinaire Mike Cunningham at the Hilton on Thursday evening.

Friday there will be a drive tour to the spectacular Blackhawk Collection of classic automobiles, 30 minutes south of the Hilton in Danville. The Blackhawk Museum holds exquisite examples of rolling art in a stunning museum setting.

Completed Meet registration forms should be mailed to: Jeremy Sanford, 2680 Park Hills Drive Sacramento, CA 95821 Questions? Call Western National Meet Coordinator Jeremy Sanford, (916) 488-3936, or e-mail meet@lcocwestern.org.

Many hands make light work! We hope you will volunteer to judge and donate items to be sold at the benefit auction. If you would like to help with the Meet please contact Jeremy.



Los Angeles Trolley and Great Autos of Yesterday cars.



Above, Model T Ford and 1929 Durant from Great Autos of Yesterday.

Below, Southern Pacific Diesel pulls a train of vintage coaches on the museum's train ride.

Orange County Empire Railway Museum, April 29

Our second April event was a day at the the most famous railway museum in California. There were trains and trolleys, picnickers, and vintage car folks. They let us display our Lincolns, among other makes, against a background of bells and whistles, steam and smoke. It was all put on by Great Autos of Yesterday on a Sunday of perfect spring weather in Southern California. The place was Perris, California and our Western Region host was Jim Ayres.

We explored the West's largest collection of railway locomotives, passenger and freight cars, street-cars, old time interurban electric cars, buildings and other artifacts dating from the 1870s. Founded in 1956, there is nothing like this railway museum in the U.S. We had plenty of good fellowship and good food, and lots of opportunities to photograph our cars in a pure railroad setting. The turnout of Western Region members and cars was not as large as Fabulous Fords a week earlier but it sure was fun.





Above, Norm and Nancy Hoskins' 1956 Continental Mark II. Right, some of our Western Region picnickers.



John Walcek's 1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible.

Don Williams and Jim Green's. 1961 Lincoln Continental Sedan from San Diego.



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Sunday, June 3



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2012 Huntington Beach Concours Registration

Sunday, June 3, 2012

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Show time: 9 am to 4 pm

Entry & Exhibition Rules

- ☐ The Committee reserves the right to accept or deny entry. All entrants will be notified of acceptance or denial.
- ☐ All cars must remain in position on the field until 2:00 P.M. NO EXCEPTIONS
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- ☐ City ordinance prohibits alcoholic beverages in the park.
- ☐ Clubs wishing to park together must arrive together

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