

## Huntington Beach Concours June 3

Story and photos by John Walcek

There's no lack of car events for hobbyists to participate in Southern California, but I think this show ranks among the best.

Thanks to the ambitious promoting efforts by LCOC Western Region Activities Director Jim Ayres, some 11 Lincolns from the '40s to the '70s made for a good sampling of Lincolns.

I started out with my '40 Lincoln Continental Coupe at 4 a.m. to attempt the 25 mile journey from my home to the event, because I know my car runs hot, and has a rod knock, not to mention a recent big dent in the top from a tree limb crashing upon it! I took surface streets, and was first in line to enter the field. (Hallelujah, that's half way!)

An eclectic mix of some 334 cars and motorcycles arrived, and parked among trees on a rolling hillside surrounding a lake. There were Corvettes,  
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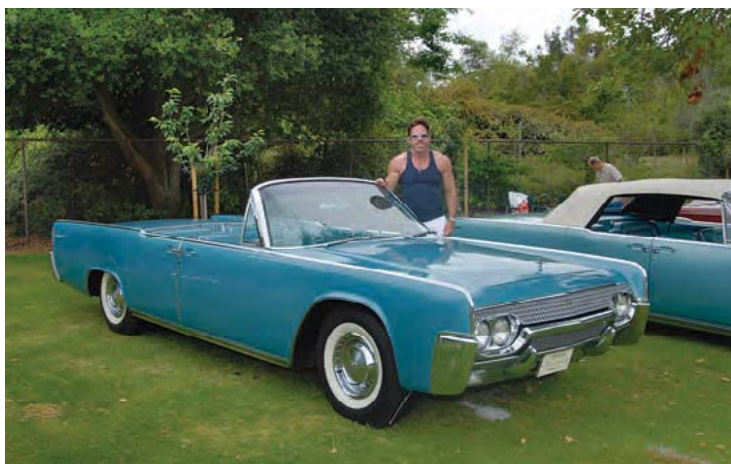
*Jim Ayres' 1961 LC Sedan. Below, right, Chuck Goode with his '61 LC Conv.*



*Elliot Jones' 1940 Lincoln Continental Convertible and John Walcek's 1940 LC Coupe.*



*Bob Barger's 1957 Mark II and Bruce and Helen Hutchinson's 1956 Mark II.*





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## Director's message

What a great car show. We were well represented at the 27th Annual Huntington Beach Concours on the third of June, with eleven (we had fourteen registered but mechanical problems or last minute issues sidelined three entries) Lincolns and Continentals from the forties to the seventies on hand).

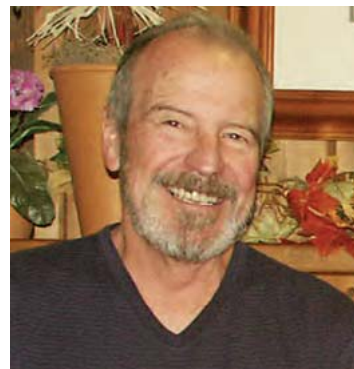
Jim Ayres performed his usual magic in wrangling this many cars. LCOC Western Region participants took home multiple awards, as did some non-LCOC members cars. The weather was of the perfect car show variety with overcast skies, which made the dark cars look even better. Jim nailed down a great shady location, much to the dismay of the Bentleys who wanted the space. The variety and quality of all the entrants was befitting a true Concours.

If you missed Huntington Beach lots of great events are still ahead, topped of by the Nationals in Concord in September. Who knows, gas might even go below four bucks a gallon.

The August issue of *Hot Rod* magazine features an article on the 1930 Ford five window coupe, with what else but a V-12 from a 1941 Zephyr; a true "hot rod Lincoln."

In this election year we're still seeking members to run for a seat on the board of the Western Region. Being a board member requires a little bit of work, but the reward is a whole lotta fun. Give me a call, if this kind of activism appeals to, and we'll put your name on the ballot later this summer.

*Continently yours, Marv*



*Western Region members at the 2012 Eastern National Meet in Chattanooga are left to right: Norm and Nancy Hoskins, Bruce and Helen Hutchinson, John Walcek, Tim Howley, and Carol and Bob Parker.*

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## Coming Events

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

**South Bay Ford-Lincoln Show  
Hawthorne  
August 4**

**Fun Ford Sunday  
Vallejo  
September 9**

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

## Welcome New Members

In Compton, Clyde Barrow and Elvenua Bell (that's right, "Elvenua") are the proud owners of a '56 Continental Mark II.

From Bellflower, we welcome Dr. Alejandro Garcia and Susan Safah, who have three 1964 Continentals, two convertibles and a hardtop.

I received a call from Steve Calavetta, a pleasant guy in the Early Ford V-8 Club. He is helping the widow of a club member in the sale of a '47 Continental Cabriolet. All original (older restoration); maroon in and out with a tan top. Steve rates the car as a soft #2 or high #3. The widow is Lillian Peterson 714.537.1546 (Garden Grove). Steve can be reached at 714.641.9089. Lillian is thinking \$40K, but Steve has counseled her re: a reasonable offer. The car has not run in about a year, but has been garaged. Marv Wendt

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## South Bay Ford-Lincoln Show

After some fits and starts we have nailed down the date of this event for Saturday, August 4, 2012.

The very nice folks at South Bay Ford-Lincoln have graciously invited us to show our cars at their Ford-Lincoln palace. South Bay Ford is located at 5100 Rosecrans Avenue in Hawthorne, right at the 405 (San Diego) Freeway. The dealership will feed us and trophy us as well. The show starts at 10:00 a.m. and we should stay until at least "threeish". We may even be able to squeeze a few vintage Lincolns into the showroom. There's an Ayres Hotel (310)536-0400 right next door if you plan to stay and play in the south bay, which has many great eateries and watering holes.

Contact Jim Ayres or Marv Wendt for registration information or any other details. Contact Jim Ayres at 949-689-8471 or e-mail him at [Jayres01@ca.rr.com](mailto:Jayres01@ca.rr.com) This is another freebie, folks, and it's an easy-to-get-to destination, so let's see if we can muster a whole bunch of Lincolns. Hope to see you there!

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## Huntington Beach Concours Continued

Cadillacs, Model Ts, T Birds, Packards, Mercedes, Bentleys, Porsches, Jaguars, Mini Coopers, Panteras, Lamborghinis, Ferraris, Lexus and other odd cars.

Our Lincolns were assembled in one line on grass and under trees at the perimeter of the field, facing a line of T Birds and the scenic lake.

The weather was a pleasingly over-cast, with the sun peaking through nicely in the afternoon.

There was an informal competition with the Thunderbird Club as to who could field more cars; the T Bird people won with 17 cars. They picked their favorite of our cars: Bruce &

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*Above left, Elliott Jones' 1940 Lincoln Continental, first place Pre World War II;*

*above, Bruce and Helen Hutchinson 1956 Continental Mark II, first place Mark II;*

*left, Jim Ayres' 1964 Lincoln Continental Convertible, first place sixties Lincoln Continental Convertible; Jim Barger's 1957 Continental Mark II, first place Mark II.*

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**(Concours continued.)**

Helen Hutchinson's beautiful light blue '56 Continental Mark II; and we chose our favorite T Bird: Jim Kilsanin's '60 T Bird. A round of applause went up as he put the convertible top down (that engineering was further refined for the Lincoln Continentals starting in 1961).

The earliest Lincolns were two first year black 1940 Lincoln Zephyr Continentals: Elliott Jones' Cabriolet, #24 of 350, and my Coupe, #44 of 54. (We meet again; I took a picture of our cars together for the cover of Lincoln and Continental Comments issue #296 - September / October 2010 commemorating the 70th birthday of the Continental.)

Marv Wendt, LCOC Western Region Director, brought his Cadillac powered '47 Lincoln Continental Coupe.

There were two Continental Mark IIs: Bruce and Helen Hutchinson's award winning '56 and Bob Barger's '57.

Three beautiful early '60s Lincoln Continentals were next: Chuck Goode's '61 Columbia blue Convertible, and Jim Ayres' '61 Hardtop and '64 Turquoise Convertible.

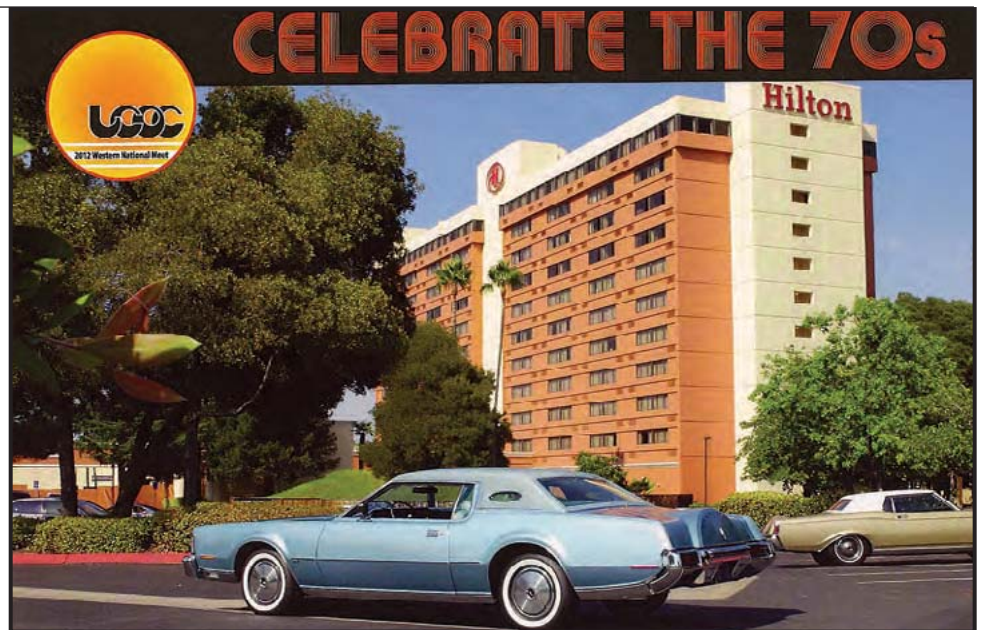
There were three '70s Lincolns: George Richards' '71 Mark III, Kyler Jafari's '79 Mark V *Collector Series*, and a totally customized '77 Mark V owned by Steve Braddon.

We all had a nice lunch at the VIP tent.

The first place winners Elliott Jones, Bruce Hutchinson, Bob Barger, Jim Ayres, George Richards, and Kyler Jafari received a plaque and a bucket with \$100 worth of Mothers detailing supplies. Second place winners received a nice Crystal blue plaque.

After the field was released, I relaxed with the beautiful intermittent later afternoon sun and took more photos of my car at two fantastic photo spots around the park. I took it easy driving home, with the engine temperature gauge indicating hot and that rod knock. Someday I'll get things in better order.

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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](http://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](mailto: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.





## More Orange Empire Railway Museum, April 29

Our second April event was a day at the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris, California.

Photographer John Walcek had a field day with his 1961 Lincoln Continental convertible and some of the vintage locomotives. These photos were not yet available at the time we produced the last issue of the *Confab*, but here they are now.

Above left is a sixties freight diesel locomotive, then a Los Angeles electric trolley from the twenties, then the Hoskins and Howleys, then a 1881 Baldwin steam locomotive, and finally a Union Pacific train from the sixties.



*Nancy and Norm Hoskins and LaVonne and Tim Howley  
with Hoskins 1956 Continental Mark II.*







Above, George and Shirley Richards 1971 Continental Mark III, first in Continental Mark III's. Right, some of our Western Region members.



Kyler Jafari's 1979 Mark V Collector's Series, first in Mark V. Below left, the entire field of 11 Lincolns and Lincoln Continentals.




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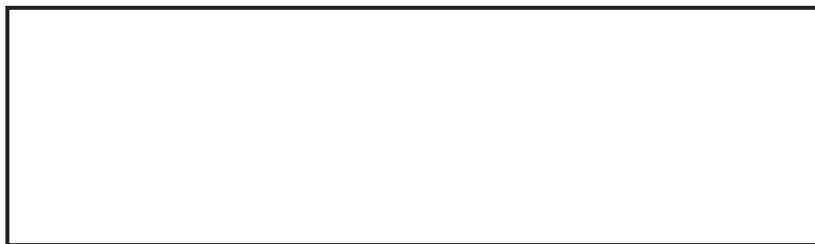


*Favorite T-Bird, Jim Kilsanin's 1960. Right,  
Favorite, Lincoln, Hutchinson's 1956 Mark II.*



*Left, First place Lincoln Custom, Steve Braddon's 1977  
Mark V roadster. Above, John Walcek  
resting with his 1940 LC Coupe.*

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