



*2010 Western National Meet, Ventura, California.  
 The 2012 Meet in Concord promises to be bigger and better.*

## 2012 Western National Meet

September 26-30, Concord, California

2012 marks the fortieth anniversary of the Lincoln Continental Mark IV, the car that set the style for the entire auto industry in the 1970s. This September the LCOC will gather in Concord California to honor Lincolns of all years, but to celebrate the 70s! The address of the hotel could not be more appropriate; 1970 Diamond Boulevard. The Concord Hilton is conveniently located next to I-680 which has direct connections to both I-5 and I-80. The great \$109 per night room rate includes Continental breakfast for two, and is available for several nights before after the meet dates. Visit: [www.lcocwestern.org/meet](http://www.lcocwestern.org/meet) for up-to-date information and registration materials.

I Left my Heart in San Francisco Tour: If you have never visited The City by the Bay, or have been away for many years, you will want to take advantage of this great self-guided tour of one of the most beautiful cities

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Wednesday September 26, 2012

The Hospitality Suite will be the place to get into the 70s groove! Listen to you favorite 8-tracks, watch some 70s TV, and drink some 70s inspired beverages while socializing with your fellow club members. The Hospitality Suite will be open in the afternoon and evening for socializing and registration. Take the San Francisco tour or explore the area on your own.

Thursday September 27, 2012

10:00 am - Napa Valley Wine Tasting and Lunch. Members taking this tour will be chauffeured in Lincoln Limousines to the heart of the World

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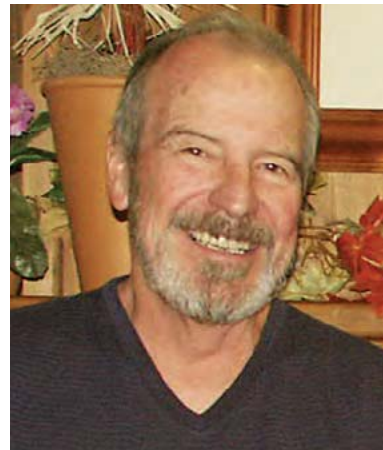
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## Director's message

There's a warning sign on Interstate 10 in New Mexico, just a few miles east of the Arizona border. I-10 crosses a large "playa", or dry lake, and the sign reads "DUST STORMS MAY EXIST". I've always been struck by the existential nature of this caution, but then it is New Mexico where there "exists" a very spiritual bent. Now I know that dust storms do exist, (remember the Dust Bowl?) because I've seen them, and not only do they "exist", they "occur", and you need to be watchful of them when travelling I-10 through Arizona and New Mexico.



Now that that's off my mind let's talk about Lincolns. We were in Scottsdale a few weeks ago and looked at a couple of very nice Lincoln Continentals at a classic car dealership, that occupies a former Chevy dealership that bit the dust (see, dust again) in the Great Recession. One was a very nice '46 Lincoln Continental Coupe, in deep green, and a couple of incorrect features like a chromed spare tire carrier, and (I believe) the wrong hubcaps. The other car was a mint green Mark II, also quite nice. Both cars are on Classic Auto Trader.com.

I occasionally get calls from folks selling their Lincolns. For the most part they are not aficionados of the breed, and can't seem to write ad copy, so as a courtesy I advise them that I'll give their cars a "plug" in this column, and maybe turn a Western Region member onto a good deal. Paul Nickerson in Hayward (if you run out of things to do in Concord) has a '66 Lincoln Coupe that needs TLC. Contact Paul at (510) 293-9920. Alan Tochtermann in Chico has a '76 Sedan, that has been stored for some time, and that rodents have had their way with. He is willing to GIVE the car to an enthusiast who will either restore the car or have use of parts, and save the old girl from the crusher. Contact Alan at (530)342-9599 or 895-8604. Both these cars are non-running, but their owners have had them for some time and have detailed histories on the cars.

On the subject of advertising, if you have a product or service that you would like to promote, we still have ad space available in the September National Meet program. Contact me or Jeremy Sanford for details.

And, on the subject of the Western National Meet; looking forward to seeing all of you there.

*Continental, Marv*

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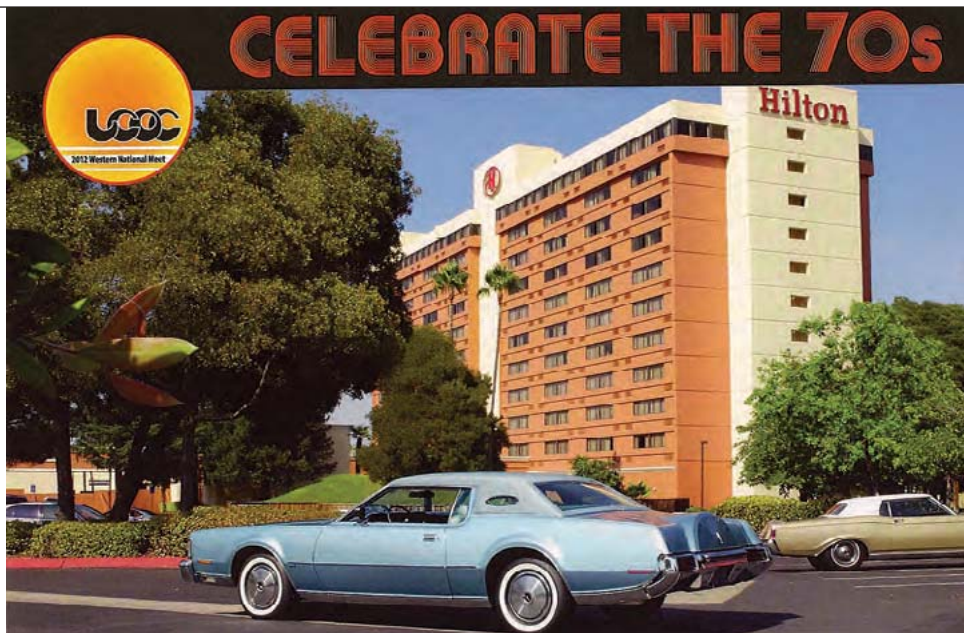


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Famous Napa Valley Wine Region 45 minutes north of Concord. Your limousine will visit three or four different wineries where you can sample the varietals and buy a few bottles for the road. A picnic lunch and complimentary wine tasting will be provided at Franciscan Estate Winery, and a complimentary tasting will be provided at Robert Mondavi Winery. Those Lincoln limos have big trunks so you can bring a case or two back to the Hilton to enjoy!

5:00 pm - Wine and Food Pairing. For those arriving too late to enjoy the Napa Valley Wine Tasting and Lunch, or those wishing to keep the party rolling after their excursion to the Napa wineries, Mike Cunningham will present a wine and food pairing at the Hilton. Mike will serve several different varietals of wine each paired with a carefully selected bite of food that will compliment the fruit of the vine.

Friday September 28, 2012

7:30-9:00 am - Mechanical Judging

9:00 am - Blackhawk Museum Drive Tour. Member taking this tour will depart the Hilton in theirs or a friends Lincoln for the 30 minute drive south to the spectacular Blackhawk Museum in Danville. The Blackhawk Museum houses true automotive treasures and presents them as works of art in spotlight lit galleries. Spacious galleries on two levels display cars that are historically significant, artistically inspired, and mostly one-of-a-kind. An in depth private tour will be presented by museum staff. After the tour Members may enjoy lunch on their own at one of several restaurants in the Blackhawk Center adjacent to the museum.

3:00-5:00 pm - Mechanical Judging

6:30 pm - Leisure Suits and Lincolns Buffet and Auction. Your Lincoln may not be from the 70s, but that doesn't mean your style can't be. Get decked out in your 70s best (or worst) and do the Hustle on down to

the Golden Gate Ballroom A for a delicious Tuscan Buffet followed by a classic LCOOC auction of Lincoln parts, accessories and ephemera as well as other great items. Prizes will be given to those with the most 70s spirit!

Saturday September 29, 2012

7:30-10:00 am - Mechanical Judging



*The Blackhawk Museum.*



*The Concord Hilton.*



8:00 am - Judges Breakfast.

10:00 am - Show and Authenticity Judging. The show field will be in the South parking lot of the Concord Hilton. All registered cars must be in place the entire time the field is being judged.

6:30 pm - Awards Banquet. Delicious banquet and presentation of LCOC awards and trophies as well as special meet awards for People's Choice, Mark IVs, and 70s Lincolns.

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. While there is still time 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!

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@lccowestern.org](mailto:meet@lccowestern.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.

September 26-30  
Concord, California



Photos from the  
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Ventura, California.



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*Vince Scully's Customized 1931 Lincoln K at the All Ford Picnic in La Palma Park in 2011.*

## Vince Scully's 1931 Lincoln K

New member Vince Scully of Long Beach brought a most unusual 1931 Lincoln K to the Early Ford V-8 Club Picnic in Anaheim last September. It is a Willoughby Panel Brougham which has been radically customized in recent years.

The car was customized sometime in the Eighties. Vince bought it in early 2011. It has a small block Chevy 350 engine, full Chevy automatic transmission and driveline, power steering, power brakes, and Chevy rear end.

The grille shell is from a 1929 Lincoln L. Vince believes the fenders are fiberglass replicas of a late Thirties Cadillac. He believes the car was in a collision at some point because everything up front was replaced. When he got the car it had a Mustang II front end which had collapsed from the weight and the car was not driveable. He put in a TCI aftermarket hot rod front end. There are sway bars front and rear, air shocks on the rear. It now handles very well on the 145 inch wheelbase.

Vince saw the car advertised on e-bay and went back to Philadelphia to check it out. He walked into this place where everybody had an Italian name.

Up on the wall were black and white

photos of the family that had owned this limousine company going back to the Twenties.

Vince checked the statistics and found that there were only 15 of this particular model made by Lincoln



in 1931 and they were all owned by gangsters. They were the only people who wanted to look showy during the Thirties Great Depression. When owners rode in high grade classic cars at that time,



people threw tomatoes at them, broke windows, and otherwise damaged the cars. So people of wealth in those days would dismiss the chauffeur, put the classic car up on blocks and buy a Ford or Chevrolet.

However, gangsters in the Thirties felt they had to look good by riding in a chauffeur driven car, and besides nobody was going to assault them unless they wanted to be bumped off. There was one other group who rode in chauffeur driven limousines during the Thirties. That was the Hollywood movie stars.

Vince feels that if this car could talk it could tell some stories. Maybe somebody took their last ride in it.

Vince says he still has a lot of work to do on this car. He has redone the suspension. Hopefully, one of these days he will get to the body and interior. Presently the interior of the rear section is a bright red with a liquor cabinet.

The Chevy engine now in the car is very mild. It develops 180 horsepower. The Lincoln V-8 at the time developed 120 horsepower.

The 1931 Lincoln was a major shift away from the Lincoln L in styling, although the engine was an updated version of the former 384.8 cid flathead V-8. It is still a 60 degree V-8 with a cast iron block, but was now up from 90 horsepower to 120.



The frame was all new and went from a 136 inch wheelbase to 145. The look was new and sleek. There was a new peeked radiator, long hood, and higher windows. There were new headlight shells and dual trumpet horns.

Freewheeling and synchromesh in second and third gears were introduced for 1931. The braking system was vastly improved, but it was still mechanical. Even though old Henry Ford allowed his son Edsel to have his way on Lincoln design he would have nothing to do with hydraulic brakes until 1939.

A new Stromberg carburetor was introduced for 1931 and the Lincoln V-8 engine had five main bearings and separate generator and starter units. The vacuum fuel pump system was replaced with the mechanical type.

The number of body types was up from 21 to 27 with custom bodies by Brunn, Dietrich, Derham, Jukins, LeBaron, and Judkins.



The new styling, engineering, and body offerings did little to improve sales. Production was 3,540, up from 3,212 for 1930. Things would not improve in 1932 with a choice of a KA V-8 and KB V-12. The days of the great classics were coming to an end.



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1947 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet. All original (older restoration); maroon in and out with a tan top. This car is a soft #2 or high #3. The widow is Lillian Peterson 714.537.1546 (Garden Grove). Steve Calavetta in the Early V-8 Club is helping her sell the car. He can be reached at 714.641.9089. The widow is thinking \$40K, but try making a reasonable offer. The car has not run in about a year, but has been garaged.

The Motion Unlimited Museum in Rapid City South Dakota has some '40s Lincoln and Zephyr stuff for sale. No cars, just parts. Bill and Peggy Napoli can be reached at 605.348.7373.

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