



*2012 Mid-America National Meet, Bloomington, Minnesota.  
The field as viewed from the fifth floor of the Park Plaza Hotel.*

## 2012 Mid-America National Meet August 15-19, Bloomington, Minnesota

The 2012 Mid-America National Meet was held August 15-19 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota with over 91 cars registered, 79 to be judged and 12 for exhibition. Approximately nine judged cars did not show. The weather was ideal all five days of the meet and all events came off perfectly. Other than club photographer John Walcek and Editor Tim Howley the only Western Region members attending were Bob and Joan MacDougal with a 1996 Lincoln Town Car.

The first event Thursday was a 46 car driving tour of approximately 60 miles round trip to the eastern part of Lake Minnetonka with a one hour visit to a spectacular private automobile collection. Then the group drove on to the Wayzata "Muni" bar and grille for lunch. Winning cars from this event were by decade and by People's Choice.

In keeping with the meet's theme of a Western Roundup, Thursday evening there was a South West Mexican buffet with cowboy hats and boots and a guitar playing, wise cracking entertainer.

Friday many of the members departed on a chartered bus for a St.

Paul Gangster Tour conducted by a guy who called himself John Dillinger. This bang up event began with lunch in the Wabasha Caves in South St. Paul and then a tour of the most notorious places in St. Paul history. This was followed Friday evening by a barbecue chicken buffet and auction.

Saturday was concours day at the hotel with a wide assortment of Lincolns and Continentals from all eras. There was a strong turnout of 1939-1948 Lincoln-Zephyrs and Lincoln Continentals. The Fletchers from Illinois came in their 1961 Lincoln Continental sedan which was also at the Chattanooga Eastern National Meet. They are hoping to drive that car to the Western National Meet in Concord, California to make all three 2012 National Meets.

The Elliston Bell winning car was Bob and Nannett Roth's 1978 Continental Mark V from Plymouth, Minnesota. Nannett bought this car new and for many years it was her daily driver.

For both judging and exhibition there were approximately 82 cars on the field at the Mid-America National Meet. Let's see if we can break that record in Concord!!



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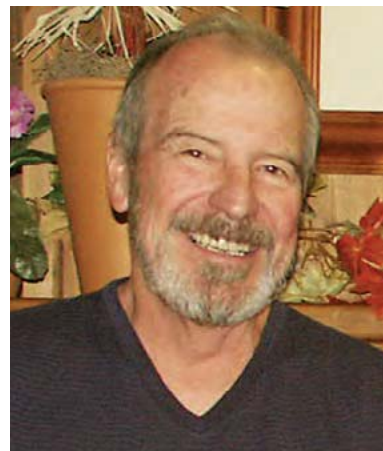
By the time you receive this issue of the CONFAB the Western Nationals will be less than three weeks away, so my encouraging you to register is critical. If you plan to compete in the trophy chase, your entry must be in the hands of the Meet Registrar no later than September 10. As of August 23, rooms at the Hilton were still available, and, naturally reservations for the winery tour, and Friday nights auction/buffet and Saturday night's awards banquet are still being accepted. Looking forward to seeing many of you in Concord.

My Mark VII, which I always refer to as my "LCOC Driver" decided to act out (probably from lack of attention, as I've been spending time on other projects) and bite me with a major repair. I've long been aware of what does in second and third (and fourth) hand used cars. A mechanical issue arises that's beyond the means of the owner; it's easier to acquire a new Hyundai or Kia, and the Mark VII goes off to Ecology or Pick-A-Part. Well, this won't happen to mine, and she should be back on the road and ready to attend the Western Nationals. Still, I'm reminded of the quip: "I spent all my money on women and booze, the rest I just wasted." I could add vintage automobiles to that list as well.

I almost forgot, Dan Roth is looking for a Mark III. Dan lives in Scotts Valley, near San Jose, and wants a western car. If you have one to sell get in touch with Dan at [drothway@gmail.com](mailto:drothway@gmail.com).

See you in Concord!

*Continently, Marv*



The registration deadline for the 2012 LCOC Western National Meet is **September 10th!** You don't want to miss out on what is shaping up to be a great party at the Concord Hilton September 26-30, 2012!

Register now before it is too late!  
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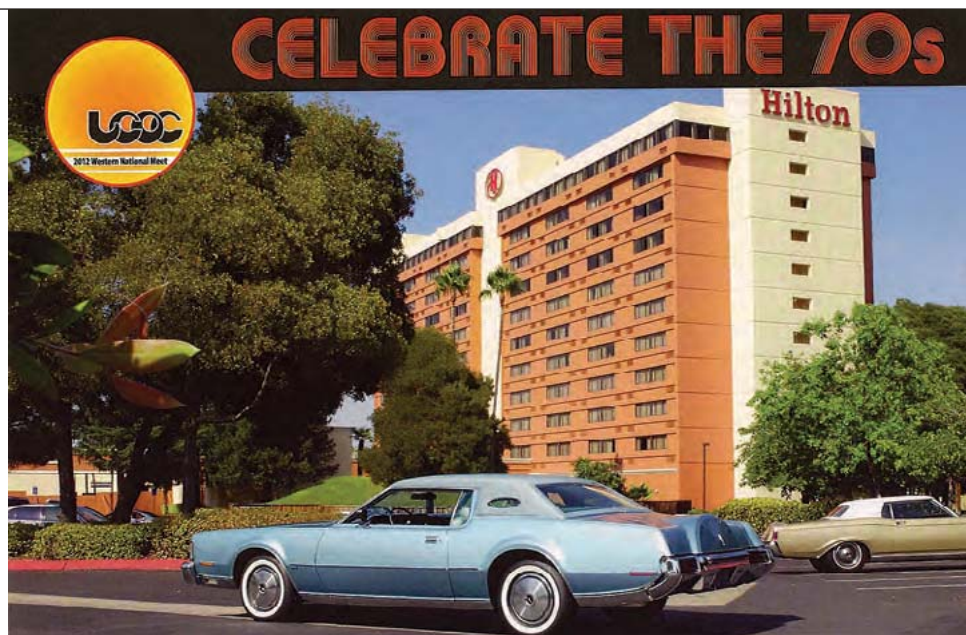


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the '70s with  
special awards  
for Continental  
Mark IVs and  
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Concord, California  
September 26-30**

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## 2012 Western Meet Concord, California September 26-30

Less than three weeks left to the 2012 Western National Meet. This Meet marks the fortieth anniversary of the Lincoln Continental Mark IV, the car that set the style for the entire auto industry in the 1970s. The Western Region will 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. If you have not already registered hurry. 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 in the world. Famous Fisherman's Wharf, Alcatraz Prison, Union Square, Nob Hill and Market Street, all easily accessible by forms of public transportation including 19th century Cable Cars, 1930s PCC street cars and sleek 1970s Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) trains. Inaugurated in 1972 by President Richard Nixon, the Bay Area Rapid Transit system features stations built in the Brutalist style popular at the time. The sleek trains will whisk you from Concord, under the Berkeley Hills through Oakland and under the

Bay in thirty minutes where you will emerge from under Market Street at the corner of Powell Street. Here the famous Cable Cars depart up to Union Square, over Nob Hill and down to Fisherman's Wharf. Go wherever you like and take as long as you want, your transit passes are good all day for unlimited rides.

Wednesday September 26, 2012

The Hospitality Suite will be the place to get into the 70s groove! Listen to your 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 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 LCOC 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



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!

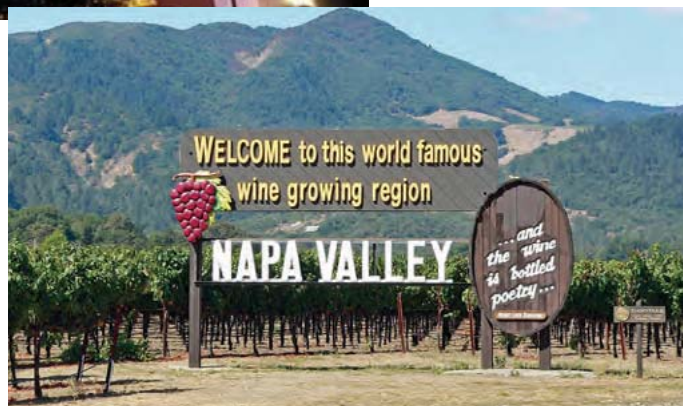
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Many hands make light work! We hope you will volunteer to judge and donate items to be sold at the benefit auction. If you would like to help with the Meet please contact Jeremy.

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*The 1968 Lehmann-Peterson Mark III Limousine  
at the 2010 LCOC Western National Meet in Ventura, California.*

## 1968 Lehmann-Peterson Mark III Limousine

A limousine promoted as the only 1968 Lehmann-Peterson built from a Mark III chassis and body was displayed outside the show area at the 2010 Western National Meet in Ventura, California. It was built for Toddie Lee Wynne Senior of Dallas on July 17, 1968. The car was delivered to John Eagle Lincoln-Mercury for Mr. Wynne in October, 1968.

The car was housed in Wynne's mansion on Lakeside Drive in Dallas. The only known driver of this limousine was Mr. Vean Glover. He was the chauffeur from 1968 until Mr. Wynne's death in 1982. Wynne willed the car to Glover who tried to operate a limousine service but was unsuccessful. The daughter-in-law of Mr. Wynne says the car was used only to go to the store and church. The car was used for her wedding when she married Wynne's son.

In 1986 Mr. Glover could no longer afford to operate the car. He placed the car in safe storage for 22 years. Then it was auctioned off at the time of his death.

Mr. Wynne built the first post World War II housing subdivision in Dallas and the first air-conditioned hotel in Hong-Kong and Malaysia. He owned hotels and properties the world

over. The daughter-in-law was the co-founder of the Cattle Barons Ball, a most successful cancer fund raising event.

This Lehmann-Peterson has build sheet serial number 847819. It was in production from July 17 to August 7, 1968. Equipment included electric windows, AM/FM radio, mouton silver and blue interior, six way power bench seats, remote control decklid release, remote control right side mirror, door edge guards, deluxe shoulder belts front and rear, gray broadcloth in front seat, armrests, gray visors, oxy-

gen tank in front with piping to cabinet. Most of these were installed by Lehmann-Peterson. Ford options were power vents, power door locks, air-conditioning, tinted glass, trim change to broadcloth, tilt steering, and spare tire cover.

We believe the car was a standard Lehmann-Peterson built out of a Lincoln Continental with standard Lincoln Continental features with a Continental Mark III front clip and grille and Continental decklid with the iconic spare tire hump added. Since we do not have the Lehmann-Peterson build sheet and do not believe it has been certified by the LCOC Custom Class Committee we are not certain if the limousine began as a Lincoln Continental or a Continental Mark III. Most likely, it was one of 91 Lehmann-Petersons built that year.

In 1963 Skipp Lehmann and Robert "Pete" Peterson took a 1963 Lincoln Continental, sawed it in half, and added 34 inches to the mid section in their small garage on Harlem Street in Chicago. After only one of these limousines was built they moved to a shop on Sawyer Avenue and another on Armitage Street. The 1963 prototype was sent to the Ford Motor Company for testing and evaluation. Ford Motor Company and Lehmann-Peterson reached a contractual agreement on February 25, 1964. A 1964 model made its debut at the New York Automobile Show in April, 1964.

The Lehmann-Petersons were ordered from the Lincoln-Mercury





dealers. They left the factory as Lincoln Continental sedans and were shipped to Lehmann-Peterson in Chicago where the conversions were done. The limousines carried the standard Lincoln warranty of 24 months or 24,000 miles.

In addition to a front facing rear seat, the Lehmann-Petersons featured two rear facing rear seats with a cabinet in between carrying an AM/FM radio. The rear compartment was carpeted in plush mouton. Extras included divider window, rear compartment air conditioning, television, phone, dictating machine, and beverage compartment.

Two Lehmann-Petersons were produced for 1963, 15 for 1964, and 159 for 1966 which was the peak year of production. The last ones were produced for 1970. Total production for all years was 539 of which 115 are known to survive. The 1961 limousine in which President Kennedy was assassinated was produced by Hess & Eisenhardt, not Lehmann-Peterson. A new 1968 Presidential limousine was produced by Lehmann-Peterson. It was updated to 1969 trim because it was not delivered to President Nixon until late 1969.



Problems with the warranty, government safety regulations, and other problems between Ford and Lehmann-Peterson put the small company out of business in 1970, leaving the remaining LP limousines highly collectible to this day.



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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.

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