



## Vintage Lincolns Sweep LA Auto Show



*Above, the 1937 Lincoln K and 1932 Lincoln KB.*

*Left, the 1929 Lincoln L Dietrich Convertible Coupe.*

*One of the owners of the 1937 K with the two models who presented the Lincolns.*

The LA Auto Show has been a tradition since the days of the Stutz, Pierce Arrow and Packard. For 2013 Lincoln decided to look back upon their own history for the show's press day which was November 28, 2012. There were seven older Lincolns and Continentals on display with owners, factory officials, pretty models, and our own John Walcek with his ever present camera.

The next day, the newly designed 2013 Lincoln offerings—the MKZ premium mid-sized sedan and the MKZ hybrid took the stage and spotlights.

Ford Western Regional Manager of Public Relations John Clinard, with the help of LCOOC members Jim Ayres, John Walcek, and Wes Willison of LZOC, assembled a stunning collection of seven Lincolns from the '20s to the '60s. The owners were interviewed extensively, pampered with lodging and hospitality, given recognition, had their cars taken to and from the event by Ford/Lincoln, and were proud to see their cars used and showcased in such a way.

The oldest Lincoln was a 1929 L Dietrich Convertible Coupe. Only 75 examples of this Dietrich-bodied car were produced in a two-year run, at an original cost of \$6,200. Owner: Thomas Hartman, Rancho Palos Verdes.

Next was a 1932 Lincoln KB LeBaron Convertible Roadster. This LeBaron Convertible Roadster was originally priced at \$4,600. Owner: Thomas Hartman, Rancho Palos Verdes

Rounding out the earliest cars was a 1937 Lincoln Derham Sport Sedan. This car was unsold until 1938, when Thomas Morris of New York purchased it. From 1947 through 1977, the car moved through several owners. Then after it sat in a barn for 20 years, Ed Burchman purchased the car.

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## Director's message



As we enter 2013, I have the pleasure of beginning my new role as LCOC Western Region Director. In this first official communication to the membership, I want to recognize the dedication and hard work of our organization leaders, and start by thanking Marv Wendt for his leadership as Director through a very eventful and fun-filled past two years. The club increased its range of activity and grew its base of volunteer effort to support it. We all experienced the result of this growth in activities, such as our special Morro Bay regional meet in April of 2011, and the dozens of opportunities to network on trips that included such places as the Getty Villa, the Nethercutt Museum, and Napa Valley wineries.

Thanks go to Jim Ayres and Jeremy Sanford for the detailed planning and coordination required to maintain the year-round selection of events for everyone in the club to enjoy, especially this year's Western National Meet in Concord run by Jeremy. I also want to recognize Bruce and Helen Hutchinson and George and Shirley Richards who have been long term driving forces for our regional and national meet coordination and logistics. Carol and Hal Reniger have developed and executed a very successful LCOC car flag club project to help bring dollars to our treasury and fun to our car-avanning. Speaking of our treasury, special thanks go to Treasurer Bob Reed who has been quietly behind the scenes making sure that our dollars are managed and reported. When it comes to communication, we all stay connected to each other and to our Lincolns because Tim Howley, Tom McCarthy, and Jeremy Sanford put tremendous effort into the creation and distribution of our *Confab* throughout the year. Finally, what would these last two years have been without the spirit and energy of Mike Cunningham who has planned fantastic board meeting venues and meet activities, and volunteered to help in any way possible to make our club the success that it has been.

As we start 2013, I want to make sure that you have February 10th on your calendars for our LCOC Western Region Kick-off Brunch and Museum Visit! Jim Ayres has been hard at work putting together a Kick-off event that offers something for all. To do this, he has transitioned the traditional Kick-off Saturday evening dinner into an elegant Sunday brunch buffet that is one of the best you will find in Southern California. But that's not all! Jim has reserved time in the afternoon for us and our cars minutes down the road at the Automobile Driving Museum where we can see a beautiful collection of classic cars, and take rides in several of them. You can choose to participate in part or all of this event, but definitely be there! See Page 5 of this edition of *Confab* with detailed information.

*Stacy*

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## Western Region Events for 2013

### Valentine's Kickoff Brunch

Proud Bird followed by tour  
the Automobile Driving  
Museum, Los Angeles, Feb. 10

### Fabulous Fords Forever

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*At the LA Auto Show Press Day: John Clinard, Jim Powers, Jim Ayres, and John Walcek with the owners of the cars.*

## Maureen McCarthy

The Western Region regrets to announce the passing of Maureen Francis McCarthy on November 21, 2012 after a brief illness. Maureen was born August 27, 1932 in Upland, California. She became a registered nurse after graduating from Mercy College of Nursing in San Diego. Maureen met Thomas F. McCarthy in 1957 while he was an officer in the Navy, stationed in San Diego. Maureen and Tom married on October 26, 1957. Stephen was born in 1958, Michael in 1962, and John in 1967. Maureen worked as a delivery room nurse at St. Jude Hospital in Fullerton while raising her family. She continued to work in health care for many years until her retirement from Sharp Medical in 1995.

Maureen was a full partner with Tom and an important part of Tom's long and successful career in the packaging industry. She earned her Associate's degree from Fullerton Community College and in 1985 her Bachelor's degree from Cal State Fullerton. While in her 70s, Maureen returned to school and earned a Master of Arts in English Literature from California State University at San Bernardino.

Maureen is survived by Tom, her husband of fifty-five years; her sons Stephen (Merrill), Michael (Donna), and John (Fernando); her grandchildren BreAnne, Sean, Lakin, and Bryn; and her great grandchildren Hunter and Paige. She is also survived by her sister Elizabeth Mary Kilroy; brother-in-law Robert (Carol); and nieces Diane and Maureen; and grand-nephews Andrew and Adam. We extend our deepest sympathy to the entire family.

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Model with the 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet.



1961 Lincoln Continental Sedan, owners, and Jim Ayres.



1937 LZ Coupe-Sedan and 1940 LC Cabriolet.



1956 Continental Mark II,

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Beginning in 2000, he undertook the restoration of every component from the five-foot muffler to the sliding sunroof. His 9,000 hours of work were rewarded by a first-in-class win at the 2004 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Owner: Edmund Burchman, Rossmore.

No vintage Lincoln display would be complete without a Lincoln-Zephyr. This show had a 1937 Coupe-Sedan. Only five percent of the Lincoln-Zephyrs built through 1939 were Coupe-Sedans. Records today show that only fourteen 1937 Coupe-Sedans still exist. Owner: David Caparone, Paso Robles.

The example of an early Lincoln Continental was a 1940 Cabriolet. The car displayed here is number 24, shipped January 4, 1940. George Gehrig, cousin of baseball legend Lou Gehrig, owned it for many years. Owner: Elliott Jones, Huntington Beach.

One Continental Mark II was chosen and Elizabeth Taylor is said to have been the original owner of this car. Owners: Robert and Nancy Ratinoff.

Finally there was a 1961 Lincoln Continental Sedan. Inspired by a proposed 1961 Thunderbird design, this Lincoln model set the styling trend in the industry for years to come. This car has been in San Diego since new and has been driven only 70,000 miles. Owner: Joe Finkbiner, San Diego.

Ford officials and the press people were impressed with and very grateful to them for sharing their treasures.

Unfortunately, the vintage cars were only displayed for press day and did not stay around for the entire week of the show.

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## Valentine's Kick-Off Brunch The Proud Bird, Los Angeles, February 10

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For those of you coming from some distance, there's a very nice Ayres Hotel (no relation) [www.ayresmanhattanbeach.com](http://www.ayresmanhattanbeach.com) at 14400 Hindry Ave. Hawthorne, California. 90250, (310) 536-0400. It's less than three miles from the restaurant and just blocks

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### Valentine's Kick-Off Brunch Reservation Form

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*Hoskins' 1941 Lincoln Continental Coupe  
in front of their Fallbrook home.*

## Norm Hoskins' 1941 Lincoln Continental Coupe from E-Bay by Norn Hoskins, Fallbrook, California

I have always admired the Pre-World War II Lincoln Continentals. When I was a boy my father acquired a 1941 Lincoln Continental Coupe. He restored this car and it was one of the things he included me in. I helped scrape and clear during the restoration process and before the car shows I would get to dust it, etc. Although I have a very nice Mark II, when I think of my dad I always think of his '41.

After years of being in LCOC and restoring and showing my 1956 Mark II, I started looking for a Pre-War Lincoln Continental, preferably a 1941 Coupe like my dad owned.

For many years I looked at the ads in *Hemmings* and, of course, our club magazine. All the cars were not what I was looking for or they were beyond my budget. I wanted a car that ran and was not a "rust bucket" and it had to have a V-12. Over the years I followed a number of leads to no avail.

About two years ago someone suggested I go on E-Bay to look. I am not very technically computer savvy, but my eyes were opened and I am no an E-Bay Junkie. I saw some nice cars that fit my criteria, except for budget. Finally, about a year ago I saw a great

car that I thought might work. The problem was the car was in Vermont and I live in California. I bid on the car anyway and had the highest bid but did not meet the reserve.

Still, I only had seen pictures of the car. I called my friend Mike Gribble and told him of the E-Bay ad. Mike looked at the ad and said he would call some other LCOC members back east who might know the car. In two weeks Mike called back and stated that an east coast friend knew the car and said it was sound, a good car. But now the E-Bay ad had ended.



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Three months passed and then the car appeared again on E-Bay. This time the person selling the car (not the owner) put his phone number in the ad. I called the seller and we agreed on a price and the deal was set. I felt a little nervous. After all, who buys a car sight unseen? It turns out a lot of people do. It also turns out that the previous owner had been in LCOC and other clubs. He passed away in 2008 and his widow was selling the car. I called the lady, and she was very nice and said that a lot of extra parts came with the car. Also, the person selling the car for the owner happened to be a mechanic and assured me that the car ran and drove wonderfully.

*Norm and Nancy Hoskins.*

Now, all I had to do was get the car to California. With the help of the seller I contracted with the “Thomas Sunday Auto Transport”. It would take two weeks for the car to get to my house. Prior to the car arriving in California, Nancy and I, along with our friends the Hutchinsons attended the LCOC Eastern National Meet in Chattanooga, Tennessee. While I was at this meet I met two gentlemen who had known the previous owner of my 1941 and also knew the seller. These men assured me that the seller was of high repute and the car was a “good one”.

On May 31, 2012, the car arrived in sunny, warm California. My whole neighborhood turned out as the big 18-wheeler delivered it. In summation, let me say that I couldn’t be happier. The car came with all the paperwork in order and a “ton” of extra parts.

My 1941 Lincoln Continental Coupe was built in February, 1941 and sent to Louisville, Kentucky, Serial # H119451. It is Volanta Coach Maroon in color with beige Bedford cord and maroon leather upholstery. The V-12 engine has polished aluminum heads and manifold. The car is not a show car YET. It needs a new paint job and some interior work. While going through the paperwork I found the name of another previous owner who lives in Pennsylvania. I called this person who is also an LCOC and LZOC member. He recalled having owned the car in the 1970s and said it was one of the best 1941s he has ever had.



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*Ford/Lincoln executives with some of the Lincoln owners at the LA Auto Show.*

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