



Western Region members and cars at the Proud Bird.

The first major LCOC Western Region event of the year kicked-off on Sunday, February 10 at the Proud Bird Restaurant near the Los Angeles International Airport. It started with a board meeting followed by brunch, and then a trip to the Automobile Driving Museum to view their beautiful collection and ride in several of the classics from the collection. Region Director Stacy Roscoe tells the full story and more on Page 2 of this issue. Reprinted here and throughout the issue are photos of the event taken by Jim Ayres and John Walcek.

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Automobile Driving Museum Tour



Mike Moreno with his 1963 Lincoln Continental Sedan.



Robert Ratinoff with his 1961 Lincoln Continental Convert



Larry and Karen Slozer with their Nineties Towncar.



Loren Kalin with his 1957 Continental Mark II.

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Director's message



The LCOC Western Region kicked-off 2013 in style! On Sunday, February 10th, almost 60 Western Region members and guests gathered at the Proud Bird Restaurant, right at the end of the runway at Los Angeles International Airport, for a fabulous brunch. We then proceeded to the Automobile Driving Museum to view their beautiful collection and ride in several of the classics from the collection.

We cannot thank Jim Ayres enough for the incredible work he put into the planning and execution of this event. The club historically has gathered in February for the first big club event of the year, and this has normally been a very nice Saturday night dinner. Jim wanted to try something a little different, and decided to combine a great meal with a museum trip five minutes from the restaurant...and it worked!! The food was some of the best we've ever had.

Jim arranged to have our classic Lincolns displayed in the parking lot outside the front door of the restaurant where we could gather before and after the brunch to check out many of our favorite cars and several others that have not been shown at our events before. We gave a great impromptu show to the hundreds of guests who just dropped by the restaurant for their Sunday brunch experience.

The Automobile Driving Museum had cars available for rides throughout the afternoon. Our favorite was the all original 1936 Lincoln K Towncar with only 41,000 actual miles. There is nothing like the torque in that powerful engine to pull you through the turns! Our club had special parking at the museum, and as we arrived, we generated another instant car show that at one time had almost every museum docent out to see what we had brought. They were quite impressed with the array of years and models and with the fine quality of our cars.

Before brunch, the Western Region Board of Managers met for our regular board meeting. Thanks to Jim Ayres and Jeremy Sanford, we now have events in either Northern or Southern California planned for almost every month of 2013. Details will be in *Confab* as we get closer to the time of the events.

Tom McCarthy was asked to fill a new vacancy on the board so that we will have an immediate and seasoned board member helping us in the very active year we have ahead of us. Tom was pleased to be asked, and agreed to serve. In order to have board candidates available in the future, we agreed to notify the membership about board openings through *Confab*, so we will have a pool of talent available that can bring new perspectives and approaches as any board seats become available. Again, stay in touch with your *Confab* for more details.

2013 is off and running...I look forward to seeing you all along the way.

Stacy

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**Major Western
Region Events
for 2013**

USS Iowa Tour
San Pedro, March 23

Fabulous Fords Forever
Knott's Berry Farm,
Buena Park, April 21

**Huntington Beach
Concours**
June 2

Pebble Beach Concours
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*Some of our group with the Automobile Driving Museum's
1936 Lincoln K Towncar.*

2013 EVENTS

March 23: USS Iowa Tour, San Pedro, California. For further details or questions see so.cal.events@lcocwestern.org or call Jim Ayres at 949-689-8471

April 11-14: Mercury-Edsel-Lincoln Meet in Laughlin. For more information call Larry Nopper at 626-260-8014 or e-mail TheLarryleeshow@aol.com

April 21: Fabulous Fords Forever at Knott's Berry Farm. Register on-line. The event will sell out early this year. <http://fabulousfords-forever.org/>

May 18: Second Annual Marin Picnic hosted by Mike Cunningham.

May 26: Fallbrook Vintage Car Club with Lincolns of the fifties and sixties as the featured marque. <http://www.fallbrookvintagecarclub.org/page3html>

June 2: Huntington Beach Concours. <http://hbconcours.org/>

June 22-30: Lincoln Highway Tour to Kearney, Nebraska.

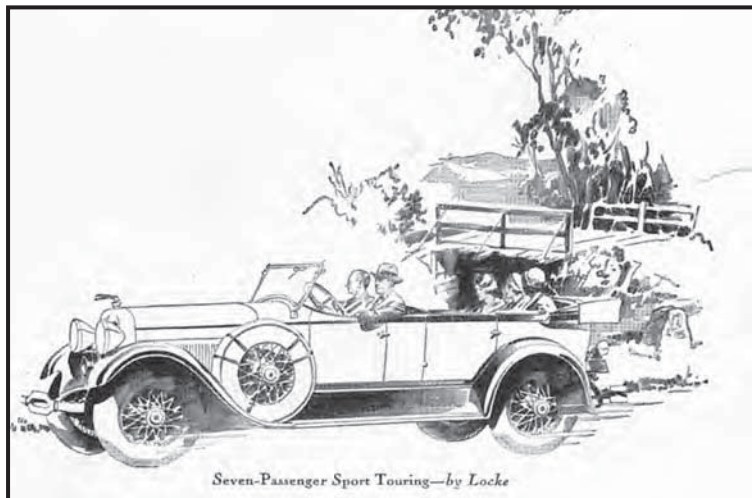
August 14-18: Pebble Beach Concours. Lincoln will be the featured marque with a Western Region display. <http://www.pebble-beachconcours.net/>

August 24; Annual Wine Country Picnic.

September 8: Fun Ford Sunday, Fairgrounds in Antioch.

October 23-27: Western National Meet, Phoenix, Arizona,

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The Western Region and the Lincoln Highway Tour

The upcoming Lincoln Highway Tour is being held in June to celebrate the Centennial of the founding of the Lincoln Highway in 1913. At the 2013 National Board Meeting in San Antonio LCOC reconfirmed that it will participate in this national tour June 22-30 with \$300 now appropriated to pass a LCOC torch along the tour, and the 10 Regions in the states where the tour travels will participate in the event. Owen Clarke will drive a 1953 Lincoln convertible from Times Square in New York to Kearney, Nebraska and Jack Fletcher will drive a 1961 Lincoln Continental sedan from San Francisco to Kearney, Nebraska. When the tour arrives in Kearney there will be several days of celebration and events.

At the present time it is believed that Western Region members and local Ford/Lincoln dealers will participate as the event travels through California from the Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco to the Nevada border. There will be a pre-tour gathering and dinner at the Crowne Plaza at the San Francisco International Airport on June 22. Then on June 23 the tour will leave Lincoln Park in San Francisco and finish the first day in Sacramento. On June 24 the tour will travel from Sacramento to Fallon, Nevada. It will continue on to Kearney, Nebraska where it will meet up with the West bound tour from New York City.

The battery powered torch will be carried from coast to coast as it is passed from Region to Region. The final depos-

itory of the torch will be in the Lincoln Motor Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

A large number of collector car clubs, including LCOC, will participate in this event from Coast to Coast.

Tourists will travel the original alignments of the

Lincoln Highway covering many miles of two-lane history, four-lane progress, and even gravel scenic beauty.

The LCOC Western Region will be offering hospitality and concierge service to participants at the San Francisco end of the Lincoln Highway Tour on Saturday, June 22 at the Crowne Plaza San Francisco Airport in Burlingame and then, on Sunday, June 23, at the starting point of the driving tour at the Palace of the Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park in San Francisco.

Please visit our website for personal contact information and up to the minute details: www.lcocwestern.org

For tour information and booking, contact Rosemary Rubin at (330) 418-3980. To find out more about Western Region participation in the tour contact Stacy Roscoe at (805) 642-9211 E-mail: SROSCOEVTA@AOL.COM Hurry, the final date for registration is May 1.

Lincoln Foundation Donors to Date

Glenn Kramer, our LCOC President and Jerry Capizzi, along with the other Trustees of our Lincoln Motorcar Museum Foundation wish to recognize and thank these members in the Western Region who have shown their "passion for the product" and contributed \$1,000 or more to our Lincoln Motorcar Museum building fund.

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USS Iowa Tour March 23

The Western Region and Thunderbirds of Southern California will be having a joint event in visiting the newest attraction in Southern California, the USS Iowa battleship docked in nearby San Pedro. This should be a great experience. We will get to check out the different decks and the engine room. We'll meet in front of the entrance at 10:00 am. We got a group rate of \$9.00 per person, half the usual adult admission! Parking is \$1 per hour. Registration deadline is March 9th.

After our tour we will head over to the 22nd Street Landing restaurant for lunch.

The location is the Pacific Battleship Center Restaurant, 22nd Street Landing. USS Iowa BB-61 141 W. 22nd Street, 250 South Harbor Boulevard, San Pedro, Ca 90731

For Directions and other information <http://www.sanpedro.com/spcom/US-S-Iowa-bb-61.htm>

Questions or info, call Jim Ayres 949-689-8471 or e-mail so.cal.events@lccowestern.org

Please fill out the form to the right and return with payment by March 9.

USS Iowa (BB-61) was the lead ship of her class of battleships and the fourth in the United States Navy to be named in honor of the 29th state. Owing to the cancellation of the Montana-class battleships, Iowa is the last lead ship of any class of United States battleships and was the only ship of her class to have served in the Atlantic Ocean during World War II.

During World War II, she carried President Franklin D. Roosevelt across the Atlantic to Casablanca en route to a crucial 1943 meeting in Tehran with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin. She has a bathtub — an amenity installed for Roosevelt, along with an elevator to shuttle him between decks. When transferred to the Pacific Fleet in 1944, Iowa shelled beachheads at Kwajalein and Eniwetok in advance

of Allied amphibious landings and screened aircraft carriers operating in the Marshall Islands. She also served as the Third Fleet flagship, flying Adm. William F. Halsey's flag at the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay. During the Korean War, Iowa was involved in raids on the North Korean coast, after which she was decommissioned into the United States Navy reserve fleets, better known as the "mothball fleet." She was reactivated in 1984 as part of the 600-ship Navy plan and operated in both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets to counter the recently expanded Soviet Navy. In April 1989, an explosion of undetermined origin wrecked her No. 2 gun turret, killing 47 sailors.

Iowa was decommissioned for the last time in 1990, and was initially stricken from the Naval Vessel Register in 1995. She was reinstated from 1999 to 2006 to comply with federal laws that required retention and maintenance of two Iowa-class battleships. In 2011 Iowa was donated to the Los Angeles-based non-profit Pacific Battleship Center and was permanently moved to Berth 87 at the Port of Los Angeles in the summer of 2012, where she was opened to the public to serve as a museum and memorial to battleships.

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Telephone Board

Meeting February 6

The first Board meeting of 2013 was held as a telephone conference call on February 6 and continued at the Proud Bird on Sunday, February 10.

One of the first items of business was reviewing the National Board decision on the Lincoln Foundation in San Antonio on January 19. \$1,2 million has been raised to build the Lincoln Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. However, another \$800,000 needs to be raised to provide for running the museum once it is built. An immediate final fund raising drive must be held in order to build the museum this year and provide for its maintenance. Most Regional Directors, including the Western Region, committed themselves to following through with final fund raising. Mike Cunningham is in charge of this effort and he has reported that things are going very well. Elsewhere in this issue is a list of Western Region members who have already contributed \$1,000 or more.

Mike Cunningham and Jeremy Sanford will produce paper copies of the region directory in April for the members who are unable to receive it by e-mail.

The June 2nd Huntington Beach Concours will be our LCOC Western Region Spring Meet. The Concours is set up to support "a meet within a meet". We could have our Spring board meeting during this meet, and will try to get full participation across the club.

April 21st is Fabulous Fords Forever at Knott's. Jim Ayres and Baron Night will manage the Lincoln booth. Ideas for making the booth more compelling include distribution of old editions of *Comments* now held by Tim Howley, a raffled basket from Carol Reniger, and selling flags and other Lincoln merchandise.

At the Proud Bird on February 10 we provided summary information from the National Board meeting to the general region membership. We also welcomed new members and prospective members to the Club. We reviewed our events calendar and generated excitement about what we do. We discussed the free renewal for sponsoring a new member campaign. The free membership renewal is featured elsewhere in this issue. Tom McCarthy was

added to the Board to fill a seat recently vacated.

The region will support the Lincoln Highway Tour as it starts in San Francisco on June 22 by having some kind of a hospitality/food booth at one of the stopping points in Northern California. Mike Cunningham will coordinate an event hosted by the region. Stacy Roscoe will contact Owen Clark in Pennsylvania for more detailed information regarding what type of event would work best to support the Lincoln Highway Tour.

There was much discussion on region activities for 2013. Those activities already in place are featured elsewhere in this issue.

Virginia Louise Cressey

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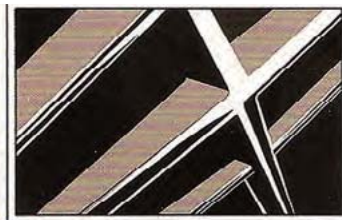
It is with sadness to report the passing of Ginny Cressey on December 25 2012. She leaves her husband Bob of 70 years, their son Ron, daughter-in-law Beverly and Grandson Paul. The celebration of her life was held Jan 3, 1213 at The Old North Church at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills.

Ginny and Bob both had a real passion for life, family and cars! They owned a 1911 Model T, a 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet, a 1967 Jaguar XKE Coupe, and were long time members of clubs supporting these cars.

Ginny was a hairstylist in the film industry and gave up her career when their son Ron was born on Bob's birthday in 1942. She wanted to be at home with them and Bob and Ginny went on to build their home in which they have lived in all their married lives.

They were great fun to be with, both having a wicked dry sense of humor. Those of us in the Lincoln Club often referred to them as the "Gable and Lombard" of the club because they often drove up in their beautiful white Lincoln Continental, sometimes dressed in period costume. Ginny was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed. We extend our condolences and best wishes to her family.

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Welcome New Members

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Robert O'Shea of Rolling Hills, CA. He's the proud owner of a 1966 Lincoln Continental Coupe.

Bring in a New Member

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Below, Stacy and Kerri Roscoe with their 1958 Mark II.



Inside the Automobile Driving Museum.

Fallbrook Concours to Honor Lincolns of the Fifties and Sixties

The Fallbrook Car Club, region of AACA, is having their 48th Annual Car Show on Sunday, May 26th, of Memorial Day weekend. Located in the bucolic hills of North San Diego County, the Fallbrook Car Show is held on grass, limited to 300 cars, and is a judged event. Proceeds are used to support various community charities.

This year, the Car Show will feature Lincolns and Continentals of the Fifties and Sixties. A few examples of these important cars will be selected for a special display. Additionally, a trophy will be given to the best of the group, and each displayed car will receive a box of premium items in appreciation of participation.

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Jim Ayres, Marv Wendt, Stacy Roscoe and Jeremy Sanford at The Proud Bird.

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USS Iowa Tour March 23

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