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Western Region cars at Huntington Beach, 2012.

Huntington Beach Concours Coming Up June 2

For the second year the LCOC Western Region will participate in the prestigious Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance in beautiful Central Park. The event is now only two weeks away. Our Region is combining this event with our Spring Meet and spring board meeting. Last year the Western Region entered 11 cars. This year we're shooting for twice that many. Last year our Lincolns were assembled in one line on the grass under trees facing the Thunderbirds and a scenic lake. This year we will have an equally picturesque location. Here you can show off your car to its best advantage, picnic on the lawn, and mingle with cars and members from a wide variety of other car clubs.

You can hob nob with Cadillacs, Model T Fords, T Birds, Packards, Mercedes, Bentleys, Porsches, Jaguars, Mini Coopers, Panteras, Lamborghinis, Ferraris, literally acres of the finest restorations and original cars around. Both the setting and the quality of cars are the best in the west. This is an awesome show. But you must hurry. Your registration must be received by Thursday, May 27 for your car to be judged. If you receive this *Confab* by e-mail you will find the registration on the last page. If you receive it by regular mail the registration is inserted in this issue. If you want more details contact Jim Ayres at: jayreso1@ca.rr.com or phone (949) 646-5644.

Record Turnout at Fabulous Fords April 21 by John Walcek

There was a strong turnout of Lincolns Sunday, April 21 at the 28th Annual Fabulous Fords Forever at Knott's Berry Farm. in Buena Park. California. So many Ford built cars wanted to attend that organizers had to close the gates at 2,100 vehicles spanning the years 1903-2013. This was the largest turnout ever for the largest Ford show in the country. Special Lincolns and Continentals were represented with six cars on the display of 38 fabulous "Milestone" Fords on the grass south of the enormous parking lot packed with Fords, Lincolns, and Mercurys. There's never before been a Fabulous Fords event like this one at Knott's. The streets leading to the entrance started backing up with the line of Fords well before sunrise. I volunteered to help park, along with Baron Knight and Jim Avres. We had to get there extra early, to set up the Lincoln booth, and get oriented as to field placement.

Read more on page 5.

Lincolns at Fabulous Fords Forever at Knott's Berry Farm, 2013.



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Director's message

I am getting excited about our club's response to the LCOC Western Region Spring Meet at the Huntington Beach Concours on Sunday, June 2nd. We are taking advantage of an opportunity to bring club members together for a fantastic car show with judging, prizes,



and other elements we love in a great meet, but without the time, work, and money that the club would normally have to put into such an event. The folks at the Huntington Beach Concours have encouraged us to have our meet within the large meet that they have organized, and all we need to do is pay \$35 per car and show up! Jim Ayres has been working very hard to make this the year that we have a record breaking number of Lincolns participating. I think that he even has a bet with the T-Bird Club that we can get more Lincolns than they can get T-Birds in the show. Please find the information flyer/registration form in this edition of *Confab* and sign-up. If you want to volunteer to be a judge at this event, please contact Chief Judge Paul Kerper at 949.551.9484 / hbcheadjudge@gmail.com.

For your longer range planning, we have the LCOC Western National Meet October 23-27 in Phoenix, Arizona at the Coast Phoenix Sky Harbor Hotel. This meet is being hosted by the Arizona Region. For more information, contact: Dave Jackson (Phone: 602.912.9438 / Email: dash_85283@yahoo.com). It has been a while since we have been in this part of the West, and we are looking forward to great time.

If you can't wait until October to attend an LCOC National Meet, you are invited the first LCOC meet to be held in beautiful Dover, Delaware, June 12 -17. The Hotel Reservation deadline is Thursday, May 13th. The Rate is \$99 per night at the Sheraton Dover Hotel (1-302-678-8500). Meet registration forms must be returned by Tuesday, May 28th. You can download all necessary registration information by clicking on: http://www.lcoc.org/documents/Meets/2013_LCOC-ENM_Registration.pdf

Congratulations go to our own *Lincoln and Continental Comments* editor, Tim Howley, who was just recognized with a Golden Quill Award that honors outstanding efforts by editors and their clubs in fostering progress in the old car hobby. The Golden Quill Award is issued by the staff of Old Cars Weekly to provide special recognition of literary achievement that boosts the hobby. Old Cars Weekly editor Angelo Van Bogart noted that "Quite a number of national publications have reached such high quality that they could compete on the magazine rack of a bookstore. Those publications would be right at home beside news and features magazines. That's how far our old car hobby has come in publishing." Congratulations, Tim!!

Until next month....

Stacy

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2013 EVENTS

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.pebblebeachconcours.net/

August 24; Annual Wine Country Picnic.

September 8: Fun Ford Sunday, Fairgrounds in Antioch.

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

REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE HUNTINGTON BEACH

CONCOURS. For those who receive the Confab by e-mail the registration form will be found at the very end of this issue. For those who receive the Confab by regular mail the form will be found inserted in this issue. Fill out and mail the form today. Registration closes on May 27.

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Now available, durable, satin car flag with LCOC logo screen printed on both sides. Easily attaches to Lincolns with frameless side glass (1970 and newer). \$30.00 for a set of two. All prices include shipping. Make checks payable to Western Region LCOC and mail to: Baron Night, P.O. Box 5141, Anaheim, CA 92814 For questions about merchandise, e-mail Baron Night at nitrovb@netzero.net.



Western Region tent at Fabulous Fords Forever, 2013.

Western Region dues are \$30 a year; add \$10 for Western Region membership outside the U.S. (Canada or Mexico). All dues are payable in U.S. currency to Western Region Membership Chairman, 9318 Chaparral Road, Canoga Park, California 91304-1206. Membership in the Western Region of LCOC is open to all parties interested in Lincoln Continental automobiles. Ownership of a Lincoln automobile is not necessary to join LCOC. You must, however, be or become a member of the National LCOC to be eligible to join the Western Region. Dues are in addition to Region dues. The Continental Confab is the official publication of the Western Region LCOC. It is distributed by First Class Mail to Western Region Members. Material contained in the Confab is intended to be as factual as possible, but neither the Western Region nor the editors assume any responsibility for the correctness of the material or its sources. Nothing in the Confab will be reproduced without the written permission of the editors and the Western Region Board of Managers. Car-related marketplace ads are free to members, except those conducting a commercial enterprise. Ads will run for three issues. Advertisers must contact editors to extend or modify ads. Non-member ads are \$10 per issue, with a three issue minimum. We request you notify editors when vehicle or parts are sold. All free ads are subject to editing and space availability. The deadline for submission of articles or ads is the 20th of the month prior to the issue requested. All article contributions may be submitted in writing to: Confab, 1780 Iris Way, Escondido, CA 92027.



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 2013. 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.

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 depository 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.

Participants will travel the original alignments of the Lincoln Highway covering many miles of two-lane history, fourlane progress, and even gravel scenic beauty.

The LCOC Western Region will be



offering hospitality and concierge service to participants at the San Francisco beginning 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.

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, Jerry Capizzi and the other Trustees of our Lincoln Motorcar Heritage Museum wish to recognize and thank these members in the Western Region who have shown their "passion for the product" and made a tax deductible contribution of \$1,000.00 or more to our Lincoln Motorcar Heritage Museum building fund. We're breaking ground on May 18, 2013!

Jim Ayres Alex Bernhard Earle O. Brown Mike Cunningham David Cole Vin Di Bona Den and Jan Fenske Rich Gierak and Becky Doherty Mike and Janet Gribble Jim and Carol Higgs Tim and LaVonne Howley Charles Humphreys Bruce and Helen Hutchinson Ed and Hazel Lacey Bob and Joan MacDougal E'dee Muse in memory of Norman A. Kimmel Stacy and Kerry Roscoe John and Susan Swensson Janet Tonks

Please join this great group and make your tax deductible contribution today to support the museum that will belong to all of us! Booklets and donation forms are on our Western Region website: www.lcocwestern.org Or, you can call Mike Cunningham at 415-479-8700 or email him at mike94903@sbcglobal.net

Thank You So Much and Happy Motoring!



Bob Shearan, Mike Cunningham, Jim and Carol Higgs with the Mark VIIs.

John Walcek's Fabulous Fords Forever Story Continued

It was a cool and foggy morning, and I wish I had worn a heavier coat to drive my "baby Lincoln", my newly resurrected 1963 Falcon Sprint convertible. The sun just began to peer through the fog as the gate opened at 7 a.m. Many people congregated along the streets and near the entrance just to watch these fabulous machines go by - Mustangs (some 1100 of them!), Model Ts and As, Galaxies, Fairlanes, Torinos, Mercurys, Cougars, Lincolns, Edsels, Thunderbirds, Falcons, Rancheros, Vans, Pintos, Probes, Focus', Bobcats, Broncos, trucks, Cobras, Tigers, Panteras, and a GT 40.

The Lincoln lanes filled up with some 46 specimens, with the earliest being Bob Huber's '46 Lincoln Continental Coupe, followed by Mal McFarland's '47 Lincoln Continental Coupe, Tom Crellin's red '53 Lincoln Capri, Tom Peluso's white '56 Premiere, Pierre Leichti's beige '60 Lincoln Convertible, Bill Kerfoot's jade '77 Lincoln, Marisa Gustafson's '77 Lincoln Continental Convertible (customized for US President Jimmy Carter's inaugural parade), and Laurie Morganthal's (from Fresno, some 250 miles away!) black '97 Lincoln Mark VIII.

LCOC was well represented, especially among the Mark VIIs. Western Region Membership Secretary Mike Cunningham drove his 1985 Mark VII down from San Rafael and Bob Shearan drove his 1991 Mark VII all the way from Reno. Steve Erler displayed his 1988 Mark VII convertible.

Then, a significant number of stylized cars arrived together from around the Los

Angeles basin. I think this represents a recent noteworthy trend: the "Low-Ridering" of Lincoln's from the '60s to the 2000s, which includes custom paint and interiors with "blaster" audio systems, special engine detail, and air suspension and big 22" and 24" wheels with low profile tires. The Ruthless Car Club from Los Angeles fielded many of such cars in this "DUB" style, which appears to be an evolution / offshoot of the Low Rider style, differing mainly in the use of more modern cars and the larger wheel sizes. I enjoyed Rico and Brande Burley's gold '67 Lincoln Continental Hardtop, and Leo Lopez's '02 purple LS.

At the south end of the large parking lot is a nice, grassy area where specially invited cars are showcased, along with car club booths, the Ford Racing display, and the announcer's booth. This "Milestone Display" celebrated great cars from Ford's 110-year history. Noteworthy Lincolns included Randy Ema's '27 Lincoln L Judkins Custom Coupe, Gregg Bunch's big '38 Lincoln K seven passenger Sedan, Elliott Jones' '41 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet, Mike and Janet Gribble's '48 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet, Bob Barger's Continental Mark II, and Jim Ayres' turquoise '64 Lincoln Continental Convertible.

Henry Ford III was there, and spoke of the new direction with the Lincoln MKZ, and posed with some of our Lincolns.

The fog finally parted and the day turned out sunny and nice. All the volunteers were treated to a fantastic lunch catered by Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner Restaurant.

The day went by too fast, and the comradery and friendship among Lincoln people was heartwarming. I made it the seven miles home in my 1963 Falcon Sprint convertible but not without it overheating as I pulled into my driveway; always an adventure!



Above, Henry Ford III and Gregg Bunch. Below, Marisa Gustafson with her 1977 Lincoln Continental Convertible.





Above, Randy Ema's 1927 Lincoln L Judkins Coupe. Left, Gregg Bunch's 1938 Lincoln K Limousine.

Right, Rico and Brande Burley's 1967 LC Sedan from the Ruthless Car Club. Below. Tom Peluso's 1956





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 owners of the best of the group, and each displayed car owner will receive a box of premium items in appreciation of participation.

Those interested in showing an eligible car are invited to submit an application. These can be obtained by calling Don McCormick 760/723-3235 or send a request to cohen27@verizon.net.





Cal Beauregard 1926-2013

The Western Region is sadden to report the passing of Cal Beauregard of Gallatin Gateway, Montana on April 14. He suffered a major stroke three days earlier and died peacefully at age 86 surrounded by his family.

Cal was a legend in LCOC and the Western Region. He was host of the Western National 1991 Meet held at Universal Studios in Hollywood. At the time he was in charge of Chrysler built cars loaned to the movie studios. He was a longtime executive of the Ford Motor Company in charge of Ford's secret service limousines used by U.S. Presidents and other dignitaries. Over the years he had met just about every important person on the international political scene.

In 1950 he joined Ford Motor in their New York district office where he rose from clerk assigned to customer complaints to transportation manager of the New York City office. It was in this capacity that he met so many important people including the Kennedys and Henry Ford II.

In 1975 Lee Iacocca asked Cal to move to Dearborn as Ford's executive projects manager. Now he was in charge of Ford executives world wide





travel which included providing limousines for inaugurations, governors' conferences, and Ford family weddings.

When Henry Ford II fired Iacocca in 1978, Cal was moved to California where he was put in charge of press and movie cars for Ford. Iacocca moved to Chrysler and in 1984 hired Cal away from Ford to be in charge of Chrysler built cars put on loan to the movie studios. He remained in this capacity until the end of 1994 when Iacocca retired. Cal also retired at this time. used when in New York City. They bought a lime green 1951 Lincoln Cosmopolitan convertible which won the Elliston Bell Founder's Trophy at the 1995 Western National Meet in San Diego. Upon Cal's retirement, he and Nancy moved from Sierra Madre, California to Gallatin Gateway, Montana.

Cal is survived by his wife Nancy, his children Brian, Jeff, and Suzanne and their families.

Cal and Nancy Beauregard receive the Elliston Bell Trophy from LCOC President Jim Farrell at the 1995 WNM.

Cal and Nancy were very active in LCOC with Cal serving on both National the LCOC Board an the Western Region Board. bought They and later sold the bubbletop 1062 Lincoln Continental that Jackie Kennedy





More of John Walcek's Fabulous Fords story:

I met many interesting people at the Fabulous Fords show. LCOC member Gene Bramson was there with Julio Palermo (visiting from Cuba). Gene went over to Cuba and visited Julio, who owns pre-Castro President Batista's '56 Continental Mark II. (See Comments issue #277 July–August 2007 for a past article on this car.)

Gene managed to get Julio a visa to come to America to speak at an Early Ford V-8 Club meeting in April. It was Julio's last day here. I think he felt right at home among the old Fords, and marveled at how well these cars are maintained.

Cuba is a "time warp" / alternate universe of old American cars that are still in daily use. Dollars and stock spare parts are hard to get; but they do what it takes to keep these cars running.



Third person from left is Gene Bramson, and person on far right is Julio Palermo from Cuba.



Tom Barger

with his

Continental

Mark II

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Huntington Beach Concours/ Western Region Spring Meet June 2



2680 Park Hills Drive

Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance Registration Form

Fill in the information for the appropriate day(s) and sign the Liability Release. Please print legibly.

LCOC Western Region Spring Meet

at the Huntington Beach Concours Car Show

> Automobile Entry \$35.00 *Day of Event \$45.00

Motorcycle Entry \$20.00 *Day of Event \$30.00

> Bicycle \$15 *Day of Event \$20

Spectator \$10.00 2 day fun ticket \$15.00

*Registration includes admission for you & a guest.

Make checks payable to: Huntington Beach Concours

Mail to:

Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance Attn: Bart P. McGrath, Entrics P.O. Box 5578 Huntington Beach, Ca 92615-5578 Be sure to include your check!

Sunday Choose a class from the Sunday Class list

Lincoln Class List: 08A Pre-War 1922 to 1942 08B Post-War 1946 to 1960 Inc. MKII 08C Modern 1961 to 1979 08D Modern 1980 to Present 08E Modern Marks 1969 to 1998 Tell us how you'd like to be judged: Concours (90+ pts) Street or Race Do Not Judge

LIADINITY Kelease: Entrant intending to enter and participate in the annual Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance event, held on Saturday, June 1, 2013 and Sunday, June 2, 2013, at Huntington Beach Central Park; does hereby: (1) release the Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance, Inc., the City of Huntington Beach, inclusive of directors, staff, volunteers and agents from any liability arising out of said event; (2) release all other contestants and officials from any and all liability arising out of said event; (3) warrant that the undersigned has personally read the rules and regulations; (4) give permission to use enclosed photographs and photos taken at the day of the event and information of entrant's automobile(s) and motorcycle(s) for publication and program inclusion; (5) understands that vehicles are to remain on the field until 2:00 pm on Saturday and 4:00 pm on Sunday. I have read the above, and accept the terms and conditions (both must sign).





Premier Car Show!

June 2, 2013 - 9:00am-4:00pm Sunday Concours & Classics Huntington Beach Central Park 7111 Talbert, Huntington Beach theoncours.org - 714-375-8414 Show your car in a beautiful setting Bask in the sun or lounge in the shade Picnic on the lawn Enjoy club camaraderie

*Please let Jim Ayres know as soon as possible if you are registering so we can finalize details:

Contact Jim Ayres at jayres01@ca.rr.com or (949) 646-5644



Sunday, June 2nd Concours d'Elegance

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