



Gribble's 1948 LC with Pringle's 1951 Lido from Washington.

Western Region Wins Big at the 2013 Western National Meet

The Western Region was the winner hands down at the 2013 Western National Meet held October 23-27 at the Phoenix Airport Plaza Hotel. The region came home with five Primary 1sts, three Senior 1sts, four Lincoln Trophies, and three Perpetual Trophies including the Elliston Bell Founder's Trophy. The Western Meet was sponsored by the Arizona Region with Region Director Dave Jackson as host and Bob Johnson as meet planner and organizer.

The Phoenix Meet was small in terms of past standards. There were just 36 cars judged plus a half dozen or so more for exhibition on the top level of the hotel's parking garage which proved quite convenient for mechanical judging. While the number of cars was small the quality of the cars was extremely high.

Activities started with a complimentary early bird buffet Wednesday evening. The registration room was combined with a hospitality room for member comfort and convenience. For the first time new members were identified by a red dot placed on their name tags.



Roscoe's '58 at Camelback Ford-Lincoln and the Hutchinsons with their '88 Mark VII.

Thursday there was a driving tour to Del Frisco's Grille in a fashionable complex on Camelback Road in Phoenix. This was followed by a visit to Camelback Ford-Lincoln where the group enjoyed snacks and beverages and had



the opportunity to test drive new Lincoln models. In the evening there was a Southwest style Fajita buffet back at the hotel.

Friday morning brought another driving tour, this time to the Martin Automobile Museum about 20 miles north of the hotel. This is a widely varied collection of classic cars, muscle cars, customs and hot rods with a few Fords and no Lincolns. Lunch was served at the end of the tour.

Friday evening the hotel offered another buffet followed by a lively auction. There was much competition for items at this auction and many of the winning bids were much higher than expected. Here again was evidence that a small meet is not necessarily a bad thing.

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Director's message

The LCOC Western Region Annual Meeting:

Our LCOC Western Region Annual Meeting, held at Morro Bay during the weekend of November 15 – 17, was a great success. The actual meeting was conducted on Saturday the 16th, but the activities started on Friday afternoon and lasted through Sunday morning. Board members were joined by other Western Region members at both the board meeting and at the associated weekend activities.



On Friday we spent several hours in our waterside hospitality suite before adjourning for a late dinner in the dining room of our host hotel, the Inn at Morro Bay. The board meeting started at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, broke for a short lunch, and continued to 2:00 p.m. (Please see the key accomplishments of the meeting in a separate article on Pages 6 and 7 of this issue of *Confab*.)

After the meeting, all attendees gathered at Morro Bay harbor for a late afternoon cruise full of the history of the area, views of the water and beautiful boats, and contact with sea life and birds from the area. We experienced a crisp fall afternoon on the water with what was almost a private tour of the harbor elements that interested us the most. A big hit was the anchored “junk yard” boat that looked like a scrap metal hauler on the water. We looked hard to spot spare Lincoln parts that we were sure had to be there somewhere in the piles of tanks and wire!

After another round of food, drink, and conversation in our hospitality suite we gathered downtown for a dinner at one of the locals' favorite places (recommended by our tour boat skipper, Captain Jake) that came complete with a local band, dancing, and of course, great food. After dinner, the hospitality suite opened up for a final round of stories and relaxation. Sunday morning saw individual gatherings for breakfast prior to departures throughout the morning.

I want to give a special thanks to Mike Cunningham who was our meeting logistics leader and hospitality manager. Mike coordinated hotel arrangements, organized the harbor cruise and dinner arrangements, and most importantly, pulled together our hospitality suite. Thanks, Mike, for a great job!

I am already looking forward to next year's annual meeting, and I encourage all club members to consider joining us to learn more about our club and maybe even getting involved in some program planning and execution throughout the upcoming year.

Until next time.....*Stacy*

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bob Alston is a new member joining from Mentone, California

Roberto Cruzalegui of Palmdale has joined us. He drives a beautiful full sized 1978 Town Car.

John Lamdin of Palm Desert has joined us with a very special 1995 Spinnaker Edition Town Car along with a 1988 Town Car Signature Series.

David Mendonca of Tulare has joined with his 1962 Lincoln Continental Sedan.

Ron Ridnour has joined us from up in La Center, Washington and has two Mark IVs and a Mark V.

Tom Wright of San Diego has just purchased a 1947 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet.

We look forward to meeting these folks and their Lincolns at an event soon!

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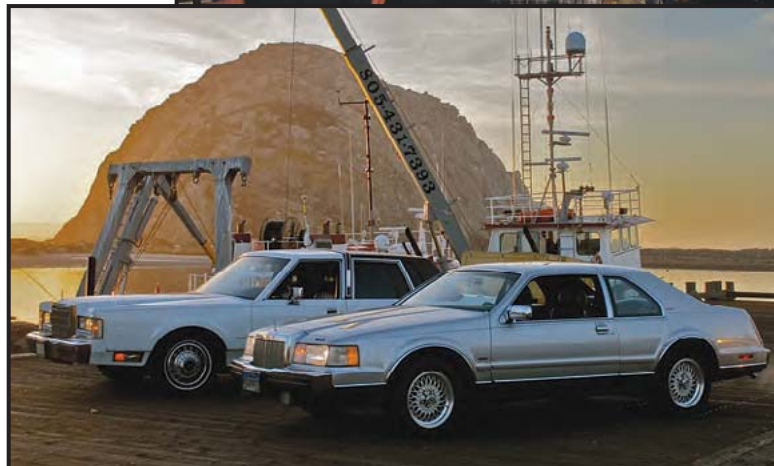
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Western Region Annual Meeting Photos by Jim Ayres



Late afternoon cruise on Morro Bay

The Board and guests at the Inn at Morro Bay.



Ron Cressy's Town Car with Mike Cunningham's Mark VII LSC.

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Photos from the 2013 Western National Meet



Above, Bruce and Helen Hutchinson's
1993 Lincoln Town Car.



Above, Bob and Joan MacDougal's
1995 Lincoln Town Car.



Above, Judging Tom and Candy Spiel's 1996 Lincoln Mark VIII.



Above, Bill Green's 1978 Lincoln Town Coupe
at Camelback Ford-Lincoln.

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Above, Mike and Mike. Mike Cunningham and
Mike Gribble at the Martin Museum.

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Saturday was show day with cars from as far away as Washington State, Michigan and Texas. There were three 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolets at this show which we have not seen in many years. While the weather was hot it was not blistering and the judging was completed in time for an "on your own" lunch. Throughout the afternoon LCOC photographer John Walcek was shuttling cars between the garage roof and scenic Phoenix locations for photo shoots.

After the show there was a lively national meeting where members discussed the direction of future national meets -- tours versus formal judging.

Saturday night over 100 members with their families and friends attended the gala awards banquet where Glenn Kramer announced that he is retiring as LCOC President at the end of the year. He will be replaced by John Talbourdet from Danvers, Massachusetts who has been our National Chief Judge since 2008. There was also an announcement of 2014 National Meets. The Western Meet will be in the Seattle area in July with a driving tour around Mt. Rainer. The Mid-America Meet will be in Rockfield, Illinois September 17-21. The Eastern Meet will be in St. Pete Beach, Florida April 30-May 4.

Here is how Western Region members did at the Phoenix meet:

1948 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet, Primary 1st, Mike and Janet Gribble, Ladera Ranch, California.

1977 Lincoln Continental Town Coupe, Primary 2nd, Bob Blevins, Yuma, Arizona.

1978 Lincoln Continental Town Coupe, Primary 1st, William Green and Jerry Holub, Palm Springs, California.

1988 Lincoln Mark VII, Primary 1st, Bruce and Helen Hutchinson, Northridge, California.

1995 Lincoln Town Car, Primary 2nd, John and Karen Malta, Mesa, Arizona.

1995 Lincoln Town Car, Primary 1st, Bob and Joan MacDougal, Carson City, Nevada.

1996 Lincoln Mark VIII, Primary 1st, Tom and Candy Spiel, Riverside, California.

1957 Continental Mark II, Senior 1st, Tom and Candy Spiel, Riverside, California.



Left, Sherman Lovegren's 1957 Mark II

Below, Tom and Candy Spiel's 1957 Mark II.

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Continental Mark II, Senior 1st, Sherman, Lovegren, Fresno, California.

1967 Lincoln Continental Convertible, Senior 1st, Tom and Candy Spiel, Riverside, California.



Lincoln Trophies:

1948 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet, Mike and Janet Gribble, Ladera Ranch, California.

1978 Lincoln Continental Town Coupe, William Green and Jerry Holub, Palm Springs, California.

1988 Lincoln Mark VII, Bruce and Helen Hutchinson, Northridge, California.

1995 Lincoln Town Car, Bob and Joan MacDougal, Carson City, Nevada.

Perpetual Trophies:

1957 Continental Mark II, William Clay Ford Trophy, Tom and Candy Spiel, Riverside, California.

1967 Lincoln Continental Convertible, L. Dale Shaeffer Trophy, Tom and Candy Spiel, Riverside, California.

1957 Continental Mark II, Elliston Bell Founder's Trophy, Sherman Lovegren, Fresno, California.

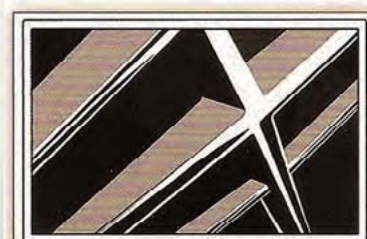
Preservation Trophy:

1990 Lincoln Mark VII LSC, Jim and Carol Higgs, San Pedro, California.

Emeritus Awards:

1993 Lincoln Town Car, 3rd Emeritus Award, Bruce and Helen Hutchinson, Northridge, California.

1958 Continental Mark III, 3rd Emeritus Award, Stacy and Kerry Roscoe, Ventura, California.



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Sherman Lovegren with a Lincoln Trophy and his 1957 Continental Mark II at the WNM in Concord, California in 2012.

Western National Meet Elliston Bell Winner is Sherman Lovegren's 1957 Continental Mark II

You couldn't have a more deserving winner for the Elliston Bell than Sherman Lovegren of Fresno, California. He first showed the golden Continental Mark II at the 2012 Western National Meet in Concord, California where it won a Lincoln Trophy. You may also remember him at the Western National Meet in Albuquerque in 2004, where his 16 mile 1978 Continental Mark V won a Lincoln Trophy.

Life has not been kind to Sherman in recent years. He lost his beloved wife Phyllis in 2010 and he has had his own battle with cancer. He sold all his cars including the Mark V and a Mark V Caribou pickup truck. But now he has this gold 1957 Continental Mark II that he entered in the Senior Class in Phoenix this past October.

In an effort to get his mind off his troubles his daughter found this Mark II for him. It was owned by an LCOC member, Doug Rumell in Discovery Bay near Oakley, California. The car had only 53,000 miles, but some modifications had been made. The car was repainted in 1983, fortunately to the original color. However, in the course of time disc brakes and an Edelbrock carburetor had been

added. The owner had kept all the original parts.

Sherman bought the car a year before the Concord meet and brought in a young man named John Beneditz, also in Fresno, who spent countless hours bringing the car back to life as it had left the factory in 1957. He spent so much time working on the car that now the undercarriage looks as perfect as the body, engine compartment and interior.

Western members who have been in LCOC for a long time will remember that Sherman's car is virtually identical to Bob and June Davis's gold 1957 Mark II which is still in the hands of Davis's heirs.

The only other Mark II at the Western National Meet in 2013 was Tom and Candy Spiel's silver gray 1957 Continental Mark II which won the William Clay Ford Trophy. Tom Spiel donated another Continental Mark II to the Barrett Jackson Auction in Las Vegas in September with the proceeds going to the Loma Linda Children's Hospital.

Morro Bay Western Region Board Meeting

The Morro Bay Board Meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on Saturday, November 16. In attendance were Stacy Roscoe, Bruce Hutchinson, Mike Cunningham, Tom McCarthy, Jim Ayres and Jeremy Sanford. Guests in attendance were Helen Hutchinson, Bob and Joan MacDougal, Kerry Roscoe and Ron Cressy.

Stacy Roscoe, Jim Ayres and Shirley Richards were each elected to a three year term beginning January 1, 2014. The vote was unanimous to elect the following as officers for 2014: Stacy Roscoe, President; Jeremy Sanford, Vice President; Carol Reniger, Secretary; Bob Reed, Treasurer; Mike Cunningham, Membership.

The first order of business was Finance with projected core expenses to exceed projected dues/income in 2013. 90% + of dues collected will be used to support *Confab* and Website activities. In 2013 events were subsidized by \$791. The Finance Committee recommended the following for 2014: 1. Live within the revenue generated each year. 2. Look very closely at our funds before donating money. 3. Look very closely at our funds before more event subsidies. 4. Pursue options to reduce costs for mailing ballots. 5. Pursue options to reduce costs for mailing *Confab*. 6. Emphasize dues revenue growth. 7. Checks to be written within two weeks of receipt.

A Budget for 2014 was adopted that did not subsidize North and South events. Northern activities will charge a nominal fee {I.E. \$5.00} for participants at traditional Northern events.

Unanimous agreement was reached that the region will continue with nine issues of *Confab* in 2014. This is a six week interval on issues. The list of members



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being mailed *Confab* as opposed to the list being e-mailed is expected to drop from the present 45 to a much lower number by April, 2014.

The region will use a 175 count for 2013 membership. This includes those receiving any complimentary copies of *Confab* and those who have payment pending. Mike Cunningham will notify lapsed members regarding the last edition of *Confab* they received and give them an opportunity to rejoin. He will also send a marked packet to National members not belonging to the Western Region encouraging them to join the Region. This was done in 2010 with encouraging results.

Regrading Projects, Stacy Roscoe reported an inventory of Region items for sale as: 68 Flags, 1 Badge, 25 Lincoln Parking Only signs, 28 Shades, and 18 License Plate Frames. Flags are to be marketed nationally in 2014. Jeremy recommended that no new items be added.

Jim Ayres presented a list of potential Southern events thru July. Primarily, there was a discussion of an alternative site for the Kickoff Brunch since the Proud Bird is closing. Jim was encouraged to work with other affiliates of the Proud Bird and report. Discussion was held on the proposed joint meet with the LZOC at the Queen Mary in May. To date, the lack of communication and lack of firm plans exist. Jim will update the situation by the February meeting. Jim strongly recommended we consider San Diego for the 2015 Western National Meet. Meets will be discussed at the National Meeting in January and a decision will be made regarding the Western Meet soon thereafter. Tom McCarthy will check out a possible San Diego Lincoln Group.

Jeremy plans to repeat successful Northern events in 2013 and is willing to put on any event that will draw members.

The Lincoln Museum in Michigan is now funded and under construction; it needs operating dollars. Comments were received that the website is not informative enough. Jeremy agreed that it needs updating but that it has its limitations, because he noted that it requires a National Membership number to access. This website should be considered a "lead generator". Jeremy will update pictures and look into listing new and older events. Lincolns For Sale Advertising will continue with



Above, Morro Bay Board Meeting. Right, another Morro Bay board meeting.



Junk yard boat in front of the Inn at Morro Bay.

the advertiser contacting Tim Howley for a *Confab* listing.

No group comments on judging were registered for presentation at the National Board Meeting in January. Regarding other clubs, the policy is that we welcome other clubs and we should be available to other clubs. Ford Motor Company, specifically Lincoln, is not aiding clubs at present. Jim Ayres continues to meet with John Clinard, Ford's Regional Manager of Communications.

It was announced at the 2013 Western National Meet in Phoenix that John Talbourdet has been named the incoming President of LCOC. It is expected that discussion will be held in January regarding national meets with non-

judging, driving tours, people's choice awards, and the use of inexpensive motels.

The next Western Region Board Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Kickoff Brunch in February.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Above, more Jim Ayres photos from Morro Bay.



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