



## Lincolns at the Huntington Beach Concours Sunday, June 1

Story and photos by John Walcek

I always look forward to an interesting time going to the annual Huntington Beach Concours. It takes place at a nice city park just inland from the ocean. The weather was sunny this year, but not too hot. There were many Jags, Rolls-Royces, Bentleys, Packards, MGs, McLarens, Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Maseratis, Metropolitans, and Motorcycles (including one with a Ford Flathead V-8 engine!). There was a nice red classic Auburn. There were many GM cars; Chevys, Corvettes, Oldsmobiles, Buicks, and Cadillacs. There was a full spectrum of cars from Ford: Model T's, Mustangs (including the new 2015 model), T-Birds, and Lincolns.

This was our LCOC regional Spring Meet, and our club managed to field 17 Lincolns out of 23 registered. These cars were from the '20s to the '80s. Noteworthy were three classics from the coach-built era: Arnold Schmidt's '25 Lincoln L Roadster, Vince Scully's '31 Lincoln Town Car, and Gary Severn's '32 Lincoln KB Roadster.

I drove one of Jim Ayres' beautiful cars, his '61 Lincoln Continental Sedan, and he drove his '64 Lincoln Continental Convertible. There was a total of five slab sides from the '60s, the others being William Ramirez' silver '63 Lincoln Continental Convertible, Kip Cyprus'

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*Right,*  
Gary Severn,  
1932 Lincoln KB  
Roadster.  
*Below,*  
Vince Scully,  
1931 Lincoln  
Custom Town Car,  
*Below right,*  
Arnold Schmidt,  
1925 Lincoln L  
Roadster.



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## Director's message



One of the best parts of my job as Director for the Western Region of LCOC is being a contact for Lincoln owners who are looking to buy, sell, or fix up their Lincolns. I enjoy this because I help our club to do what it does best: serve the needs of Lincoln owners or prospective owners. Because of the wide range of cars our club represents, often my primary role is to be a conduit between the person asking the question and the club member that I think can be most helpful. With each one of these calls, I know that there is someone in the club who has been in the caller's situation before and knows exactly what to do. Sometimes the need is to identify a technical expert. The need can also be an opinion of value, locating a car that could be for sale, or just some experience as the owner of a particular model. After all of this interaction, I find it extremely rewarding to talk to happy folks whose problems are solved by the resources recommended, or whose dreams have just been realized by finding that special car hidden away someplace. It is especially exciting as I look forward to meeting my new phone pals in person or seeing their special cars at one of our events. Our club is a community of owners and those who are not yet owners that have a passion for the beautiful Lincolns built over this last century. Sharing this passion is both important and enjoyable. Remember this when you run into folks who own Lincolns or people who just stop you to talk about your car. These people may be the new members that should be connected with our community. After several years of sliding membership, there are some signs in 2014 that our club is better connecting with these people and that our membership is starting to grow again. Let's all do what we can to keep as many as possible sharing our passion for Lincolns

If you have additional time and energy to expend in the name of our Lincolns, please consider placing your name on this year's Board of Managers ballot that will go out in the August *Confab*. If you are not sure about what is involved or how you could best contribute, give me a call (805) 642-9211 or email me at [sroscoepta@aol.com](mailto:sroscoepta@aol.com), and I will be happy to discuss all of this with you.

The Western National Meet, hosted by the Pacific Northwest Region takes place July 16th – 20th in Tacoma, Washington at the LeMay America's Car Museum. Full registration packets can be obtained at <http://www.lcoc.org/Meets.asp>, but time remaining to register is limited. The hotel for the meet will be the Best Western Plus Tacoma Dome Hotel. A block of rooms is now reserved for Lincoln Club members at a rate of \$119. The address is 2611 East E Street, Tacoma, Washington 98421-1225. The phone number for reservations is 253 272-7737. I look forward to seeing you there!!

Until next time.....Stacy

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## Western Region and LCOC Calendar of Events and All Makes Events for 2014

### July 16 - 20 - Western National Meet, Tacoma, Washington

[http://lcoc.org/documents/Meets/2014\\_Western\\_Meet\\_Promo.pdf](http://lcoc.org/documents/Meets/2014_Western_Meet_Promo.pdf)

### July 26 - South Bay Lincoln Show, 5100 West Rosecrans, Hawthorne

contact Jim Ayres (949)646-5644, Jayres01@ca.rr.com

### August 6 - 9 - The Lincoln Homecoming at the Gilmore and Lincoln Motorcar Museum Dedication

<http://www.michiganlcoc.org/portal25/jupgrade/index.php/museum/177-hotel-info-museum-building-dedication-weekend-aug-9-10>

**August 23 - Wine Country Picnic - Tribute to Mike Cunningham - Sebastiani Winery, Sonoma - Contact Jeremy Sanford (916) 488-3936 jsanford@surewest.net**

### September 14 - Palos Verdes Concours

<http://www.pvconcoours.org/>

### September 17 - 21 - Mid-America National Meet, Rockford, Illinois

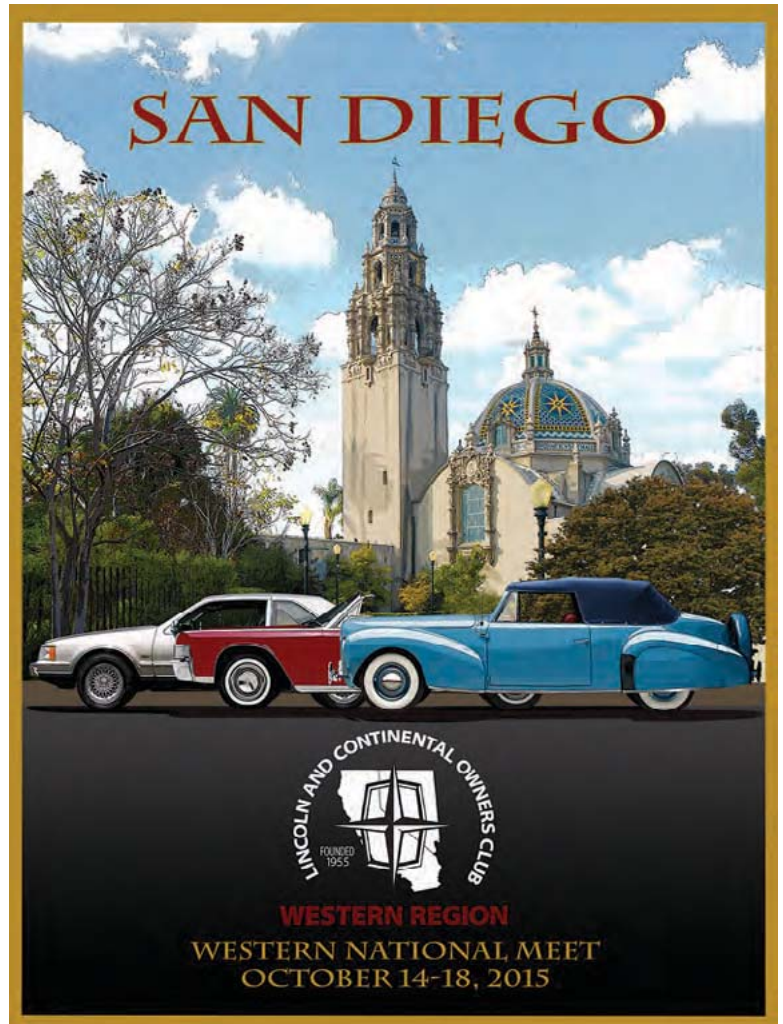
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### September 21 - Dana Point Concours

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**October - Car Show at Witt Lincoln, San Diego** Details to be announced later  
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*Left, 1957 Continental Mark II, Loren Kalin and Laura Liang;  
Right, 1970 Continental Mark III, Donald Torrence.*

black '61 Lincoln Continental Convertible, and John Ellison's yellow '66 Lincoln Continental Convertible.

Bob Blevins drove his '52 Lincoln Cosmopolitan from Arizona. Loren Kalin and his lady friend, Laura Liang, came in his white '57 Continental Mark II.

Of the later Lincolns: Don Torrence brought his '70 Mark III, David Berman came with his '79 Mark V, and Nick Drance showed his '77 Mark V. Robert Supalla brought his '86 Continental Givenchy, and Alan and Ron Cressy displayed their '92 Mark VII LSC and '88 Lincoln Town Car. Steve Erler brought his '88 Mark VII Convertible and also displayed many of his Lincoln portrait posters.

Our 17 Lincolns represented the second most cars fielded by a specific car club; the Corvette Club fielded the most number of cars. With fewer and fewer cars coming out to events like these, the better your chances are of winning awards. Just about everyone got some sort of award.

For some inter club competition and camaraderie, the T-Bird people picked their favorite Lincoln:

Arnold Schmidt's '25 Lincoln. We chose Ron Morin's red '66 T-Bird Convertible as our favorite T-Bird.



*William Ramirez 1963 Convertible;  
Jim Ayres, 1961 Sedan  
and 1964 Convertible.*

After wandering among the variety of cars, I managed to take a few more pictures for my inventory of cars at "my secret" car spot, under some old pepper trees.

*Below, 1961 Lincoln  
Continental Convertible,  
Kip Cyprus.*




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Street Class:

1st, Vince Scully, 1931 Lincoln Town Car

**Post War 1946-1960 Including Mark II**

Concours Class:

1st, Robert Blevins, 1952 Lincoln Cosmopolitan.

Street Class:

1st, Loren Kalin, 1957 Continental Mark II.

**Modern 1961-1979**

Concours Class:

1st, John Ellison, 1966 Lincoln Continental Convertible.

2nd, Kip Cyprus, 1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible.

3rd, William Ramirez, 1963 Lincoln Continental Convertible.

Street Class,

1st, Jim Ayres, 1961 Lincoln Continental Sedan.

**Modern 1980-Present**

Concours Class:

1st, Robert Supalla, 1986 Lincoln Continental Givenchy.

Street Class:

1st, Alan and Ron Cressy, 1988 Lincoln Town Car.

**Modern Marks 1969-1998**

Concours Class:

1st, Donald Torrence, 1970 Continental Mark III.

Street Class:

1st, David Berman, 1979 Lincoln Continental Mark V.

2nd, Nick Drance, 1977 Lincoln Continental Mark V.

3rd, Alan and Ron Cressy, 1992 Lincoln Mark VII LSC.

Note: There were no second or third place awards in some classes.

There were 23 cars registered, but six did not show up. Of the 17 cars that were there, 15 won an award.

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Western Region Members  
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 XXIV 2014  
 at the Queen Mary  
 by John Walcek

The Lincoln-Zephyr Owners Club held their Western National Meet at the scenic Queen Mary in Long Beach, California, May 16-18. Morning overcast clouds yielded to sunny skies in the afternoon, making for a perfect outdoor day.

Many LCOC members also belong to LZOC, and visa versa, so there was a good chance for everyone to see and appreciate the variety of Lincolns over the years. Only 14 cars registered for the meet, which made for many more friendly discussions among participants and admiring tourists.

About half of the cars were of Zephyr vintage, i.e. Ford built Lincoln unibody cars with the V-12 engines/chassis from 1936 to 1948. There were two beautiful '40 Lincoln-Zephyr Continental Cabriolets: a black one owned by Dave Cole and Ken Tibbot, and a maroon one owned by Jerry Emery, which he drove some 400 miles from San Jose!

Now, 1940 was the first year of the hand-built Zephyr "Continental", i.e. body lowered three inches, and hood and front fenders lengthened seven inches. In 1941, the same basic body style became the "Continental" with "Continental" chrome script on the body near the rear of the hood.

Darrell Radford showed his tan '41 Lincoln Continental Coupe, and Marv Wendt and Jan McNeil brought their black '47 Lincoln Continental Coupe (with Cadillac engine!). Tom Wright brought his blue '47 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet from San Diego.

John Ellison's '41 Lincoln Custom Limo took most of the trophies for the event. Now, 1941 was the first year Lincoln made a "Lincoln Custom" which included a 138-inch wheelbase limousine and formal sedan, both derived from the Lincoln-Zephyr. 1941 was the first year for power windows including a divider window in the Lincoln Custom limousine. The Lincoln Customs replaced limousine models that were designated Lincoln K, which was dropped after 1939. John also brought his '66 Lincoln Convertible from San Diego. His drivers

*Bob Blevins with his 1952 Lincoln Cosmopolitan.*

*Photos by Jim Ayres.*



*Above, seven of the 14 cars at the Queen Mary.*

*Right, 1940 Lincoln-Zephyr Continental, Dave Cole and Ken Tibbot.*



were Mario Barry and Pedro Meyer and son Ian.

LZOC West President Wesley Willson and girlfriend Iliia drove his '78 Mark V. Bob Blevins drove his '52 yellow Lincoln Cosmopolitan from Arizona. Jim Ayres brought his '64 Lincoln Continental Convertible. Bruce and Helen Hutchinson came with their blue Lincoln Mark VII.

It was good to see Merv Adkins, Ron Cressy, and Jim and Carol Higgs, familiar faces at LZOC/LCOC events, who just came to help and / or enjoy the cars and setting.

I made the most of trying to pose cars with the Queen Mary in the background after the field was released.

The show included a tour of the Queen Mary, Long Beach Tour, LZOC board meeting, judging, awards banquet and Sunday champagne brunch.

Next to the ill fated Titanic, the RMS Queen Mary is the most famous ocean liner in the world. The Queen Mary sailed the North Atlantic Ocean from 1936 to 1967. Queen Mary and her sailing mate, the RMS Queen Elizabeth, were built as





John Ellison's 1941 Lincoln Custom Limousine.



Jim Ayres' 1964 LC Convertible, Hutchinson's Mark VII.

part of Cunard's planned two-ship weekly service between Southampton, Cherbourg, and New York City. With the outbreak of World War II, Queen Mary was converted into a troop ship. After the war, Queen Mary was refitted for passenger service and sailed until the jet age made her obsolete. She then sailed to Long Beach for a whole new life. Much of the machinery was removed, and the ship now serves as a hotel, museum and events center.

### April 10 Western Region Board Meeting

The Meeting was called to order by phone at 7:30 p.m. on April 10. On the line were seven board members. Here is a capsule view of the proceedings:

**Finances:** As of April 10 there was \$4,310.60 in the checking account. Our Wells Fargo savings account has a balance of \$2,701.91. Because most dues are paid during the first quarter of the calendar year, the \$3,000 in dues payments that we received this quarter will be the biggest infusion of the year into the checking account.

**Membership:** Jeremy Sanford volunteered to take the role of Club Membership through 2014. After initially receiving files and mail from the Mike Cunningham estate, he is now getting membership inquiries and dues payments directly. The Club currently has 180 members. Jeremy requested that all dues be due at the first of the calendar year vs. staggered based on joining date. The vote was unanimous. Jeremy agreed to get the directory out via e-mail, mailed on May 18 and a copy went to non e-mail members with the first *Confab* after their availability.

**2015 Western Meet:** Ron Cressy and Jim Ayers reported on the 2015 Western National Meet: They reported on progress with plans to hold the Western National Meet in San Diego October 14 through 19. Bruce Hutchinson requested that they keep in close contact with LCOC National on the details. Ron and Jim expect to finalize details with the Town and Country Motel in Mission Circle at \$119 per night and a commitment of 145 room nights, which Ron felt was reasonable. Details on the meet will be announced at the Tacoma Meet in July and will be printed in the

*Confab* shortly thereafter. Tim Howley committed to heavy promotion in *Confab* and *Comments*.

**Events:**

**North** - Jeremy working on three events and one would be honoring Mike Cunningham.

**South** - Jim striving to have at least one event per month scheduled. The joint meet between LZOC and LCOCs still in negotiation.

**Ballots:** Tom plans on sending out the 2014 Board of Managers ballot in the August *Confab*, with a hard copy going in the mail to those members who do not have computers. We discussed this subject in detail in our June 23 board call since we still need to identify candidates, and a lot of work will need to be done in July and August to get all the information required for the ballot. With Mike Cunningham's seat vacant, we will have four (4) board positions on the ballot.

**Projects:** Baron is ordering new name tags. Jim Ayers will look into Windshield Decals cost and feasibility.

**Annual Meeting:** Based on the June 23 meeting, the Annual Meeting will be held in San Diego in October.

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*1966 Lincoln Continental Convertible.  
John Ellison.*

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Ron and Alan Cressy,*



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