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Dave Cole and Ken Tibbot's 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet.

75th Anniversary of the Lincoln Continental to be celebrated in San Diego, October 11

The Lincoln Division of Ford Motor Company will celebrate the 1939 introduction of the Lincoln Continental at Witt Lincoln in San Diego on October 11, very close to the date the first Lincoln Continental was introduced to the public on October 15, 1939.

There will be food, fun and prizes all to be sponsored by Lincoln and Witt. In addition, there will be a Western Region Show and a Fall Board Meeting at this same place and date as a prelminary kick-off to the gigantic 2015 Western National Meet to be held in San Diego, October 14-18, 2015. You won't want to miss this 2014 Western Region event of the year.

The first Lincoln Continental, a prototype Cabriolet, was completed in late February, 1939. It was shipped to Florida for Edsel Ford's personal use at his winter home in Hobe Sound and for driving around Palm Beach. There is a legend that Edsel received over 200 orders for the car. That legend has never been subtantiated or denied. Sadly, this first Lincoln Continental was scrapped during the summer of 1939. Then a second Lincoln

Continental, an engineering prototype Cabriolet, was completed in June. It was later purchased by E.T. Gregorie, and eventually found its way to Bob Anderson in Pennsylvania, who restored it.

The third Lincoln Continental was a Cabriolet show car, not a production model, and it was finished on October 3. Another Cabriolet show car was displayed at the Astor Hotel Ford Show October 15-22. It was painted sand tan and was prominently displayed against a back-

ground base on the "Road to Tomorrow" at the Ford exhibit at the New York World's Fair in 1940.

Production of Lincoln Continentals began on December 23, some sources say December 13. A total of 25 Lincoln Continentals were built in 1939, all were Cabriolets. In May, 1940 a coupe version was put in production. In all, 350 Cabriolets and 54 Coupes were built for the 1940 model year which ended in July.

There were many minor running changes in 1940 models, nowhere on the cars does the name "Continental" appear. They were Continental additions to the 1940 Lincoln-Zephyr line. The name Lincoln-Zephyr appears on the hubcaps.

According to Dave Cole's records, 264 Cabriolets and 44 Coupes survive.

Bring your Lincoln, family and friends to this 75th Anniversary event. For further information and to register contact Region Southern Events Director Jim Ayres by calling (949) 646-5644 or e-mail: Jayres01@ca.rr.com -- To get to Witt Lincoln come down Interstate 5, or Interstate 15 to Highway 163. When you get to Interstate 8 go east and get off on Mission Center Road which is just beyond 163, immediately turn left on Camino del Rio North and go west to Witt Lincoln.

Below, the second Lincoln Continental prototype.



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Director's message

The Western National Meet, hosted by the Pacific Northwest Region took place July 16th – 20th in Tacoma, Washington. It was a great event with over 40 cars ranging from 1934 through the more contemporary cars of the 90's. We were able to tour both the new LeMay America's Car Museum and the LeMay Family



Collection at Marymount in addition to the fantastic Glass Museum and other museums in Downtown Tacoma. Despite some predictions for rain, the Saturday's weather was almost perfect for our show field set up on the lawn of the LeMay Family Collection site. As always, the Pacific Northwest Region members were wonderful hosts, and all of us from the Western Region felt right at home. I thank all who worked so hard to make this meet the success that it was.

During the Saturday awards banquet in Tacoma, Ron Cressy and Jim Ayres officially rolled out plans for our October 14-18 2015 Western National Meet at the Town & Country Resort in San Diego with glossy promo cards and a video. We are trying to make this the largest gathering Lincolns and Continentals on the West Coast, and we are getting more cars committed each month. Please see the detailed information in *Confab* and *Comments*.

On Saturday October 11, 2014 we will hold our LCOC Western Region Annual Meeting in San Diego. As part of our Annual Meeting weekend, we will be joining the Lincoln Motor Company for a 75th anniversary celebration of the Lincoln Continental at the Witt Lincoln Dealership. We would like to get as many Lincolns as possible from any period to join the 1940's Lincoln Continentals that will be part of the festivities! See page 1 and 3 for more details. This meeting is the one time each year we try to pull together as many of our regular members as possible to participate in our board meeting discussions about club direction for the new year ahead. Please plan to join us for an interesting and fun event.

In this issue of *Confab*, you will find the ballot for our 2014 election of LCOC Western Region Directors. We will be voting to fill the regular seats that are up for election every three years and we also fill the empty seat that that belonged to Mike Cunningham. You will see that we have 7 members running for 4 available seats, and I want to personally thank all who have volunteered to serve, whether you get elected in this election cycle or the next. We have purposefully tried to develop a pool of talented members who have participated over the years to add new energy and life to our club's leadership, knowing that it will take more than one election cycle to get folks formally on the board. I look forward to seeing all who are running this year part of our leadership for years to come.

Until next time.....Stacy

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

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.pvconcours.org/

September 17 - 21 - Mid-America National Meet, Rockford, Illinois http://lcoc.org/documents/Meets/2014_ Mid-America_National_Meet_ Registration.pdf

September 21 - Dana Point Concours http://danapointconcours.org/

October 11- 75th Anniversary of the Lincoln Continental Show at Witt Lincoln, San Diego Details are in the promotional box to the right

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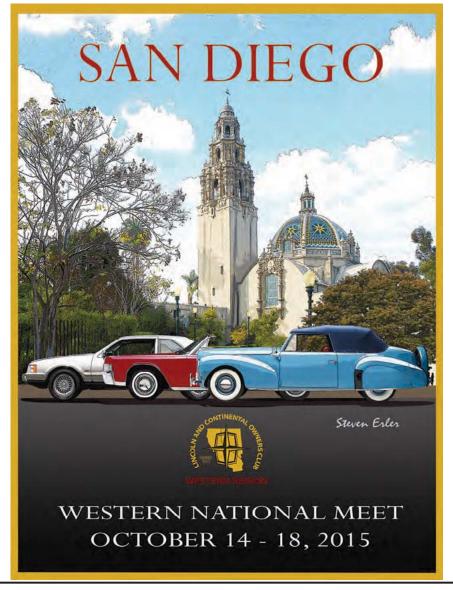
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(detailed times to be announced)
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and Annual Meeting of the Western Region
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Western Region dues are \$35 a year; add \$10 for Western Region membership 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.



2015 Western National Meet, San Diego October 14-18

The Western Region revealed a glimpse of their promotional campaign for the 2015 Western National Meet in San Diego at the 2014 WNM in Tacoma last month.

A slide show set to the music of *The Continental*, performed by Ray Anthony and his Orchestra, highlighted the Saturday evening awards banquet. Souvenir post cards of the original poster art for the meet were given to each attendee. The poster, designed by club member and artist Steven Erler, features the famous California building in Balboa Park and images of the Anniversary

Lincoln Continentals being honored at next year's event. Along with the Centennial of the 1915 Panama-California Exhibition in Balboa Park, the club will be commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the 1940 Lincoln Continental, the 50th of the 1965 Lincoln Continental, and the 25th of the 1990 Lincoln Town Car, Continental and Mark VII.

The slide show featured vintage pictures from the 1915 Panama-California Exhibition and San Diego points of interest including Old Town, Little Italy, Gaslamp Quarter, Coronado, Seaport

Village and Mission Bay. A few mystery images of unidentified Lincolns and Continentals set the stage for the upcoming promotional campaign for the meet.

Billed as "the largest gathering of Lincolns and Continentals on the West Coast," the October, 2015 meet is being held at the Town and Country Resort, located on 46 beautifully landscaped acres in Mission Valley, just a few miles north of Balboa Park.

All Lincoln clubs will be invited to attend the LCOC sponsored meet, including the Lincoln Owners Club, Lincoln-Zephyr Owners Club, and Road Race Lincoln Register. Events planned will extend beyond the traditional 4-day format, to allow members the opportunity to spend a week vacation enjoying all that San Diego has to offer. The famous San Diego Red Trolley light rail line stops directly in back of the hotel, offering guests easy transportation throughout the area, including to the Mexican border to visit Tijuana - bring your passports!

A long distance driving tour to Ramona over the rural back country roads of San Diego County is planned, along with a shorter local tour of some private San Diego car collections and museums. A day in Balboa Park will be devoted to visiting the historic buildings and 14 museums located on the park grounds.

Save the date for a grand time in San Diego! The official meet days are Wednesday, October 14 through Sunday October 18, 2015. An extended vacation is recommended - The Town and Country Resort has secured a special rate of \$119 per night for all room categories, from Sunday October 11 through Wednesday October 21. Come a few days early or stay a few days longer – you are going to have a great vacation in San Diego!

If you are making plans to attend, drop a note to Jim Ayres at So.Cal.Events@LCOCWestern.org so you can be notified of registration details when they become available. Let him know what car(s) you plan to bring, or if you are just coming to enjoy the hundreds of Lincolns and Continentals expected to attend!

A kickoff to this spectacular LCOC event will be the 75th Anniversary of the Lincoln Continental celebration at Witt Lincoln in San Diego on Saturday, October 11, 2014.

Ron Cressy and Jim Ayres, 2015 WNM Co-Chairs.

South Bay Lincoln Car Show in Hawthone July 26

An array of Ford Motor cars were on display at South Bay Lincoln on July 26th for Lincoln's "Driven to Give" charity event to benefit Noah's Bark Pet Rescue. The Western Region displayed seven Lincolns while the two Thunderbird clubs showed up with eight cars. Other cars in attendance included a gorgeous 1942 Mercury two-door owned by Rich Miller and two identically painted turquoise and white 1958 Ford Fairlane 500s, one a retractable and one a hardtop. Don Torrence arrived in his stunning 1970 Mark III with his home-made submarine in tow, a real attention getter. Two other LCOC Western Region beauties were Jim Davidson's blue on blue 1967 convertible and Andy Webber's blue 1964 sedan.

Lincoln provided goodie bags for all, though some left before receiving theirs. South Bay Lincoln arranged to have three food trucks on site to provide lunch, and gave five dollar coupons towards lunch to everyone who took a test drive in a new Lincoln. One hundred and seventy three test drives were taken, and the Lincoln Motor Company donated twenty dollars to Noah's Bark Pet Rescue for each one taken. That's almost a \$4,000 donation!

There were some adorable animals on site, ready for adoption, and indeed, some found new homes that day.

Entertainment was provided by DJ Jim Mouth spinning hits from the past, and raffle prizes were given away every half hour. At the end of the day the Manager's Choice Award went to Loren Kalin for his 1957 Continental Mark II.

The Western Region thanks South Bay Lincoln and Lincoln Motor Company for their generosity and an enjoyable day!



Jim Ayres' 1964 Lincoln Continental. Convertible and Andy Webber's 1964 Lincoln Continental Sedan.

Bob Roper with Loren Kalin and his 1957 Continental Mark II.





Jim Davidson's 1967 Lincoln **Continental** Convertible.



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June 23 Board Meeting by Phone

The Meeting was called to order by phone at 7:32 p.m. In attendance were: Stacy Roscoe, Jim Ayres, Jeremy Sanford, Ron Cressy, Bruce Hutchinson and Tom McCarthy for the Board and Tim Howley for Publications.

Finances: Stacy Roscoe reported for Bob Reed. Balances as of the June 23 Board call were: Savings \$3002.14, Checking \$4,125.98, Total \$7128.12

Membership: Jeremy Sanford reporting that there are 147 paid members, with 28 unpaid 1 to 6 months, and 5 unpaid for 12 months. Total membership is 180. Jeremy Sanford made phone calls to the 28 unpaid members.

Materials for the Lincoln Museum will be brought to the San Diego Meet.

San Diego Meet: Ron Cressy and Jim Ayers reported that the contract with the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego is signed. The Meet will be promoted via email, via invitations to Lincoln owners, via Witt Lincoln in San Diego, through Comments and Confab, and in various other ways using posters of Lincolns in Balboa Park prepared by Steve Erler. Ron and Jim expect to have a Committee formed by October.

Events North, Jeremy Sanford:

National Meet, Tacoma, Five Board Members attended the Meet. Ron Cressy and Jim Ayres gave a video presentation of the San Diego Meet in 2015.

Wine Country Meet at Sebastiani Winery August 23 will honor Mike Cunningham.

Events South, Jim Ayers:

Working with Witt Lincoln in San Diego for an October, 2014 event which later blossomed into a 75th Anniversary of the Lincoln Continental at Witt Lincoln on October 11 and a Western Region Fall Board Meeting.

Western National Meet in 2015 in San Diego.

Jim has many events in the works and will notify members via e-mail and *Confab*.

Board of Managers:

By unanimous vote, the following were named to a Nominating Committee to

select candidates for the election in the fall. They are:

Stacy Roscoe Current Director Bruce Hutchinson Past Director Jeremy Sanford Northern Activities Jim Ayers Southern Activities

Tom McCarthy Secretary and Election Coordinator

Per Stacy, we need at least four candidates for the 2014 Ballot.

Again this year, the ballot is being distributed as part of *Confab*. Votes will be sent to Tom McCarthy via e-mail or phone.

By unanimous vote, Don Torrence was awarded 2015 membership at no charge for handling his membership application.

Projects: Baron Night recently convinced our badge supplier to reconsider and accept prepaid accounts. A check was forwarded to reopen the account.

Next Board Meeting is in October, annual meeting at Witt Lincoln.

Submitted, Tom McCarthy, Secretary



Key Information for Ballot on Page 7

The 2014 ballot for available seats on the LCOC Western Region Board of Managers is being sent out on Page 7 (next page) of this issue of the *Confab*. Per the club bylaws, a Nomination Committee (consisting of Tom McCarthy, Bruce Hutchinson, Jim Ayres, Jeremy Sanford, and Stacy Roscoe) has been working to nominate eligible club members for this ballot.

Note: 1 of the 4 seats available is the for the last year of Mike Cunningham's term, and the winner of this seat will have a one year term. Of the individuals with the top 4 number of votes received, the person with the smallest number of winning votes will fill the 1 year term of the seat vacated by Mike Cunningham.

According to the bylaws, Secretary Tom McCarthy has prepared this ballot containing the names of all persons nominated by the LCOC Western Region Nomination Committee, that is being mailed through Confab to all active members along with the notice of the Annual Meeting (below) where the results will be tallied and confirmed. The bylaws state that "Ballots to be counted must be received by the Secretary at least five days prior to the Annual Meeting."

The date of the Annual Meeting is October 11, 2014. The meeting will take place in San Diego as part of the Witt Lincoln celebration for the 75% Anniversary of the Lincoln Continental.

The region bylaws have a provision that states: "Other nominations may also be submitted to the Secretary not less than thirty days before the Annual Meeting, in a list signed by at least eight Active Members."

Please return the ballot on Page 7 to Tom McCarthy at 28783 Fall Creek Court, Menifee, CA 92584OR...

Send an e-mail to Tom McCarthy at tfm-ccarthy85@verizon.net naming the four candidates receiving your vote.

THE DEADLINE FOR RETURNING BALLOTS OR E-MAIL IS OCT. 5

For any questions or concerns please contact Secretary Tom McCarthy (tfmc-carthy85@verizon.net / 951 679-0575

LCOC WESTERN REGION 2014 ELECTION BALLOT

This ballot has candidates running for four seats for the Western Region Board of Managers beginning on January 1, 2015. The results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on October 11, 2014. VOTE FOR FOUR Send your votes to Secretary Tom McCarthy as written on Page 6 by October 5.



Jan McNiel "My name is Jan McNiel and I'm a candidate for the Western Region Board of Managers. I have been a Western Region member since 1995 and have co-chaired three seasonal meets (Ridgecrest, Bakersfield, and Morro Bay), hosted kickoff dinners and was Registrar/Treasurer for the National Meet in Ventura. I am retired from the University of California, Irvine, having worked primarily as a manager in the Finance Department. My spouse, Marv Wendt, and I live in Ridgecrest, CA and are the happy owners of a custom 1947 Lincoln Continental (Blue Angel) and a 1986 Mark VII. I respectfully ask for your vote to the Western Region Board of Managers."



Jim Higgs is running for election to the LCOC Western Region Board of Managers. Jim has been a member of LCOC since 2000 and the Western Region since 2009. Jim retired in 1999 when he and his wife Carol, moved to Mississippi to enjoy the southern hospitality. They lived in Hattiesburg for 14 years, after which they moved back to California. Jim is a native Californian and currently resides in San Pedro, where he was born. Jim and Carol currently own a 1989 Lincoln Mark VII LSC, but at one time also owned a 1995 Lincoln Town Car, but reluctantly had to sell it because of a lack of garage space. Jim has always been interested in "old" cars and enjoys the camaraderie of fellow Lincoln owners. Jim respectfully asks for your support and vote and believes he can make a positive contribution.



Steven Erler is running for election to the LCOC Western Region Board of Managers. Steven has been a member of LCOC originally since 1973. Although not actively involved until the early 90s, Steven has always been a "Lincoln Lover" and has owned over a dozen classic Lincolns to date. Currently the Lincolns in Steven's garage are a '69 Mark III, that has not yet been officially presented, and his 1988 Mark VII LSC Convertible, an LCOC trophy winner. Steven's daily grind is in the Hospitality and Property Management field in Pasadena, but many know Steven from his creative "Auto Portraits", many of Lincolns, and his original series "Lincolns that never were". His hope is to direct his creativity and marketing skills towards bringing the LCOC Western Region to a new generation of Lincoln enthusiasts.



Bruce Hutchinson "Helen and I have been members of the Western Region since 1993. We've enjoyed serving and I have held every office except Treasurer and, trust me, that's a good thing! I am running again and would love to continue the work. I am also a Member At Large on the National Board and enjoy serving there as well."



Jim Weller "Hello! My name is Jim Weller, and I am respectfully asking you to consider me for a position on the LCOC Western Region Board of Managers. I have been a member of LCOC since June of 1995, and I joined the Western Region in 1996. I have truly enjoyed the many rewarding experiences I have had through the years with the LCOC and the Western Region. The most rewarding aspect of my membership, especially in the Western Region, has been the many wonderful friends I have made here. After so many years, I feel that the time has come for me to give of myself to the Western Region that I have been so proud to be a member of. I humbly admit that I have no prior board experience, but with common sense and my devotion to the Western Region, I am confident that I can contribute in a positive way to helping our club progress toward an even brighter future. My endeavors on your behalf will always be with the future of our club and its members as top priorities, while being respectful of our history and true to the wisdom of those who have served on the Board before. I thank you all very much for your consideration. Respectfully, Jim Weller."



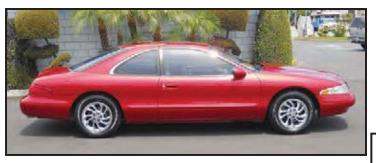
Jeremy Sanford "I am Jeremy Sanford and I am running for re-election to the Board of Managers of the LCOC Western Region. I have been a member of the LCOC and the Western Region since 2002. I have served on the Board since 2009 and have held several posts. I am currently Assistant Director, Membership Coordinator, Northern CA Activities Director and Webmaster. With the help of Mike Cunningham I organized the 2012 Western National Meet in Concord. I am dedicated to the LCOC Western Region and will gladly continue as a Board member if reelected."



Jim Finley "I am Jim Finley and I am very interested in joining the Western Region Board of Managers. I have been a member of LCOC since 1992 and am a proud member of the Western Region. I am a member of several local car clubs, but LCOC is my primary interest, as I am the proud and happy owner of 5 Lincolns and Continentals. I have been active in many of my professional organizations and on many of their Boards in leadership roles, and I am now interested in increasing my involvement with LCOC. I live in northern California in Vallejo."

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