



Higgs' 1989 Mark VII flanks a row of '80s cars at the LeMay Marymount Collection.

2014 Western National Meet Tacoma, Washington, July 16-20

Sunny skies and pleasant summer weather welcomed the second National LCOC Meet of the year held in Tacoma July 16-20 with 45 cars registered and approximately three times that number of members and their guests.

Events started at the Best Western Hotel with an early bird meet and greet in the hospitality room Wednesday evening.

Thursday morning members were up early for a 100 mile round trip driving tour to the Cascade Mountains and the Paradise Inn which is about one-third the way up Mt. Rainier. There was a lunch stop at the 1917 Paradise Inn followed by lots of socializing in the parking area.

Friday there was a short walk to the LeMay America's Car Museum which is conveniently located next to the hotel. A guided tour through this museum took about two hours.

Saturday was the big show at the LeMay Family Collection in Marymount. This is a former private girls' school converted into a car museum. In addition to our LCOC cars, the LeMays brought out about a dozen more Lincolns and Continentals from their own collection.

Cars from the Western Region included Stacy and Kerry Roscoe's 1958 Lincoln Continental Convertible, Jeremy Sanford's 1969 Continental Mark III, Bob and Joan MacDougal's 1978 Continental Mark V, Jim and Carol Higgs' 1989 Lincoln Mark VII, and Bruce and Helen Hutchinson's 1993 Lincoln Town Car.

At the Saturday night awards banquet at the hotel MacDougals won a Lincoln Trophy, Higgs won a Preservation Award, and the Roscoes and Hutchinsons won Emeritus Awards. During this banquet the Western region showed a video announcing the 2015 Western National Meet to be held in San Diego next October.

Winner of the Elliston H. Bell Founder's Award was a Pacific Northwest Region car, Grant Loveseth's 1979 Continental Mark V.

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*Jeremy
Sanford's
1969
Continental
Mark III.*



*Bob and
Joan
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Director's message



I want to start this month's Director's Message with a big thanks to Jeremy Sanford and his Northern California volunteers for another outstanding fall winery event this year. We gathered at the Sebastiani Vineyards and Winery on August 23rd for a fabulous tour, wine tasting, and picnic lunch in honor of Mike Cunningham who worked so hard over the years to make this event the premier Northern California LCOC activity each year. We had over 31 members and 14 fantastic cars on a beautiful day of fun and celebration of Mike.

On Saturday, October 11, 2014 we will hold our LCOC Western Region Annual Meeting in San Diego at the Witt Lincoln Dealership. Our LCOC region by-laws call for a yearly annual meeting to which all regional members are invited, and we are going to try to get as many of our club members as possible to come down and join us for a review of where our club is now and where it is headed. We will spend some quality time on the plans for our next year's Western National Meet in San Diego October 14-18, 2015, and will discuss ideas and options we have to make this the best LCOC National Meet ever! During this meeting we will also announce the results of our 2014 Western Region board elections.

Because we are having a car meet with complimentary barista bar and wood fired pizzas at Witt Lincoln as a part of the board meeting day, I believe that we will have the largest regular member attendance in recent memory at this truly enjoyable event. Make your reservations at the Town & Country Hotel as soon as you can, and make sure that you stay long enough to participate in an "after-meeting" private auto collection tour on Saturday afternoon.

Please plan to join us for an interesting and exciting event. If you know other club members that you think would or should be interested in getting more involved with the club, please encourage them to also join us for this fabulous Lincoln weekend.

In the August issue of *Confab*, you found the ballot for our 2014 election of LCOC Western Region Directors. We are 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 have seen that we have 7 members running for 4 available seats, and I want to personally thank all who have volunteered to serve. 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 become part of our leadership for years to come.

Until next time.....Stacy

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Fabulous Fords in 2015 to Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Lincoln Continental

The Fabulous Fords Forever Show at Knott's Berry Farm in 2015 will be marking the 75th Anniversary of the Lincoln Continental. Not sure of the exact date yet, but it will be near the end of April. I'm on the Milestone committee, and will need to find up to 10 Lincoln Continentals, 1939-2002, for a special display on the grassy area at the park. Please let me know if you might be interested in bringing your car to that event, or if you know of other cars that would be suitable and able to attend.

Jim Ayres

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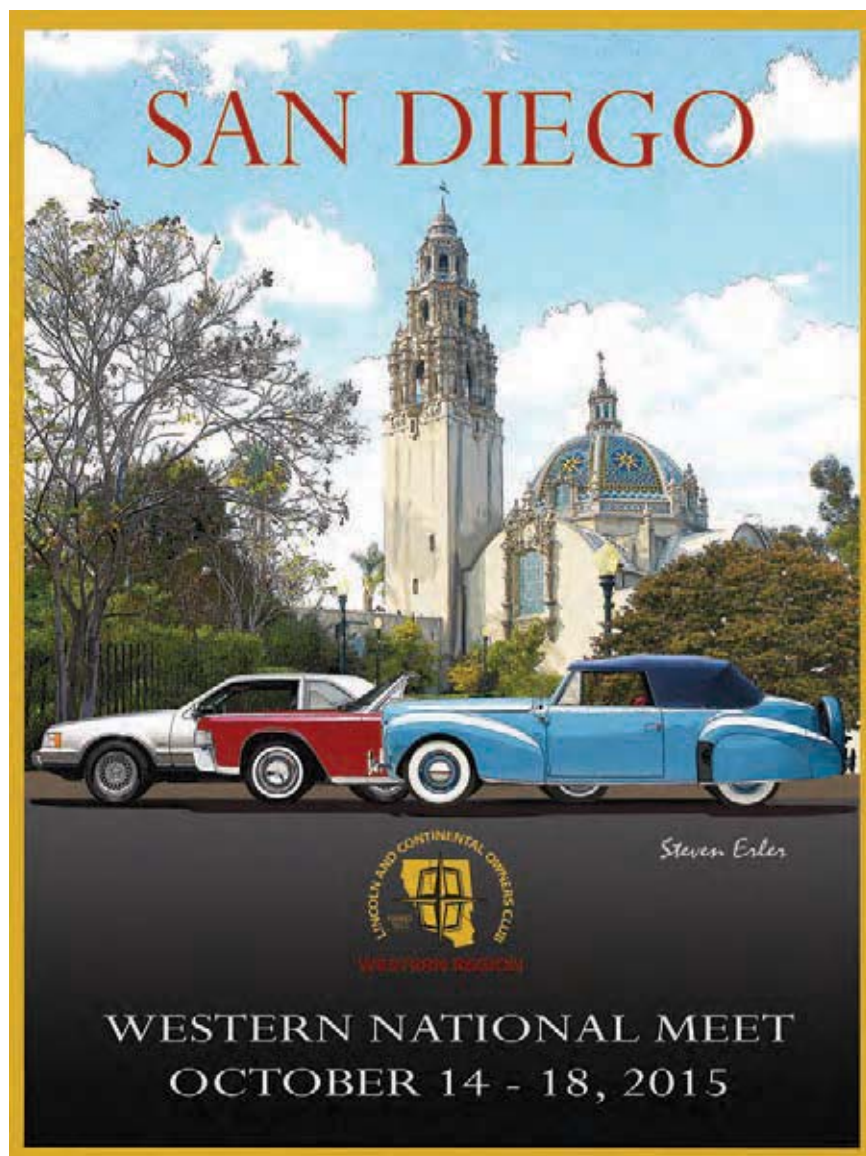
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If you plan to stay Saturday night, call the Town & Country Resort at 800-772-8527 and ask for the special \$119 Lincoln rate. The Hotel is located only a few blocks from Witt Lincoln, and the train station to the Gaslamp Quarter is directly behind the hotel.

RSVP - Email Jim Ayres at So.Cal.Events@LCOCWestern.org

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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.*

Western Region Fall Meet and Board Meeting, Witt Lincoln, 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 cars, food, and fun 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 preliminary kick-off to the gigantic 2015 Western National Meet to be held in San Diego, October 14-18, 2015. Winners of the 2014 Board Election will be announced at this event. You won't want to miss this 2014 Western Region weekend of the year.

The first Lincoln Continental, a prototype Cabriolet, was completed in late February, 1939 for Edsel Ford's personal use at his winter home in Hobe Sound and for driving around Palm Beach, Florida. 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.

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. 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:



*Above, Witt Lincoln in San Diego's Mission Valley.
Below, 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet*



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.

For those of you who will be attending the 75th Anniversary celebration at Witt Lincoln on the weekend of the 11th, the Town and Country Resort has extended a special rate to us for this weekend (also includes Friday night the 10th) at a base rate of \$119, plus hotel fees and taxes - \$149.62 total per night. This offer is open to anyone who asks for the Lincoln and Continental rate.

Here is a link to the hotel website for detailed information only:<http://www.towncountry.com/>

To get our special rate for this weekend you will need to call reservations directly at 800-772-8527 (not available online). Ask for the Lincoln and Continental rate. The hotel will charge the first night on your credit card 21 days prior to your stay. You need to make your reservation ASAP, as the hotel is filling up. The Town and Country Resort is located only a few blocks from Witt Lincoln, and easily accessible.

As a side note, there is a very large car show on Sunday in the Gaslamp Quarter that might be worth staying for!

<http://www.gaslamp.org/fifth-avenue-auto-showcase>

*Jim Ayres
LCOC Western Region
Activities Director.*

Tacoma Meet Continued



*Stacy and
Kerry Roscoe's
1958
Continental
Mark III
Convertible.*

*Some of
the
early
cars.*



*Pausing
for
photos
on the
way up
Mt. Rainier.*

Mike Cunningham Memorial Wine County Picnic August 23

The Mike Cunningham Wine Country Picnic was a smashing success just hours before the Napa quake hit!

Thirty-one members and guests spent a wonderful day at the Sebastiani Winery in Sonoma enjoying wine, food, and friendship. Fourteen Lincolns and Continentals showed up, which was the best showing at any Nor Cal event since the Western National Meet in 2012.

After sufficient tire-kicking, the majority of the group went into the winery to begin the tour while the small "dry" contingent relaxed at the picnic area. Sebastiani's Jasmine Valencia, who had known Mike well, was our wine guide through the history of the winery, its facilities, and its delicious products. Several varietals were sampled at a private tasting on the deck outside the public tasting room.

With fresh bottles in hand the imbibing group rejoined the teetotalers for a delicious spread at the picnic area. I made sure the food was exactly what Mike always prepared for these events, cold barbecued tri-tip, fresh vegetables, and his special recipe potato salad (which John Woodward had wisely gotten the recipe for several years earlier). Member Jim Finley provided decadent home made deserts. Mike's

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brother John Cunningham was in attendance, and Stacy Roscoe made a fine speech remembering Mike.

After several hours of food, wine, friends, and Lincolns the group dispersed around 3:30 p.m. Twelve hours later a major earthquake struck the Napa valley just a few short miles to the east of Sebastiani! Surely Mike had a hand in making sure the quake held off and did not disrupt our wonderful event! Everyone is looking forward to next year! We miss you Mike.

Jeremy Sanford.



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