



Western Region cars displayed in front of Witt Lincoln.

75th Anniversary of the Lincoln Continental Oct. 11 at Witt Lincoln in San Diego

On Saturday, October 11 the Western Region National Fall Meet was held in San Diego as a warmup to the October, 2015 Western National Meet. The location was Witt Lincoln in San Diego's Mission Valley. The meet had a turnout of 28 cars and two or three times that many members, mostly from all over San Diego County plus a good representation from the Los Angeles area. This turned out to be the largest region event of the year.

The Western Region's celebration of the introduction of the first Lincoln Continental brought out two prewar Lincoln Continentals, one prewar Lincoln-Zephyr, two postwar Lincoln Continentals plus a great variety of Lincolns and Continentals from all years including a beautifully restored red 1957 Lincoln Premiere coupe and a rare 1950 "baby" Lincoln sedan.

The success of this event was due primarily to Jim Ayres and Bob Cressy who made a supreme effort to get out the cars and also to dealership owner Ed Witt who provided a superb location and venue. Witt furnished the food.

Leading the attendance of cars was Dave Cole and Ken Tibbot's 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet which was displayed in the dealership showroom. There were several Lincoln Continental convertibles from the sixties, Marks of all eras and of course there was a strong showing of '80s and '90s Town Cars.

The weather was ideal, the atmosphere was relaxed and informal, and there was moca coffee served just outside the front door of the dealership.

Following a catered lunch of wood fired pizza by Witt Lincoln, the Western Region got down to the business of their Annual Fall Meeting in the upstairs conference room of the dealership.

After the meeting Ed Witt was presented with a Western Region plaque in appreciation for his dealership hosting the event.

**More photos on
Pages 5 and 6.**



*The field of
LCOC cars
on Witt's
parking lot.*

*Tim and LaVonne
Howley's
1994 Town Car
and
Ron Cressy's
1988 Town Car.*



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Director's message



I want to start this month's Director's Message with a big thanks to all of you who voted in this year's election for LCOC Western Region Directors. The results were announced at the October 11, 2014 LCOC Western Region Annual Meeting in San Diego at the Witt Lincoln Dealership. Directors elected to 3 year terms are: Bruce Hutchinson, Jan McNeil, and Jeremy Sanford. Jim Finley was elected to the one year term remaining for the seat that was occupied by Mike Cunningham. Congratulations to these new directors and to the rest of the candidates, Steve Erler, Jim Higgs, and Jim Weller, who will also provide leadership and support to the club over this next year on Western National Meet committees.

As you will read in articles in this *Confab* edition and see in many pictures printed, we had a fabulous annual meeting! Jim Ayres and Ron Cressy coordinated this event that set a modern record for Western Region annual meeting attendance, and brought out cars with a level of quality that we usually only see in big national meets. Thank you Jim and Ron for the time and work put into pulling off a truly first class event.

If you were not able to join us, you really missed a truly memorable "Lincoln filled" day. I will leave detailed coverage of the day's activities to the rest of the articles in this *Confab*. However, there is one aspect of the day not covered that I hope you find as interesting and exciting as I did. This is the support and partnership of Witt Lincoln to make this such a fantastic day. Witt Lincoln is a family business, with dad, Ed Witt, and his sons and daughter running a business that delivers real customer support and loyalty, not just words. From the first minutes on the grounds of the dealership, it was clear to me that there is an engrained culture of customer care and attention. Every aspect of our event set-up received attention from all dealership employees. No matter how small or difficult the need, there was always someone there eager to help. From the owner to the newest hire, it was evident that there is significant pride in the operation and a desire to meet customer needs. We met long term customers who spoke in glowing terms about the extended family that exists between the Witt staff and customers. This remarkable culture of genuine concern and care permeated every aspect of the dealership, so it was not at all a surprise to find out that Witt Lincoln is the #1 seller of MKZ's in the country. The number of cars sold during our event and afterwards to club members and event attendees from all over Southern California testifies to the winning formula offered by this dealership. Buying your new Lincoln can be fun! If you have any inclination that a new Lincoln could be in your future, you must go down to San Diego and see what Witt Lincoln can do for you. Thank you Ed Witt and the entire Witt Lincoln staff!!

Until next time.....Stacy

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List of the cars that came to the Witt Lincoln Show

In the column to the right is a list of the cars that came to the show. There are 22 cars here so we are missing six of the 28 total. If you don't see your car listed here give me a call or drop me an e-mail so we can complete the list.

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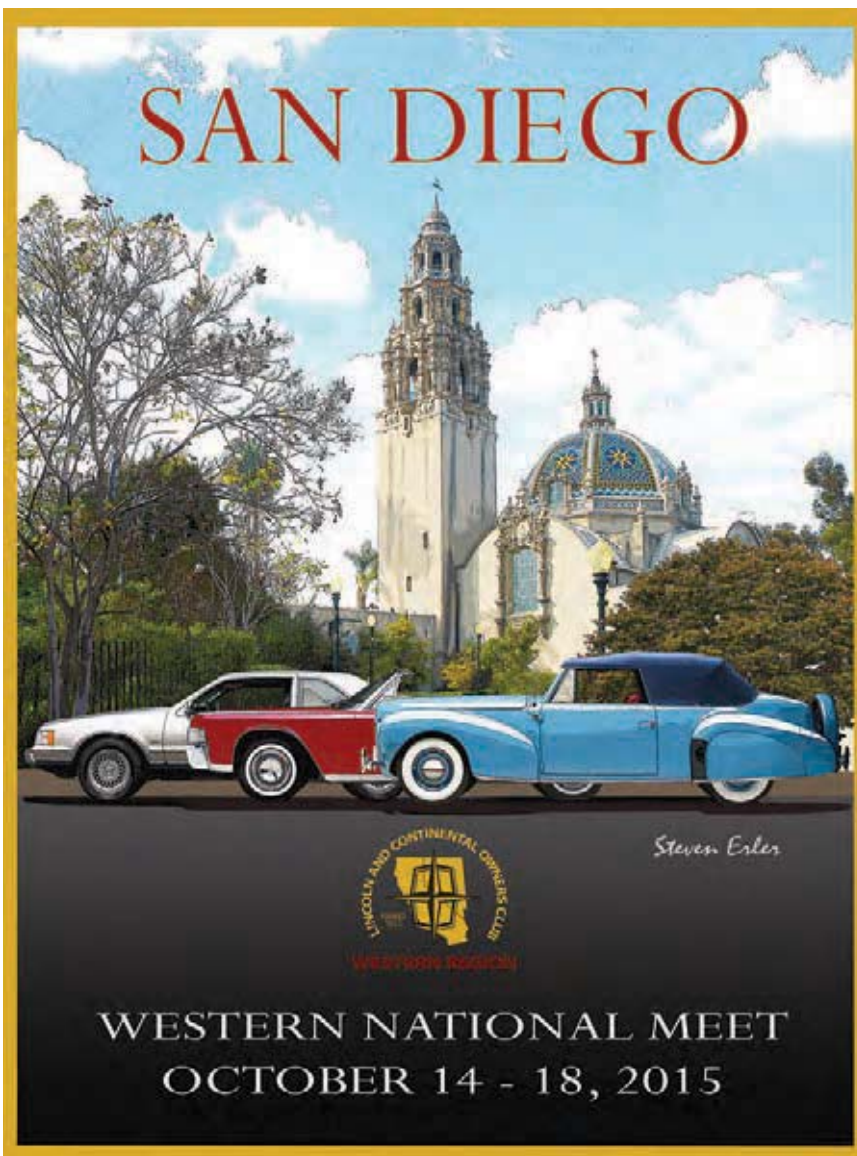
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 Bob Barger, 1957 Continental Mark II
 Bob Blevins, 1990 Mark VII LSC
 Steven Calamita, 1978 Versailles
 Ron Cressy, 1988 Town Car
 John Ellison, 1966 Convertible
 David France, 1941 Continental
 Chuck Goode, 1994 Town Car Jack Nicklaus
 Don Williams and Jim Greene, 1947 Continental Cabriolet and 1950 baby Lincoln Sport Sedan
 Tim and LaVonne Howley, 1994 Town Car.
 Dave Huhn, 1940 Lincoln-Zephyr Sedan
 John Kiszla and Jim Finley, 1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible (Drove it over 450 miles from Vallejo)
 Arv and Nicole Larson, 1979 Mark V

Norman Stahlberg, 2001 Continental
 Robert Supalla, 1986 Continental Givenchy (Robert didn't attend, his friend drove the car to Witt)
 Ken Tibbot, 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet
 Andy Webber, 1964 Lincoln Continental Sedan
 Scott Witt, 1964 Lincoln Continental Convertible
 Jim and Carol Higgs, 1989 Mark VII LSC
 Tom Wright, 1947 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet
 Dick Hill, 1957 Premiere Coupe
 Syd Williams, 197? Mark IV



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2015
Western National Meet,
San Diego
October 14-18

The 2015 Western National Meet in San Diego on October 14 – 18, 2015, is being billed as the “largest gathering of Lincolns and Continentals on the West Coast,” where well over 100 classic Lincolns are expected. The 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. For the first time, the Lincoln Owners Club (LOC), Lincoln Zephyr Owners Club (LZOC) and Road Race Lincoln Registry (RRLR), along with several other Lincoln clubs

will be participating in this joint club meet hosted by the LCOC Western Region.

Along with the Centennial of the 1915 Panama-California Exhibition in Balboa Park, the clubs will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the 1940 Lincoln Continental, the 50th of the 1965 Continentals, and the 25th of the 1990 Lincoln Town Car, Continental and Mark VII. The official meet poster, designed by club member and artist Steven Erler of Auto-Visuals.com, features the famous California building in Balboa Park and

images of the anniversary Lincolns and Continentals being honored at next year’s event.

Plans are well under way for a week full of activities centered around the big concours show on Saturday October 17. Events 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, including Old Town, Little Italy, The Gaslamp Quarter, Mission Bay and Seaport Village. 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 local tours of some private San Diego car collections and private museums. We will also be devoting a day in Balboa Park to visit the 14 museums located there, and marvel at the beautiful Spanish-Colonial Revival architecture that inspired development in California throughout the 1920s and ‘30s.

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 to allow time to see everything that San Diego has to offer. Call the Town and Country Resort today at 800-772-8527 to secure your reservation. Ask for the special \$119 Lincoln rate, valid 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!

We have not had a National Meet in San Diego since 1995, and we have not had a National Meet at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego’s Mission Valley since 1959. The year 2015 promises to be the greatest San Diego meet of all!

Registration for the event will be available online soon at LCOC.org. We would love to know if you are planning on attending! Please contact Jim Ayres, LCOC Western Region Activities Director, at So.Cal.Events@LCOCWestern.org, and we will keep you posted on registration details. *Ron Cressy and Jim Ayres, 2015 WNM Co-Chairs.*

(Witt Lincoln Meet Continued)

As the final event of the day, members drove to the nearby John Ellison car collection in LaJolla. John Ellison is an LCOC member with some 40 cars in a building right along Interstate 5. While most of the cars are vintage Rolls-Royce and Bentley, there are a number of American collector cars including a 1941 Lincoln limousine, 1960 Lincoln Hess and Eisenhart limousine, and a 1966 Lincoln Continental convertible. Refreshments were served while members strolled through this collection of very well restored and fine original cars. The tour of the Ellison collection was a great finale to a perfect day of Lincoln fun and fellowship in San Diego.



Above, Ed Witt receives a plaque of appreciation from Stacy Roscoe on behalf of the Western Region.



Steve Erlar was on hand in the showroom of Witt Lincoln displaying some of the illustrations of his “Cars that Never Were.” He also had his “Cars and Stars” which included Elizabeth Taylor at Pacific Beach in a 1963 Lincoln Continental Convertible, William Holden and Kim Novak with a 1955 Lincoln Convertible, Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh with a mid ‘30s Packard, and Susan Hayward with an early Lincoln Continental Cabriolet.

Above, the food line for the wood fired Artisanal pizza which everybody loved.



*Above, Bob Barger's 1957 Continental Mark II.
Left, Chuck Goode's Jack Nicklaus 1994 Town Car.*



(Witt Lincoln Meet Continued)



Don Williams and Jim Greene's 1947 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet.



Above, Dave Cole and Ken Tibbot's 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet in the Witt Lincoln showroom. Below, Don Williams and Jim Greene's 1950 baby Lincoln Sport Sedan.



Witt's 1964 Lincoln Continental Convertible.



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October 11 Fall Annual Meeting at Witt Lincoln in San Diego

On the afternoon of Saturday, October 11 the Western Region Board of Directors conducted their Fall Annual Meeting in the upstairs conference room at Witt Lincoln.

The first order of business was announcement of winners in the election of region board members for 2015 with seven candidates for four board positions. Winners of three year board terms were Jeremy Sanford, Bruce Hutchinson and a new board member Jan McNeil. Winner of the position of the seat vacated by the death of Mike Cunningham was Jim Finley who will serve a one year term. He will take Mike Cunningham's seat immediately. The other new board positions will take effect January 1, 2015.

Jeremy Sanford reported that our membership is currently at 185 with five new members in the past six months. We have about 60 national members in the area that are not in the Western Region.

There was much discussion about the 2015 National Meet in San Diego which is being billed as a vacation destination. Ron Cressy has drawn up a list of 1,000 older Lincoln built cars in our region area that are not in LCOC and are being invited to the meet.

The meeting was cut short by the continuing activities of the raffle drawing and awards at Witt Lincoln and the tour to the John Ellison collection. The next Western Region meeting will be a conference call in November.



Above, Western Region Board of Directors Fall Annual Meeting at Witt Lincoln.
Below, Steve Erler's painting of Elizabeth Taylor at Pacific Beach.



Erler at Car Classic Exhibit at Art Center College

I am pleased to relay that I was invited to exhibit my work at this year's Car Classic at the Art Center College of Design on October 26 right here in Pasadena. This year's theme was "Street to Screen", in honor of all those fabulous cars we have known and loved on the big screen and TV.

I displayed several of my most recent pieces, including images from my series "Cars that Never Were", and "Cars and Stars" in honor of the golden days of Hollywood. If you attended, thanks for coming. The above is a sample of the work I had on display.
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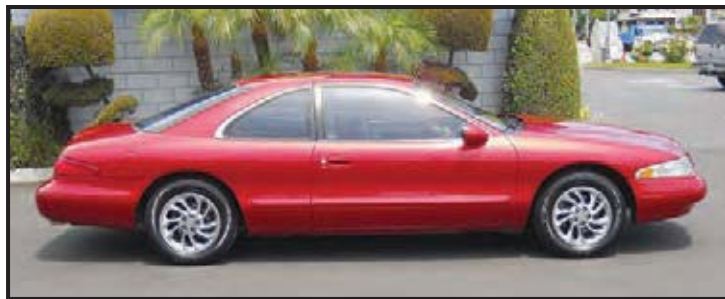
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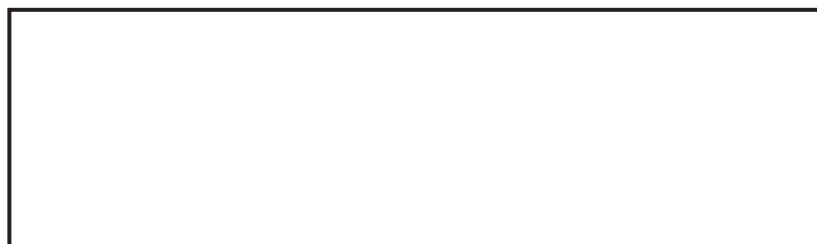
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