



The Western Region Lincoln lineup in Palm Springs.

Palm Springs Imperial Meet January, 2015

By Bob Blevins

The Southern California Imperial Owners invited the Western Region of LCOC to join them for their first meet of the new year on January 3, 2015 in Palm Springs. The meet was held at the home of Marc Hampton and the residential street was closed off for the show field. There were about 45 cars in attendance with Lincolns taking up 11 show spots. The oldest car in attendance was a 1931 Lincoln. Other Lincolns included: '58 Mark III and '60 Mark V Convertibles, a '62 Sedan (mine), and a '66 Convertible. This was also a great gathering of Lincoln Marks, with one each of a Mark II, '71 Mark III, '74 Mark IV, '79 Mark V, and '83 Mark VI; with a hot rod '89 Town Car, plus two stunning new Lincolns (MKZ and MKC) at the entrance. Two Mercurys, a couple of Camaros, an original Cobra, and even a Corvair convertible made appearances.

The amazing Imperials showed off their wild, imaginative styling with examples spanning 1949 up to the crisp "Frank Sinatra" editions from the early '80s. From the bold, creative use of chrome to the space age dashboards, the striking Imperials certainly are cars you can walk around a few times and always find something you missed. The Imperial Club car owners were very proud to show off their fine vehicles and made sure the guest cars and their owners were well taken care of.

There were several Cadillacs, mostly rare El Dorados from the '50s, two beautiful Packards, '65 and '67 Thunderbirds, an original Toronado and a Riviera, too. You really could stand back and compare the personal luxury competition from the mid 1960s; these were the styling and technological pinnacles from Ford, GM, and Chrysler of the era.

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*1931
Lincoln
Roadster.*

*Continental
Mark II*



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Director's message



The LCOC Western Region 2015 social year starts in full force with our annual Kick-off Brunch on Sunday, February 8th in Long Beach at the Belmont Shores Chalet. Use of this facility right across the street from the beach was generously donated by club member Loren Kalin. A delicious meal at a bargain price of \$35 awaits participating club members. See the flyer for this event on page 5 and RSVP immediately so that you can be part of this exciting gathering. After the festivities, we are planning to have a Western Region Board meeting that will focus on finalizing plans for our big Western National Meet in San Diego in October. All are invited to stay and participate.

The Western Region was well represented at the LCOC National board meeting event at LAX from January 15th through the 17th. The official voting members for the Western Region, Bruce Hutchinson and Stacy Roscoe, were joined by Western Region members Tim Howley, John Walcek, Marv Wendt, Jan McNiel, and Jim Ayres at various times throughout the committee and board sessions. Topics covered in the board meeting included extensive discussions on judging standards, technical services, meet planning, trophies, publications, the website, club finances, membership, and the new Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum. Minutes and follow-up activities are being finalized, and a more complete review of the results of this board meeting will be covered in later newsletters and in *Comments*.

Some of the fun associated with attendance at the National Board meeting was found at the group dinners held on Thursday and Friday at the end of full days of committee meetings. On Thursday night, 24 of us experienced a fantastic meal and received a priceless history lesson at the Proud Bird located at the end of the incoming runway at LAX. It is hard to imagine any other place in the country with such rich documentation of the history of flying. Friday night found us mobilizing every car we could find among attendees to shuttle 31 participants to Manhattan Beach for a beautiful sunset dinner at The Strand House. This restaurant has a wall of glass across the entire stretch of ocean and the pier below, and was a perfect place to relax at the end of a difficult day of club governance. Our tables had a panoramic ocean view, and we took full advantage of the opportunity to appreciate all that California had to offer to our many club members who came from all over the United States.

This month the Western Region welcomes Jan McNiel as our new club treasurer. Jan has already developed new tracking and budgeting programs to keep the club informed as we gear up for a big year of planning and execution of our Western National Meet. Thank you, Jan, for volunteering for this demanding job.

I look forward to seeing you in Long Beach on the 8th!!

Until next time.....*Stacy*

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A real attention getter was the display of four Dodges from the late '50s - early '60s, complete with period literature, accessories, and even a station wagon with luggage strapped to the roof rack. A lot of effort and pride went into showing these rare Dodges. It brought back memories hearing names like: Southhampton, Seneca, Phoenix, Polara, Crown Coupe, Cordoba, Town and Country (with real wood), LeBaron, and I even saw a "Spectator" which was the chrome nameplate put on Dodge station wagons that had the rear-facing third seat.

The entrance fee was \$15 which included an all day help yourself buffet topped off with a burger and chicken outdoor grill -by the pool, of course!. They must have served about 150 people and indeed Mr. Hampton's beautiful home was overrun with guests, yet always felt comfortable and welcoming with plenty of hot coffee on this very cold winter morning. There were huge crowds all day, and on the surrounding streets there was an ever-changing display of visitors' cars that I could not even keep track of. The whole day seemed to be in motion and suddenly and sadly it was over before 3 p.m. I hope we get invited back in 2016.

1950 Packard Convertible and 1947 Chrysler Convertible.



Continental Mark IV.

1958 Continental Mark III.



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2015 Western National Meet, San Diego October 14-18

Sixty years ago in 1955 the romantic comedy-drama film PICNIC debuted in theaters, winning two Academy Awards for Best Art Direction and Best Film Editing. Starring William Holden and Kim Novak, PICNIC received six Academy nominations including best picture, and offered a full supporting cast that included Betty Field, Susan Strasberg, Cliff Robertson, Arthur O'Connell, Reta Shaw and Rosalind Russell. Based on the play of the same name by William Inge, the film dramatizes 24 hours in the life of a rural mid-west town and its annual Labor Day picnic.

Also nominated for Best Music, Scoring of a Dramatic or Comedy Picture, the "Theme From Picnic" composed by George Duning was a hit song reaching number one on the 1956 Billboard charts, and number 14 overall that year. The song is featured in the famous dance scene between Holden and Novak.

We'll have more than 24 hours at our picnic this year – the 2015 Western National Meet is being held October 14 – 18 at the Town and Country

Resort, located on 46 beautifully landscaped acres in San Diego's Mission Valley, just a few miles north of Balboa Park. Along with the Centennial of the 1915 Panama-California Exhibition in Balboa Park, we will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of the 1940 Lincoln Continental, the 50th of the 1965 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 years' event. The restored tower of the California building has reopened for the first time since the 1930's, with a spectacular 360 degree view.

More stars will be showing up in San Diego in October, including the Continental Mark II, also making its debut in 1955. Expect to see more Lincoln and Continental stars than you've ever seen in one place on the West Coast before! 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 private San Diego car collections. We will also be devoting a day in Balboa Park to visit the many museums located there, and marvel at the beautiful Spanish-Colonial Revival architecture that inspired development in California throughout the 1920's and 30's.

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. Go to LCOC.org/Meets.asp and click on the Hotel online reservation link, or 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're going to have a PICNIC in San Diego!

Registration 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, or give him a call at 949-689-8471 and we will keep you posted on registration details.

LCOC Western Region Valentine Kick-off Brunch Sunday, February 8

10:30 A.M. Social time
11:30 A.M. Brunch



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Questions: Call Jim Ayres 949-689-8471

Club member Loren Kalin has graciously donated the use of his club for our annual kick-off, so we are heading to Long Beach for a morning across from the beach.

Join us for great food and company!

Park for free just across the street in the beach parking lot at the corner of E. Ocean Blvd. and Granada. We will have spaces roped off for your classics.

If you're coming from a distance, consider staying at one of the lovely beach area hotels.

Think about making it a weekend. There's lots to do: tour the Queen Mary, browse the Long Beach Museum of Art, marvel at the Aquarium of the Pacific, or just stroll the beach...

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'60s Dodge Convertible



Above, 1948 Chrysler Town and Country Sedan.



'60s Imperial instrument panel.



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