



The Western Region Lincoln lineup in Long Beach.

Kickoff Brunch for 2015 in Long Beach

Thirty-seven Western Members and their guests attended the 2015 Kickoff Brunch Sunday February 8 titled "Mimosa Brunch at the Beach". This year the brunch was moved from The Proud Bird at the LA International Airport to the Belmont Shore Chalet overlooking the beach and Long Beach Harbor. This deluxe dining and dance facility is owned by LCOC friend Loren Kalin who graciously donated the facility.

Over a dozen Western Region cars were parked in the municipal parking lot right on the beach and across from the Chalet at the corner of Ocean Blvd and Granada.

After kicking tires, members gathered on the dance hall floor for crepes filled with eggs, spinach, mushrooms, green onions and swiss cheese topped off with tomato coulis, champagne and, of course Mimosas! After brunch and introductions of everyone in the room, a raffle, and an update on Western Region activities and the

recent National Board of Directors Meeting in Los Angeles, the Region board of directors moved into the adjoining room for a board meeting which centered around final plans for the 2015 Western National Meet to be held in San Diego October 14-18.

It was an eventful day with warm California winter sun, lively conversation, making new friends, and renewing old friendships.



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Director's message



The LCOC Western Region 2015 social year started in full force with our annual Kick-off Brunch on Sunday, February 8th at the Belmont Shores Chalet in Long Beach. Use of this facility right across the street from the beach was generously donated by club friend Loren Kalin. We had a great car show in the beach parking lot showing off over a dozen Lincolns from various years to appreciative beach walkers in the neighborhood. A delicious meal and great socializing greeted the 37 club members and guests in attendance. During a short program, all were brought up to speed on key highlights from the LCOC National Board meeting as well as the plans for our Western National Meet in San Diego. A big thanks goes out to Jim Ayres and Kerry Roscoe who worked very hard to organize and deliver this fun event.

After the brunch festivities, we completed a very productive Western Region Board meeting that focused on finalizing plans for our big Western National Meet in San Diego in October. At the start, we announced the resignation of Carol Reniger who asked to step off the board due to numerous time conflicts over this next year that would keep her from participating in most upcoming club events. I want to thank Carol for all of the support she gave to the club during her years on the board. The board unanimously voted to appoint Jim Higgs to fill the remainder of Carol's board term. Jim has been very active with the club and was a one of the 7 candidates who ran for election in 2014. With Jim on board we had a full 9 member board in attendance to represent our entire region. I especially want to thank Jeremy Sanford and Jim Finley who came from Northern California, and Jan McNiel who traveled from the desert community of Ridgecrest to join us.

During the last week of February, my wife Kerry and I took a drive to San Diego so that Kerry could pull together the details and costs of the many hotel based events that will take place at the Town and Country Hotel in Mission Valley during the big meet in October. As we toured the various on-site venues for our planned activities, I was struck by the special ambiance of this facility for showcasing our beautiful cars. A large part of the facility consists of the original early 1950's resort layout which remains an exact "throw back" to this period of 60 years ago. As we walked through the various cabin and pool areas, I strongly felt that same call to an earlier and simpler period of time that I often sense when our cars from the 40's, 50's, and 60's come together. When the hotel and the cars join forces in October, these great feelings should reach a "fever pitch."

I look forward to seeing you in San Diego in October for this total trip down memory lane.

Until next time.....*Stacy*

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March 28: California Science Exhibit and the Endeavor Space Shuttle at the California Science Center in Los Angeles.

April 19: Fabulous Fifties Fords Forever, Knotts Berry Farm.

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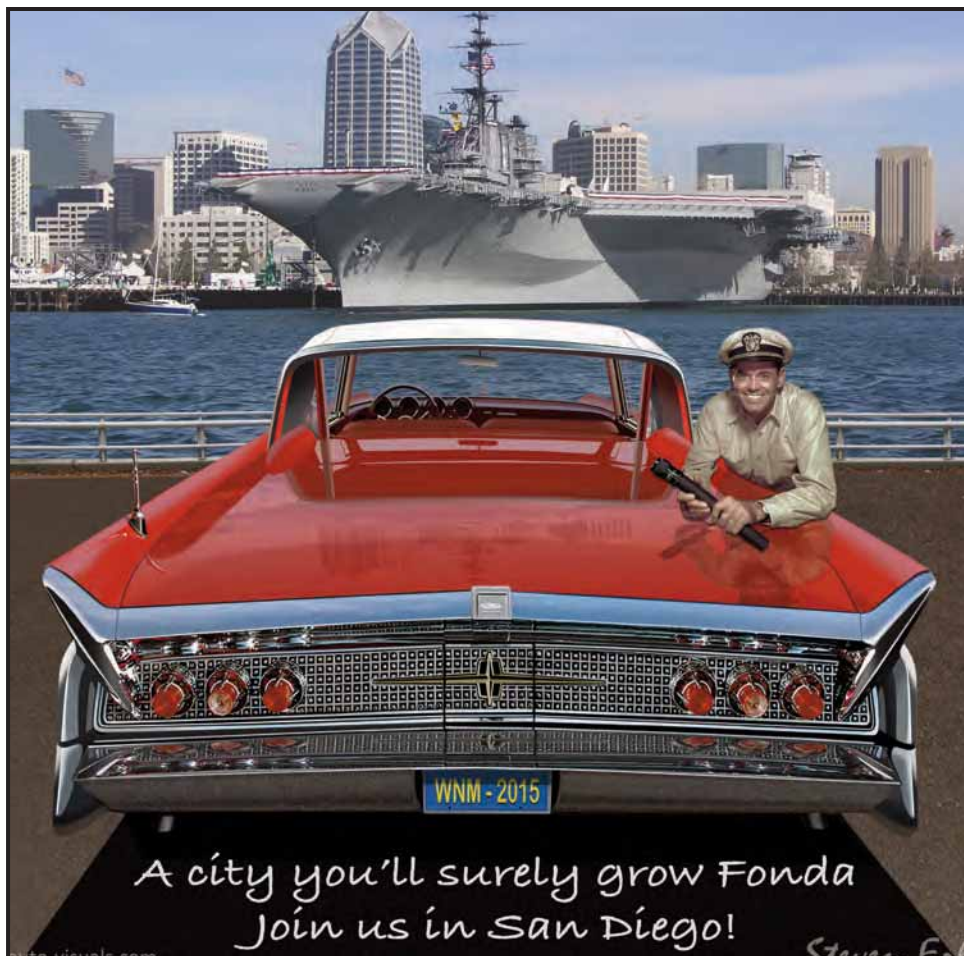
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Lincolns are Landing in San Diego this October 2015 Western National Meet, San Diego California October 14-18

The United States Navy has had a continued presence in San Diego since 1904, and today maintains the second largest naval base in the nation. Home to the Pacific Fleet for over 100 years, San Diego has a storied history in the defense of our nation. In 1952, the Navy created the Miramar Naval Air Station, and in 1962 Coronado Island became the west coast Naval Amphibious Base and home of the Navy SEALs. The aircraft carrier USS Midway, first commissioned in 1945, began its role as a floating museum here in 2004, attracting visitors from around the world.

Henry Fonda served in the Navy during World War II, and earned a Presidential Unit Citation Award and Bronze Star for "Heroic or Meritorious Achievement." The Oscar winning actor portrayed many famous roles in his nearly 50-year acting

career, including Admiral Chester Nimitz in the 1976 movie *Midway*, and his infamous title role in the 1955 film *Mister Roberts*, co-starring Jack Lemmon, James Cagney and William Powell.

Now it is your turn to star in San Diego, with Lincoln and Continental motorcars landing in greater numbers this October than ever seen before!

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 Exposition in Balboa Park, we will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of the 1940 Lincoln Continental, the 50th of the 1965 Continental, and the 25th of the 1990 Lincoln Town Car, Continental and Mark

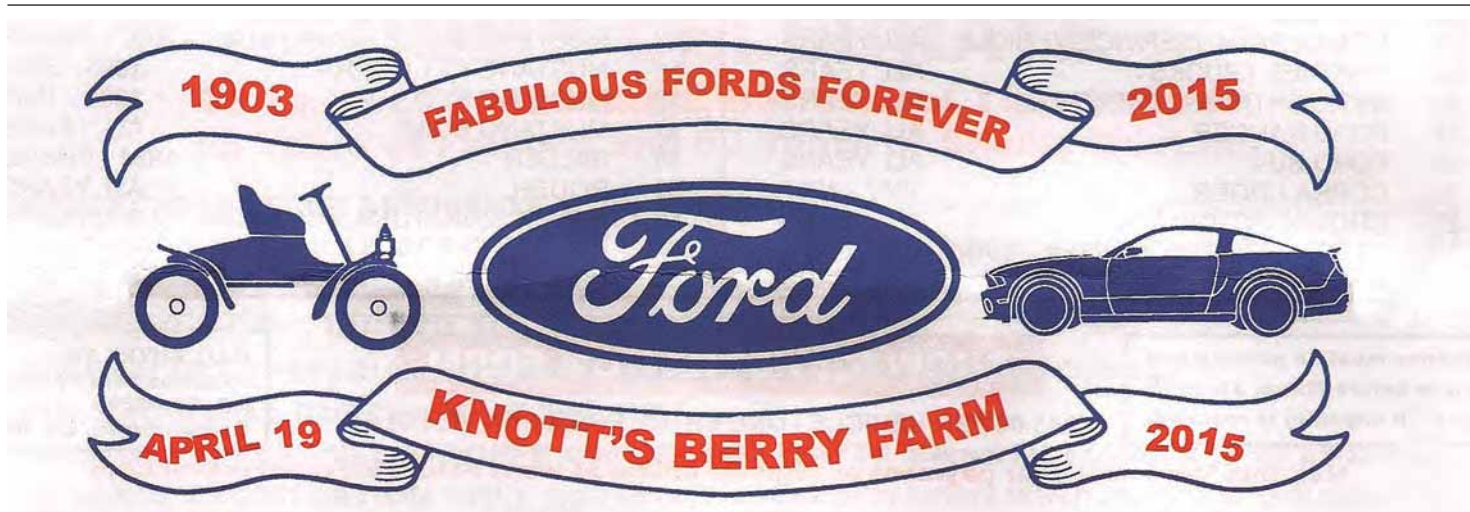
VII. The official meet poster, designed by club member and artist Steven Erler of Auto-Visuals.com, features the famous California building in Balboa Park and images of the anniversary Lincolns and Continentals being honored at next year's event. The restored tower of the California building has reopened to the public for the first time since the 1930's, with a spectacular 360 degree view of the area.

More stars will be showing up in San Diego in October, including the Continental Mark II, celebrating the 60th anniversary of its debut. 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 attendees the opportunity to spend a week vacation enjoying all that San Diego has to offer, including the San Diego Zoo, 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 spending 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'll be glad you landed in San Diego!

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



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Latest Update on the 2015 San Diego Western National Meet

The biggest and most event packed Western National Meet in LCOC history is shaping up to be all that its meet committee has been planning for the past year!

Registration at the San Diego Town and Country Resort/Hotel in Mission Valley will begin on Wednesday, October 14, with tours of local car collections including the San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park and lunch at the Calumet Collection.

Thursday there will be an 80 mile driving tour on North San Diego County backgrounds. Member cars will drive on well paved secondary roads from the hotel to Ramona where we will view an impressive collection of beautifully restored Cadillacs, Chryslers, Buicks and Lincolns owned by LCOC member Larry Knoepf. From there we will have lunch at the nearby Ramona Valley Grill which serves steaks, hamburgers and sandwiches at very reasonable prices and has a huge paved parking lot.

After lunch we will proceed down into the beautiful San Pasqual Valley which in 1846 was the site of the bloodiest battle of the Mexican-American War.

Briefly, in the early 1840s California broke away from Mexico and became an independent country, but not for long. After a series of fierce although obscure battles such as San Pasqual, California became a territory of the United States.



San Pasqual Battlefield Museum.

We will stop at the San Pasqual Battlefield California State Park/Museum where we will learn where and how the U.S. Army under the command of Brigadier General Stephen W. Kearney paid a dear price to make California a part of Manifest Destiny and the growing Union.

From there the cars will drive on to Escondido and return to the hotel via Interstate 15. This is one driving tour you will not want to miss.

Thursday evening there will be a Sunset Cocktail Cruise on Mission Bay.

Friday will be a day in Balboa Park visiting the museums. Saturday will be the day of the big show with over 100 cars anticipated. Sunday there will be an optional lunch at the Hotel Del Coronado.

This will be a meet to rival last year's grand opening of the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum in the burgeoning metropolis of Hickory Corners, Michigan. Don't miss a day of it! Get your meet and hotel reservations in now!

2015 LCOC National Meet in Los Angeles

The Western Region hosted the 2015 National Winter Board of Directors Meeting January 15-17 at the Airport Crowne Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles. Western Region Director Stacy Roscoe was the host director and coordinated group dinners/outings.

Full details of the board meeting will be featured in the March-April issue of *Lincoln and Continental Comments* which will be mailed out to members in early April. One item of particular note is the future of *Lincoln and Continental Comments*.

At the board meeting options for improving *Comments* were discussed and Dave Gustafson of the North Star Region was named to be the new National Chairman of Communications and Publications assisted by Pat Corbett from Texas who is also Vice President of Regions.

It was then announced in the North Star newsletter by Gustafson, "*Comments* is working well at the present time with Tim Howley as Editor and John Walcek as photographer. Don't look for any great changes in *Comments* in the foreseeable future".

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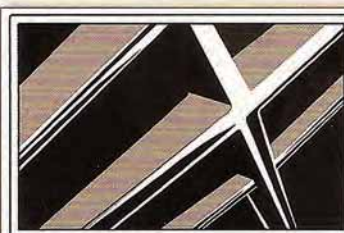
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