



*Ken Tibbot and Elliot Jones with their 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolets.*

## Lincolns at Fabulous Fords Forever, 2015

Sunday, April 19 was the 30th Annual Fabulous Fords Forever All Ford Show at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park.

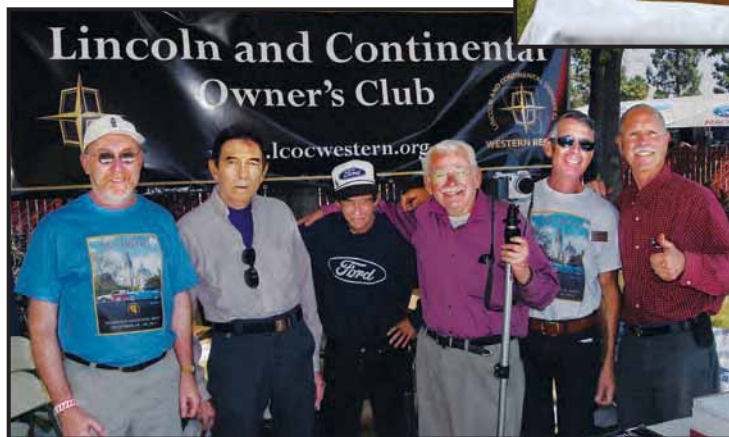
There were between 40 and 50 Lincolns/Continental at the show but they were not all LCOC Western Region cars. There were 18 Mark VIII Club cars and about a dozen Mark VII Club cars plus an assortment of Lincolns and Continentals from several other clubs.

This year's show honored the 75th Anniversary of the Lincoln Continental with a display of 9 Lincolns and Continentals on the grass in the featured car area. Best of Show, all makes, was Elliot and Linda Jones 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet. Other cars on the grass with the Jones car were Dave Cole and Ken Tibbot's 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet, Malcolm McFarland's 1947 Lincoln Continental Coupe, Peter and Cathy Hoffman's 1956 Continental Mark II, Jim Ayres' 1964 Lincoln Continental Convertible, Bud Slater's 1966 Lincoln Continental Convertible,

Steven Erler's 1969 Continental Mark III, Don and Kim Torrence's 1970 Continental Mark III, and Bruce and Helen Hutchinson's 1988 Lincoln Mark VII.



*Right: Elliott Jones' Knotts Best of Show Award.*



*Left to right: Ron Cressy, Jim Powers, Quincy Quimby, Tim Howley, Jim Ayres, and John Walcek.*

*Tom Williams with his 1965 Lincoln Continental Convertible.*

*John Walcek Photos.*



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### Director's message

It all started November 16, 2013 in a waterfront suite at the Inn at Morrow Bay: Ron Cressy came up to the 2013 LCOC Western Region Annual Meeting to talk about some ideas he had for a 2015 Western National Meet in San Diego. It sounded fantastic. It sounded ambitious. It certainly sounded like a lot of work. The Board of Directors listened, questioned, and decided to go for it!



From this humble start that day a lot has happened over the last 2 1/2 years! By the time you read this, the LCOC Western National Meet will have been officially launched. The new electronic registration site is up and ready to guide you through a selection of meet activities that you will not be able to pass up. Response to date has been nothing short of phenomenal, and our minimum contracted hotel room nights have already been filled. We are well on our way to signing up over 100 Lincolns for what we believe will be the largest West Coast classic Lincoln auto show ever held!

San Diego is the perfect place for this to occur. There hasn't been a National Meet in San Diego since 1995, and we know that there are dozens of cars in the area that have not been seen at previous Western National Meets. San Diego is a city full of history and culture, sun and fun, and a strong hard core group of LCOC members who have been patiently looking forward to another big LCOC event in their area.

The home base for the event is the Town and Country Hotel in Mission Valley that is renowned for being the place to find great classic car events. It is in the middle of the action that attracts people to San Diego, and it offers the space and charm that will provide the perfect backdrop for our beautiful cars from decades past.

I want to recognize the incredible nonstop work that has been completed by a core group of club members who have taken the concepts discussed over the last several years and turned them into the meet structure that you see today. Taking the lead for all of this work are Ron Cressy and Jim Ayres who worked as a team over these last two years to interface with every Lincoln owner that could be found in our region to lay the groundwork. They have also pulled together the many volunteers organized to support the meet schedule that you currently see. Another special call-out goes to our Meet Registrar John Kiszla who has assembled, tested, and continually upgraded our new electronic registration and payment systems. Steven Erler has dedicated his artistic creativity to beautiful and unique works of automobile art that are being used for everything from formal invitations to the meet to card sets available as a revenue source for the meet. Nicole Larson and John Ellison have been the local contacts laying the groundwork for some special San Diego events during the week of the meet. Thank you Ron, Jim, John, Steven, Nicole, John, and dozens of other club members who have dedicated time and energy well beyond the normal call of duty!!!

I look forward to seeing you in San Diego in October....Sign up NOW!

Until next time.....Stacy

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## Western Region Events 2015

June 7: Huntington Beach  
Concours.

July 26: Picnic with the  
Cadillac-LaSalle Club,  
Cupertino.

August 23 Annual Region Wine  
Country Picnic, Sonoma,  
California.

October 14-18: Western  
National Meet,  
San Diego, California.



### 30th Annual Huntington Beach Concours Sunday, June 7

This concours has a special class for Lincolns and has been a well attended event for the Western Region for the past three years. It is an official LCOC Western Region Event.

This year the event will feature live entertainment by Aprile Deanne DJ/Vocalist, Hot Wheels racing for the kids, good food and interesting vendors.

The Sunday event has free ice cream, face painting, and balloon art for the kids!! The HB Concours d' Elegance is a non-profit organization benefitting the HB Children's Resource Center at the Library.

Over its thirty year history,

the Huntington Beach Concours has grown to become one of the outstanding automotive events in Southern California. First staged in 1986, the Concours has its home on the picturesque lawns of Huntington Beach Central Park in Huntington Beach. Central Park lies adjacent to the Huntington Beach Public Library & Cultural Resource Center at Talbert and Goldenwest. The field of entrants includes the best domestic, British, European and Asian, vintage to current automobiles and motorcycles.

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## The Drive Is On - to San Diego this October 2015 Western National Meet, San Diego California October 14-18

Our continuing series of Lincolns and stars features Susan Hayward, the glamorous and feisty red head, well known for her dramatic roles portraying many characters not readily discussed in the 40s and 50s. Ms. Hayward was the first actress to play a female alcoholic in the 1947 film, "Smash-Up, the Story of a Woman" and received an Academy Award nomination for her performance. Over the next decade, she portrayed other driven, and somewhat challenged characters in four additional dramatic films, and received Academy Award nominations for each. Susan Hayward ultimately won an Oscar for her courageous and gritty performance in the 1958 release "I Want to Live!" - the story of death row inmate Barbara Graham. In a career spanning over 35 years, she performed in theatre, film and television until the final curtain call in 1975.

Another star in its own right is San Diego's iconic El Cortez Hotel. Opening in 1927, it was touted by its owner as "The finest hotel on the West Coast", playing a dramatic and innovative roll in San Diego history. Located on the highest point in

downtown, it was a landmark known for glamorous guests, the Starlight Room with 360 degree views of the city, the first exterior glass elevator, and the first moving sidewalk or Travolator in the world. Closed as a hotel in 1978, El Cortez was restored and remodeled, transforming into one of San Diego's most prestigious private residences.

This is a very special year for San Diego, celebrating the centennial of its starring role in the 1915 Panama-California Exposition held in Balboa Park. And it is a very special year for Lincoln Motor Company with the 75th anniversary of the 1940 Lincoln Continental and the debut of Lincoln's new star, the first big new Continental in over a decade. The 2015 Western National Meet is being held October 14 - 18 in San Diego at the Town and Country Resort, located just a few miles north of Balboa Park. The meet will also be featuring the 50th anniversary of the 1965 Continental and the 25th of the 1990 Lincoln models - Lincolns best sales year ever - with special awards for these years. The official meet poster features the anniversary Lincolns and Continentals,

along with the famous California building in Balboa Park. This month's featured image of what might have been - a 1948 Continental sedan - will be one of many available for sale at the meet by artist Steven Erler of Auto-Visuals.com, along with signed and number original prints of the meet poster and a commemorative set of note cards designed for our meet.

There will be a week full of activities before the big concours show on Saturday October 17. Events will extend beyond the traditional 4-day format, to allow attendees an opportunity to spend the week enjoying San Diego attractions like the San Diego Zoo, Old Town, Little Italy, Gaslamp Quarter, Mission Bay and Seaport Village. The famous San Diego Red Trolley light rail line stops directly in back of the hotel, affording guests easy transportation throughout the area.

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. A self-guided tour of the Midway will be offered, and a luxurious Mission Bay dinner cruise will be the highlight of events on Thursday evening. Not to be missed Friday morning will be the Grand Caravan Parade of Lincolns into Balboa Park. We will visit the many museums located there and marvel at the beautiful Spanish-Colonial Revival architecture that inspired development in California throughout the 1920s and 1930s..

The official meet days are Wednesday October 14 through Sunday October 18, 2015. Attendees should plan on arriving Tuesday to be ready for all the activities starting Wednesday AM. Many events will have limited availability, so register early! Go to [LCOC.org/Meets.asp](http://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. Our special \$119 Lincoln rate is valid from Sunday October 11 through Wednesday October 21, so stay until Monday to catch all of the Sunday events planned. Come a few days early or stay a few days longer - there is so much to see and do - you won't want to miss anything! A full itinerary of the week's events can also be found on the Western Region website.

To register online go to <http://www.lcoc.western.org/index.html> Or please contact John Kiszla, LCOC Western Region, Meet Registration Chair, at [john.kiszla@yahoo.com](mailto:john.kiszla@yahoo.com), or give him a call at 415-215-1701. If if you need a registration form mailed to you write John Kiszla, 193 Winter Harbor Place, Vallejo, CA 94591.



## Bob Blevins' 1977 Lincoln Town Coupe with Fixed Glass Moon Roof

Bob Blevins, Yuma, Arizona owns a most unusual 1977 Town Coupe. The car is cordovan and white with a cordovan vinyl roof and a cordovan and white interior with leather seats. The cordovan and white is a very rare color combination, coming in the Town Coupe for this one year and only with leather seats. All the other Town Coupes were one color. They only built 258 with this color combination.

This was the last year with full gauges and the thermometer speedometer because the more modern temperature controls wouldn't fit in this instrument panel.

Blevins bought the car in Gallup, New Mexico three years ago from the second owner who bought the car in 1982 and kept it for 30 years. The car presently has 94,000 miles.

The most unique feature on this car is the fixed glass moon roof. Out of about 27,440 Town Coupes built that year 1,347 had the fixed glass moon roof which is very much like the 1954-56 Mercury Sun Valley except this roof is reflective one way tinted glass, appearing to be a silver color on the outside, but looks merely tinted from the inside. The roof cost \$954, slightly more than the movable moon roof which was smaller. This roof covers the entire forward portion of the front compartment and has a stainless steel border around its edge. It was available with a full vinyl roof, coach roof or painted non-vinyl roof. The fixed glass moon roof option was only available from 1977 through 1979 on both the two-door Town Coupe and four-door Town Car. Lincolns with this option were shipped from Ford to American Sunroof Corporation where the glass roof was installed. A manually operated sliding sunscreen was added to entirely block out the sun. At first the cost was only a few dollars more than the smaller power moon roof, but it kept going up during the three years of production.

The full price of the car was \$13,0711.





## List of Events 2015 San Diego Western National Meet

**Sunday, October 11:** Early arrivals check in.

**Monday, October 12:** Event C, Old Town, Little Italy, Gaslamp Quarter. Mission Basilica San Diego Alcala. Point Loma and Cabrillo National Monument.

LaJolla, Torrey Pines Natural Reserve and Del Mar.

**Tuesday, October 13:** Events A1 and A2: Balboa Park and Balboa Park including San Diego Zoo.

Event B: Tour of USS Midway, Seaport Village.

**Wednesday, October 14:** Event D, Local tour of San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park J.A. Cooley Museum, lunch at Calumet Collection, Only Yesterday Collection, Evans Garage.

Event E, Wednesday Welcome Dinner.

Event F: Special video presentation by James R. Powers, "A Life in Design".

**Thursday, October 15:** Event G, Long Distance Driving Tour to Ramona with a visit to a private Collection, lunch on your own in Ramona and a visit to the San Pasqual Battlefield.

Event H, Short Drive Option, tour of the Calumet Collection and lunch.

Event I, Mission Bay 3-hour Dinner



*San Pasqual Battlefield Museum.*

Cruise on the William D. Evans Sternwheeler.

**Friday, October 16:** Grand Caravan Parade and a Day in Balboa Park.

Event K, Balboa Park Day Pass.

Event L, No host Cocktail hour and Mediterranean Buffet Dinner.

Event M, Live Auction.

**Saturday, October 17:** Concours Car Show, Swap Meet and Car Corral.

On your own local tours

Lunch on your own.

National LCOC Fall Board Meeting.

Event N, Gala Awards Banquet in Regency Ballroom.

**Sunday, October 18:** Photo shoot of trophy winners.

On your own events, Brunch at the Hotel Del Coronado.

Deer Park Winery and Auto Museum in Escondido.

More Balboa Park museum visits on your own.

Sunset Cocktail Cruise on the Bahia Belle Sternwheeler on Mission Bay.

**Monday, October 19-Wednesday, October 21:** On-your-own tour continues, Riverwalk Gold Club, next to hotel.

Further details on all of these events and to register online go to <http://www.lcoc.western.org/index.html>

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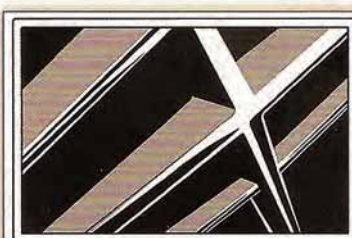
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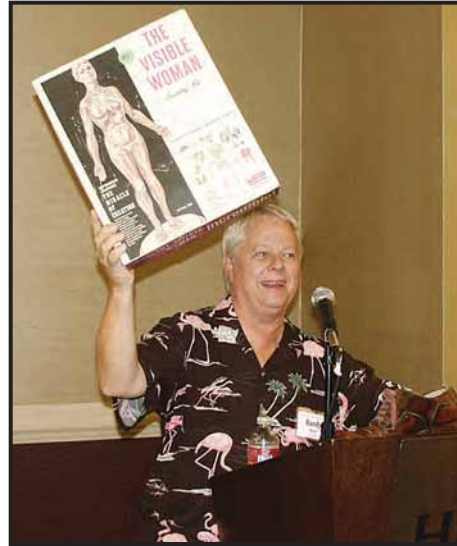
*Randy the auctioneer at the  
2012 Western National Meet  
in Concord, California.*

On March 23 LCOC and the Western Region lost one of its dearest members when Randy Mytar, age 67, Sherman Oaks, California lost a two year battle with brain cancer. Randy is survived by his wife Carol, two grown children, a son Jason and a daughter Guy, and Randy's mother, Maxine.

Randy was born June 8, 1947 in Santa Monica, California, grew up in Culver City and graduated from Art Center College. He did architectural renderings, and taught at the Art Center in Pasadena from 1971 to 1989. Then he started his own business in architectural painting, working out of his home. Most of his work was in water colors. Randy collected cars, built and flew model airplanes, and played percussion for his own band, the J.L Randall Trio, even playing local bars and restaurants for the love of it. He loved motorized model airplanes since childhood and won many awards with

them in competition.

Most of all, Randy loved cars, especially Lincolns. He owned a 1964 Lincoln Continental convertible and a 1953 Lincoln Capri coupe. He also owned a 1955 Studebaker Golden Hawk and a 1957 Buick Caballero station wagon, plus many other cars. He painted water colors of Lincolns for the LCOC directory and web-site. He even painted a proposed rendering for the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum which although brilliant was never accepted for the final design. He was



The last LCOC National Meet where he participated was the 2012 Western National Meet in Concord, California as shown in these photos. The last National Meet he attended was the Western National Meet in Phoenix in 2013.

Randy stood out like a peacock in a park full of pigeons, had a gift of humor to rival Jay Leno, and was generous to an extreme. Randy was the type of guy who would give you the shirt off his back and the checkered coat to go with it. In his success, he would always share his wealth, whether it be to help a friend in need, or stranger on the street. He loved spending days flying model airplanes at a local flying field, and watching classic old movies because he liked beauty in many forms. He was a very positive person who found silver linings wherever he went. He was an institution in LCOC, loving everybody and always leaving us laughing. He will be missed by all of us, but at least we have his kindness, generosity and good humor to carry on without him.

*Left, Randy the auctioneer hamming  
it up in Concord, California.*

*Below, Randy judging in  
Concord, California.*

the comedian auctioneer at LCOC Western National Meets for years. He always attended our National Meets dressed outrageously, like in 1920s golf attire or as a Hollywood cowboy.



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