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2015 San Diego Western National Meet October 14-18

*Elliston Bell Winner, 1956 Lincoln,
Thomas Askounis.*

Nearly 200 members and their guests attended the 2015 Western National Meet which began Wednesday, October 14 with a continental breakfast in the Tiki Pavilion of the Town and Country Resort Hotel in San Diego's Mission Valley. This was followed by a driving tour to five San Diego car collections. Some toured the USS Midway, a floating museum honoring a great warship that was commissioned in 1945. Then we had a terrific welcome dinner at Trellises



Restaurant which was opened just for our group.

Famed designer James Powers followed dinner with a wonderful original presentation highlighting his personal life and career.

Thursday about 24 members participated in a long driving tour to Ramona with lunch at DiCarlo's restaurant and then they continued on to the San Pasqual Battlefield Museum for a lesson in old California history. Others took a short driving tour to three San Diego car collections finishing with John Ellison's Calumet collection. This was followed by lunch and a driving tour to Point Loma with photo ops. Culmination of the day's

activities was a cruise on the William D. Evans stern wheeler that included scenic views of Mission Bay at sunset and in darkness and a wonderful buffet.

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*The field from
the Fifth floor
of the hotel.*



*Left, Western
Region
Members
with
Forties
Cars.*

*Right,
Lincoln
Zephyrs
and
Lincoln
Ks and Ls.*



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Director's message

The LCOC Western National Meet in San Diego...What a Meet! What a Team!

While you will be reading plenty about the details throughout *Confab* and later *Comments*, I want to take my space this month to give a big THANK YOU to our fantastic committee:



Ron Cressy brought a vision to our Annual Meeting two years ago and made a compelling case that the "meet of our time" could be held and could be successful by every conventional measurement. He then proceeded to fill in the blanks with a week full of activities that would bring people early to enjoy fantastic events while at the same time generating a large number of room nights in the hotel that would provide the means to offset many meet expenses. He worked a tough contract with the hotel that passed the test of time (and hotel management changes, too), and enabled us to get what we needed for a first class meet at great savings.

Jim Ayres' touch was on every aspect of this fabulous event, as he tirelessly and often single-handedly did whatever had to be done to ensure success. We were in awe of his passion and selfless contributions of time and money to make this an event beyond comparison. His interface with the Lincoln Motor Car Company and with the Witt dealership was nothing but first class public relations work. His constant interface with LOC, LZOC, and other Lincoln clubs was classic automobile missionary work that was proven effective by the quality and diversity of the cars that showed up on our show field.

John Kiszla cannot be thanked enough for all the hard work he put into organizing and overseeing our first on-line registration process. John put in almost a full time job that help us stay on top of everything with the hotel, meals, and events. The on-site check-in and new registrations were handled with a calm grace that was truly appreciated by all attendees.

Kerry Roscoe had to be one of the hardest working members of our team, interfacing with everyone on the meet committee as our events were planned and executed. Kerry was responsible for all hotel meals, stocking and staffing our hospitality suite, the meet program, audio visual support, and managing the hotel contract. She was also available to lend a hand with sponsors, registration, the auction, and VIP interface--a true partner who deserves a lot of recognition for the attention to detail and interaction our attendees told us they appreciated.

John Ellison coordinated a bay dinner cruise that was a wonderful treat and so very "San Diego." He shared his collection and arranged for access to other high quality private collections during two very memorable tours that were the talk of the meet. John also arranged the motorcycle escort for the Grand Caravan through Balboa Park that created quite a memorable scene for the residents of San Diego.

Dave Huhn served as our Field Marshal, and his efficiency, thoroughness, and flexibility made a very tough job look easy. There were many late registrants and many changes, and he handled them all in stride. People loved the

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way that the cars looked and how they related to each other in what has been described by many as one of the best fields ever assembled.

Tom McCarthy selflessly sequestered himself for days getting the trophies organized and ready for the Gala Awards Banquet. He was extremely thorough and he ensured that we had a flawless presentation ceremony.

Elayne Bendel made sure that our meet's presence in San Diego was well known through her terrific efforts made in promotion and publicity. She was also the Committee's scribe and conscience, precisely capturing our plans and assignments during each meeting to make sure we met our commitments for excellence in planning and execution.

Rob Shearan raised what may be the most money ever made at one of our meet auctions! ...and he made it fun! He stepped into this role and made it his own, reading the room, getting the prices, and moving things along to deliver a great night!

Jan McNiel and Marv Wendt had the impossible task to kept track of the auction winning bids, the silent auction, and the 50/50 raffle that required so much time, energy and focus. Then they got to deal with collecting the money and closing it all out. This was tough work that pulled in the bulk of our special income.

Steven Erler gave us a strong face to the public with his creative images that delighted and inspired. He created a brand that was recognizable and impactful, and was a key member of our fund raising efforts with the donation of his note cards and posters as a source of revenue for the meet.

Jim Finley helped out wherever needed, especially with pictures of the cars, the People's Choice Award, and making sure that we were clearly communicating with all of the new LCOC and non-LCOC participants.

Tim Howley supported the club with photography and stories for the Western National Meet in San Diego and worked to set up the long distance driving tour to Ramona.

John Walcek ensured that we have the outstanding photographic history that we have come to expect.

Thank you all for one of our best meets ever!!!

Until next timeStacy



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Friday morning we assembled for a Grand Caravan Parade of some 45 cars into Balboa Park passing over the Cabrillo Bridge and entering the Plaza de Panama for a mini concours at the San Diego Automotive Museum. Most of us stayed to enjoy our passes for visiting some of the many excellent museums there. These included the Automotive Museum, Aviation Museum, Natural History Museum, San Diego Museum of Art, and many others. Some of us were able to admire the Spreckels Organ Pavilion and the lovely Japanese Friendship Garden. Mechanical judging continued in the parking structure at the hotel during the afternoon

Late in the day the LCOC Western Region held its board meeting where new board members were installed and plans made for regional events for the coming year.

An excellent Mediterranean buffet dinner topped with cannoli and other Italian-style desserts preceded a successful fundraising auction, where meet participants were not only generous, but also walked away with some good bargains.

Saturday the show field at the hotel materialized and what a fabulous sight! Dave Huhn and his band of elves got more than 80 cars parked and situated in a virtual blink of an eye. As far as anyone could see generations of Lincolns sat side-by-side for aesthetic judging and the enjoyment of our members and the general public. Rarely has there been so many cars from all eras ranging from the 1920s all the way up to the latest Marks.

Beautiful examples of the classics from the 1920s and '30s wowed the onlookers along with lovely Zephyr examples and the original Continentals from the 1940s which inspired the formation of the LCOC. One original Lincoln from 1950 highlighted the cars from that decade, but there were

Arriving at the San Diego Auto Museum on the Thursday Tour.



Lecture at the San Diego Auto Museum.



Lunch at John Ellison's Calumet Collection.



Visiting the Only Yesterday Museum.



Thursday tour to Terry Knoepp's collection in Ramona.



many examples of the 1956 and '57 Lincolns and Mark IIs as well as Lincoln's largest cars, the 1958 through '60 models gleaming in their mid century pastels. Rows of slab side sedans and convertibles through the 1960s decade delighted visitors.

Lincoln Marks and Town Cars, mini limos and even a few Versailles models highlighted the show cars from the later decades. Congratulations to everyone who exhibited and created this spectacular show field!

The day ended with an elegant dinner in the Regency Ballroom with an appropriately understated black and white theme. Gorgeous white orchids graced each table and a lucky representative from each got to take one home.

The winner of the coveted Elliston H. Bell Founder's Trophy was Thomas Askounis of Chicago with his elegant 1956 Lincoln Premiere sedan.

We are indebted to Lincoln Motor Company for sending us Robert Louisell who gave a very timely presentation on Lincolns of the past, present and future. Many thanks also go to our judges and chief judge Steven D'Ambrosia for their terrific work in picking the top entries for awards. Also, kudos must go to Tom McCarthy for getting the trophies in place and ready to go and for Kerry Roscoe, for yet another spectacular dinner. As each winner carried off his or her award nothing but good memories of this meet will go forward, creating great satisfaction after all the hard work it took to get here. Special thanks to our meet co-chairs Jim Ayres and Ron Cressy, for their countless hours of hard work and to the rest of the committee who pulled together to make it happen.

The meet ended Sunday with a display of the the new Continental Concept Car in front of the San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park.

*Elayne Bendel,
LCOC Western National Meet
Communications.*

*Learning
California history
at the
San Pasqual
Battlefield
Museum.*



*Friday
night
auction.*

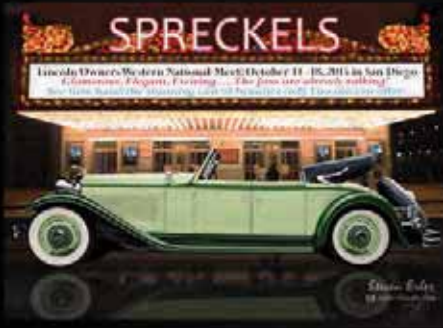
*Dave Cole
is the
guy in the
center at the
Saturday
night
banquet.*



*Some of
the Fifties
cars on
the field.*

*John Walcek
photographing
the Continental
Concept Car
and Dave Cole's
1940 LC
Cabriolet at the
San Diego
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Above, 1925 Lincoln L Roadster, Arnold Schmidt, then a 1930 Lincoln L Sedan, Ray Menefee.

Left above, 1956 Mark II, Gary Kautz and a 1956 Mark II, Dennis Kay.

Left, just a few of the Sixties convertibles.

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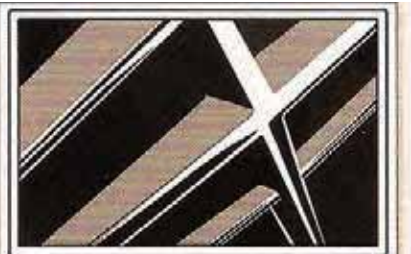
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