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Western Region Joins Imperial Club Car Show in Palm Springs

On Saturday, January 9, for the second year in a row, LCOC Western Region members and their cars joined the Southern California Imperial Owners for their Palm Springs Barbecue. Once again the event was held at the home of Imperialist Marc Hampton and the street was blocked off for the event by the City of Palm Springs. There were over 40 cars and 132 people.

Lincoln people and cars included Elayne Bendel and her 1964 Lincoln



Below left, Ron Cressy, Ray Gonzales and Elayne Bendel with their '64 LC and '88 Town Car.

Continental convertible, Ron Cressy and his 1988 Lincoln Town Car, Sandy Edelstein and Scott King this time with a Studebaker Avanti, John Burge and Mike Steiner with their awesome 1974 Continental Mark IV, Brian Burns with his metallic mint 1964 Lincoln Continental sedan, Bob Blevins this time with his 2004 Thunderbird "Pacific Coast" limited edition convertible and Jim Ayres who came with Elayne Bendel.

Besides lots of Imperials, Dodges and a 1937 Chrysler Airflow, there was a 1947 Buick station wagon, a 1938 Buick, a circa 1950 Packard convertible and a sprinkling of Studebakers and rare performance cars.

The entry fee of (\$15 per person) included an all day help yourself buffet topped off with a burgers and chicken outdoor grill by the pool.

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Below, Cressy's '88 Town Car and Brian Burns 1964 LC Sedan.





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Director's message

Is As I write this, I am getting ready to travel to Tampa, Florida for the annual LCOC National Board meeting, and it struck me that many of you may not be familiar with this assembly that meets in different parts of the country each year trying to make our organization stronger and more meaningful to our members. As Director of the Western Region, I have the privilege to serve on the board and be part of all of this work, so I



thought that I would use my page this month to share with you one aspect of this meeting that you will hopefully find helpful: the Board's committee structure.

It is the committee structure that allows small groups of board members with particular skills and/or interests to focus on specific areas that are managed by the board as a whole. I know that a lot of organizations have subcommittees that are a subset of the board that meet and offer recommendations to the board. It works this way with the National Board, too, with one addition.....All Committee meetings are scheduled so that all board members can attend, and all board members are encouraged to attend. The members of the focused sub-groups are still the drivers of the discussions, and they have the final committee vote on what is recommended to the board. However, in our case, all of the other board members have heard the discussion and have had a chance to be heard.

All of the work of these committees takes place on the Thursday and Friday before the formal Saturday Board Meeting when the recommendations of each committee are brought to the entire board for final decisions. So what are these Committees that I am describing? We have 11 committees that focus as follows:

Executive: Helps the President with overall club governance.

Trophies and Meets: Ensures that meets happen and that the right trophies are awarded.

Lincoln Motor Car Historic Museum: Manages LCOC's interface with the Lincoln Museum.

Publications and Communications: Getting our beautiful *Comments* out to you.

Website: Attempting to keep LCOC in the mainstream of today's communication.

Judging Standards: Manages the entire judging process so that it makes sense to members.

Custom: Manages and certifies non-traditional Lincolns.

Technical Services: Manages the Club's team of technical experts and shares their expertise.

Finance: Makes sure that we have budgets and management that keep the Club in business.

Nominations: Manages board term rotation and the election process.

Membership: Makes sure that we have members and interfaces with regional issues.

I think that it is important for all of us to realize that a lot of work goes into the everyday operation of our club, and that we have a say in what happens. If you have ideas or concerns that should be heard, share them with me and we can get these in front of the right people. If you would like to be part of this process, let me know. Until next time........Stacy

Micros, Minis and More at the Mike Malamut Collection

On February 27 the LCOC Western Region and Thunderbirds of Southern California will visit the Mike Malamut Car Museum in Thousand Oaks. The museum is filled with lightweight and thrifty micro cars, Fiats, VWs, and



Porsches in addition to heavier exotic iron, and memorabilia.

The museum is not open to the general public so you won't want to miss the opportunity to see a fabulous collection!

There is no charge for this tour, but you **must RSVP** to

Jim Ayres who is at <u>so.cal.events@lcocwestern.org</u> or call at 949-689-8471, so that we know how many to expect. Friends and family of members are welcome.

Day: Saturday, February 27
Time: 10:00 am
Where: 1121 Lawrence Drive,
Thousand Oaks, CA 91320
http://malamutautomuseum.com/

After touring the museum, those who wish can join us for lunch at...Olive Garden at 158 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks



Western Region 2016 Events Identified to Date

January -

January 31st 2016 Kick-off event-Brunch and Car Show - at the 22nd St. Landing in San Pedro which will be followed by a tour of the the USS Iowa, located near the restaurant.

February -

February 27th visit to the Mike Malumut Collection in Thousand Oaks with the T-Bird Club.

April 17th Knotts Berry Farm Annual Ford products Car Show.

May - LZOC Western Regional Meet.

June - LCOC Western Region Spring Meet - a "meet within a meet" at the June 5th Huntington Beach Concours.

September - Annual Mike Cunningham Wine Tasting and Picnic Event.

October - Participation in the California Mercury Owners event.

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Dave Cole and Ken Tibbot's 1940 Lincoln Continal leads the parade.



Dave Huhn's 1940 Lincoln-Zephyr is close behind.



The Witt family's 1964 Linoln Continental Convertible Sedan.

Parade into Balboa Park at the 2015 Western National Meet

One of the reasons that San Diego was chosen as the location for the 2015 Western National Meet, October 14-18 was to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 1915 Pan American Exposition in Balboa Park. The original exposition cebebrated the opening of the Panama Canal and featured San Diego as the first U.S. port of call for ships traveling north after passing through the canal.

The Cabrillo Bridge ends with an arch under the towered State Building. The arch is the entrance point to the park. The bridge and the State Building plus the adjoining Fine Arts building have all been restored, along with several other original buildings which still stand. The tower is now called "the California Bell Tower" and the building now houses the Museum of Man.

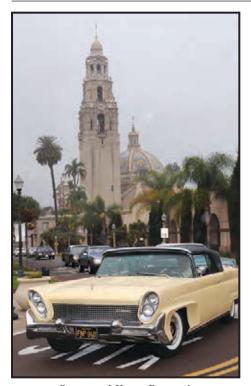
On the morning of Friday, October 16, 45 LCOC cars of all eras paraded over the famed Cabrillo Bridge led by police escort and parked in front of the San Diego Automotive Museum and San Diego Air and Space Museum. Members spent a day visiting the many Balboa Park museums and other attractions while the public enjoyed seeing our cars in a mini car show setting.

The San Diego Automotive Museum is housed in a former California State Building, built for the 1935-36 California Pacific International Exposition, the second exposition in San Diego history. Some of the feature cars in the museum are Louie Mattar's 1947 Cadillac that was driven non-stop from Alaska to Mexico City and across the United States, a 1948 Tucker, and Frank Sinatra's 1967 Austin Petrol Hire Car.

The museum made the centennial the focal point of its 2015 exhibits. The first exhibit covers 1915-1935 with autos that are part of all that was going on in San Diego

during that period. Following that exhibit is The War Years which show-cases San Diego's involvement in World War II. Then comes the Fins and Wings exhibit which showcases those gaudy colored cars with outrageous fins and wings that dominated automotive styling in the later fifties and early sixties. The final exhibit is Trends of the Future which focus on cars yet to come and the amazing technology which will be built into cars of the future.

Right next to the Automotive Museum is the San Diego Air and Space Museum housed in the restored Ford Rotunda built for the 1935-36 California Pacific Exposition. Where 1935 Fords were once displayed along with Ford production techniques in the pre World War II years, there are now aircraft of all eras hanging from the ceiling, a replica of Charles Lindberg's The Spirit of St. Louis in the entrance hall, aircraft from the earliest years through World War II, and



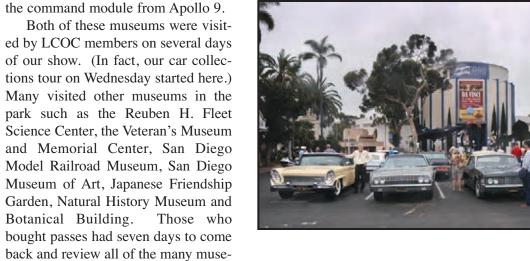
Stacy and Kerry Roscoe's 1958 Linoln Continental Convertible.



Jim Ayres'
1964 Linoln Continental
Convertible Sedan.



John Kiszla's 1961 Linoln Continental Convertible Sedan.



Cars Friday
in front
of the
San Diego
Air and Space
and
Automobile
Museums.

enjoyed in a single day.

One of the most exciting days in Balboa Park was Sunday when Lincoln's new Concept Car made an appearance outside the San Diego Auto Museum surrounded by LCOC members and their cars. Members took some great pictures and had a chance to compare past and present

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um experiences which could hardly be



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Six More Photos of the Imperial Barbecue



Sixties Dodge with an Imperial, another Dodge and a Chrysler Airflow.



1947 Buick Super Estate Wagon.



The barbecue line ran all day long.



Will Bodine's 1964 Lincoln Continental Convertible and a Sixties Chrysler 300 Convertible.



Sixties Imperial Convertible, and a 1938 Buick sedan.



A Classic Sixties Imperial Convertible with the spare tire on the trunk and fins.

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