



2016 Western National Meet Denver, Colorado

The Western National Meet was held in Denver September 7 to 10. This was the first LCOC National Meet held in Denver since 1992. The sponsoring Rocky Mountain Region had undergone some dramatic changes, dropping to just four members two years ago and rebuilding to over 80 members today. The meet headquarters was the Westminster Westin hotel in Westminster, Colorado a growing suburb of Denver between downtown Denver and the college town of Boulder. We had four days of late summer early fall beautiful weather which made the Thursday tour to The Stanley Hotel in Estes Park a joy.

The Western Region was well represented with John Burge and Mike Steiner from Palm Springs, Ron Cressy and Ray Gonzales from Yucca Valley, John and Connie Herrell from Jackson, Jim and Carol Higgs from San Pedro, Tom and Terry Machado from Stockton, Stacy and Kerry Roscoe from Ventura, Ray, Curtis and Amy Menefee from Sebastopol, and of course club photographer John Walcek and *Comments* Editor Tim Howley.

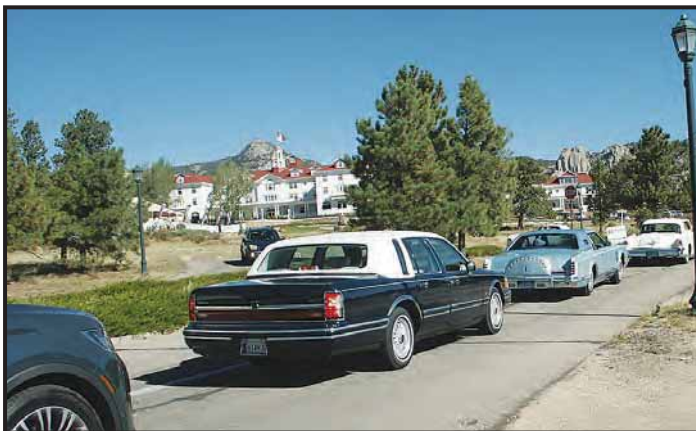
There were about 30 cars on the Estes Park Tour with a few flathead Fords that were invited to join. It is about 60 miles from the hotel to Estes Park, the last 20 miles being mountainous. On the outskirts of Estes Park the assembled convoy
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Above left, Elliston Bell Winner, John Burge & Mike Steiner's 1974 Mark IV.



Left, Cars on the way to Estes Park.

Far left and below, arriving at the Stanley Hotel.



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Director's message



Western Region member Michael Newlon set up a trust that donated his 1989 Town Car to our Western Region after his death last year. It was his intention to have us find a good home for the car and raise some money for the club in the process. Michael modified his car to ensure that it could be a long range freeway driver. (See page 7 for the list of modifications.) This meant that the "purists" in the market were not as interested in it as the "drivers" were. As our marketing and sales process came to a close we found the ideal buyer for the car. Joey Larson from Florida has a classic Town Car, but also wanted one that he could drive all the time. In addition, Joey runs the Child Life Program at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital in Tampa, FL., and he thought that it would be a great opportunity to pick up the Newlon car in Palm Springs and make the drive back to Florida a fund raising event for his organization.

The effort raised over \$7000 as Joey and his team responded to requests from donors to do various things or go various places during the journey. The first day of travel was a quick run to Phoenix from Yucca Valley, CA where the team picked up the Town Car from Ron Cressy. On the second day Joey and his partner raised money while at the Phoenix Cardinals / Tampa Bay Bucs game in Phoenix. On the 3rd day the excitement and antics shifted to Sedona, New Mexico and the Grand Canyon. This was followed by a search for a particular bike at the Alamo and a special rendezvous in New Orleans that included a travel day of 726 miles in one day. All of the feats earned money for the cause. There was news coverage from the back seat of the Town Car and plenty of video posted from the Go Pro camera mounted by the rear view mirror which captured live updates, songs, and interviews.

The journey ended on the beach in Tampa on September 24 with a Town Car that had proven its roadworthiness and a fund raising effort that brought in almost double the amount of money anticipated when the trip began. For our Western Region board, it was a fabulous to see pictures of our beautiful Palms Springs Town Car in its new home on the coast of Florida. The car was driven as it was designed!

Special thanks go to Michael's wife Bernadette who worked with us to get the car to our club for our Western Region fundraising efforts. We were all delighted to see Michael's car not only raise money for our club with its sale, but to raise money for the kids in Tampa with its exciting trip across country.

Below are links that provide more information on the charity and that document the progress of the fundraising drive:

<http://www.chsdrives.com/events/>

https://www.facebook.com/chsdrives/?fref=pb&hc_location=profile_browser

Until Next Time,
Stacy

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Left, Continental traffic jam at the Denver Meet.

Western Region Future Events Identified to Date

Great Autos of Yesterday, Palm Springs, October 15

We have been cordially invited to join the Great Autos of Yesteryear's annual Casual Concours Charity Car Show in Palm Springs. This is Great Autos largest and best attended event of the year with well over one hundred classic and special interest cars, both foreign and domestic, with attendance reaching nearly 1000 people each year. This year's event is on Saturday October 15th at the Desert Princess Country Club.

Each year Great Autos chooses a local charity to receive all funds raised from this event and this year it is Angel View. This wonderful organization helps children and adults with disabilities. In addition to this event raising thousands of dollars each year for local charities there is an opportunity to win a car. Raffle tickets are only \$5.00 each and these proceeds are all donated to Angel View.

So make a weekend out of it and attend the Welcome Reception on Friday night at McCormick's Exotic Cars in Palm Springs, meet up with old friends, check out a few of the new restaurants in town and register to enter your car in the Saturday Car Show.

For more information contact Jim Ayres
949-689-8471

Here is the next event that the Region is promoting.

Our club has a chance to be part of the LA Classic Auto Show Jan. 27-29. I'm still trying to get more specifics, but if we do plan to do this, we'll certainly need volunteers to man the booth and to display their cars. This seems like a great opportunity to gain exposure for our club. I would appreciate your thoughts on this.

Here's a link to the flyer and preliminary info:

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Left, Mannequin at the Denver Meet.

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Cars on the field.

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was escorted by the entire town police force right thru the heart of the very busy tourist town and up to the legendary Stanley Hotel where the local car club was waiting to park us. Art Apple, the tour chairman really pulled one out of the hat in organizing this tour. He even had two limos on hand (complete with champagne) to act as town shuttles.

Upon arriving at the Stanley Hotel we were treated to a ghost tour. The Stanley is alleged to be one of the most haunted hotels in the country if not the world. It was the site that gave the inspiration for the novel and movie *The Shining*. The life style of the rich and famous, including presidents who stayed at this hotel built in 1909 by F.O. Stanley, maker of the Stanley Steam car, makes this tour an unforgettable trip to bygone days of elegant resort hotel living.

After a BBQ buffet in the Music Room with its fantastic view of the Rocky Mountains, we went on a trolley ride tour of the Rocky Mountain National Park. Deep blue sky and not a cloud to be seen. Colorado at its finest.

Friday morning was devoted to a tour of the Clive Cussler museum in nearby Arvada. It features a fabulous collection of 75 fine automobiles of all years owned by best-selling author Clive Cussler. There is everything from his own 1946 Ford to Packards, Rolls-Royces, Duesenbergs and a Pierce-Arrow trailer pulled by a 1936 Pierce-Arrow. There was a southwest buffet that night followed by an auction.

More cars on the field.



Two 1957 Convertibles.



Second car from right, Ron Cressy and Ray Gonzales' 1998 Lincoln Town Car.



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 Now available, durable, satin car flag with LCOC logo screen printed on both sides. Easily attaches to Lincolns with frameless side glass (1970 and newer). \$30.00 for a set of two. All prices include shipping. Make checks payable to Western Region LCOC and mail to: Baron Night, P.O. Box 5141, Anaheim, CA 92814 For questions about merchandise, e-mail Baron Night at nitrovb@netzero.net.



*A gathering
of
Continental
Mark IIs.*

Saturday was the big show day with 52 Lincolns entered. Our Lincolns were shown parked for judging and display while in the adjacent lot cars were invited from the Mustang club, Thunderbird club, and anyone else who wanted to show. An excellent group of vendors displayed their products. The LCOC judges did a fine job of judging the cars under the supervision of our chief judge Steve D'Ambrosia. We don't know how many pictures John Walcek, our *Continental Comments* magazine photographer, took. He shot photos like crazy, he was everywhere.

Saturday night the meet wrapped up with the traditional banquet. A happy hour preceded the banquet during which Jere DeBaker pedaled his fabulous 100 year old perfectly restored player piano made by Melville Clark. Jere was dressed in a bright yellow western shirt and big black cowboy hat.

Our guest speaker was Rob Louisell, Lincoln Operations Manager who gave us a great overview of Lincoln, past, present and future. Lincoln now has over 100,000 sales a year and expects to sell 300,000 cars worldwide annually by 2020. One of the main areas of growth is expected to be China. He gave us the message that Ford is serious about new product development and we can look to see more great cars in the future.

Tim McManus, Master of Ceremonies, kept the program moving. He acknowledged the financial support of twelve region sponsors. These meets are not cheap and sponsors help keep it affordable for the members. Prior to introduction of Bob Johnson, Tim surprised us by presenting some well-deserved local awards. One of the best was a large hand knit quilt created by Bonnie Apple celebrating Landmark Lincoln and its support of St Jude's Hospital, the region's charity. It was presented to Tom Daniels, owner of Landmark Lincoln in Englewood, Colorado who did so much to support the meet.

Steve D'Ambrosia took to the stage to conduct the awards ceremony. So many great awards for some fabulous cars shown by enthusiastic owners. Winner of the Elliston H. Bell Founder's Trophy was a 1974 Continental Mark IV entered by John Burge and Mike Steiner from Palm Springs. It was a Western Region triumph.

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*Judging Widener's
1964 LC
Convertible
from
Tacoma,
Washington.*



*1939
Lincoln
K
Touring.*

*Tom and
Terry
Machado's
1967 LP
Limousine
from
Stockton.*





Outside the Lincoln Experience Center



Above, Configuration Bar. Left, Jim Ayres, Lincoln's Lindsey Passen & Elayne Bendel in the TV Lounge.



Lounge area.



John Walcek photographs the Lincoln Experience Center

The nation's first Lincoln Experience Center opened July 1 at the Fashion Island Mall in Newport Beach. Jim Ayres, Elayne Bendel and John Walcek were on hand.

The LEC is designed to promote the Lincoln brand while remaining remote from the dealerships. Using online interactive tools members of the public can custom configure their own Lincoln.

At the "Configuration Bar" people can learn all about Lincoln models and features using tablet computer stations.

In the "Conductivity Lounges" visitors can relax in comfortable couches and use a 32-inch touch screen connected to the Internet to pick options.

LEC will soon host periodic events that feature local artists, merchants and other guests and programs of local interest.



New Lincolns on the show floor.

The Lincoln Experience Center held a formal grand opening on July 23.

More Lincoln Experience Centers are expected to open soon around the country. The Western Region hopes to hold activities at the Fashion Island Experience Center in the near future.



The forthcoming 2017 Lincoln Continental.



John Walcek at the Configuration Bar.



MC Tim McManus

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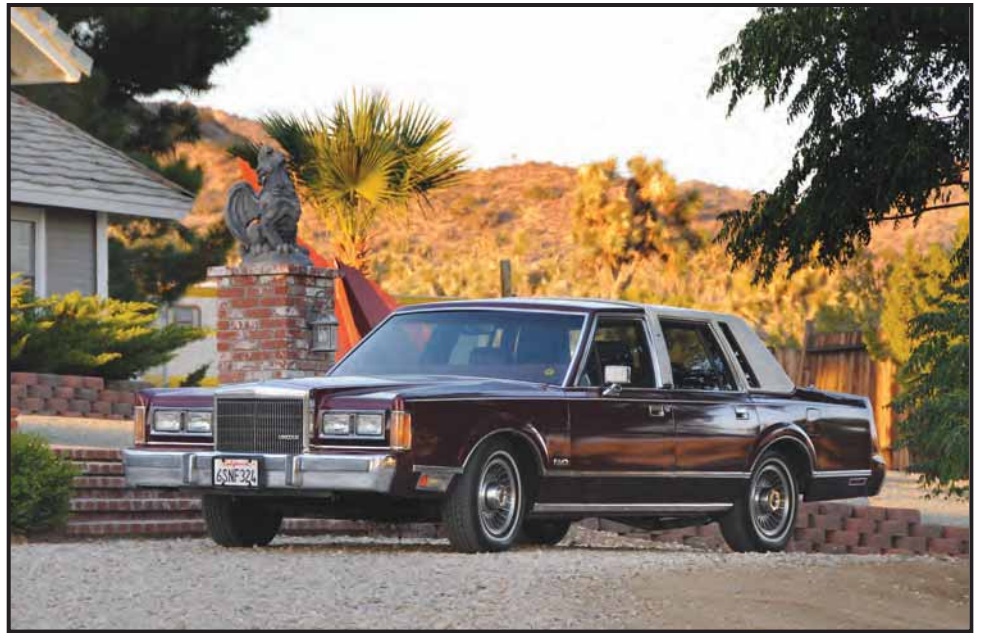
Behind the scenes players of the Rocky Mountain Region include Mike Sedio who handled publicity and Harry Edwards the meet treasurer.

One final bit of humor to report. Our photographer John Walcek was so excited about the Rocky Mountain National Park he wanted to return to photograph cars on top of The Continental Divide at 12,000 feet. Late Friday he did with Stu Cohen and his 1963 Lincoln Continental. When they did not return way after dark LCOC was about ready to call out the Estes Park Police. But they did return close to midnight with some fabulous shots of a Lincoln Continental on top of the world.

Meanwhile, John's KIA rental car had a flat tire and John rode out the meet on the tiny emergency spare tire, but not up to the Continental Divide as Tim Howley had projected. Anyway, Tim refused to take the 30 mile trip back to the airport in the rented KIA for fear of missing his plane. He took up an offer from another member to take him back to the airport in a Ford Explorer with good rubber. Ha-ha. John made it back to the airport on the KIA's emergency tire!

FOR SALE; Parts for Town Car and Mark VI 5 locking wire wheels and 4 center caps for 1980-1989 Lincoln Town Car and 1980-1983 Mark VI - \$550 OBO. 1985-1987 Lincoln Town Car hood ornament - mint - \$75 760-353-9934 ask for Michael.

*Michael Newton
and his wife
Bernadette
with the
1989
Town Car.*



The 1989 Lincoln Town Car at Ron Cressy's home in Yucca Valley.

Modifications to Mike Newton's 1989 Town Car

Here is what Mike Newton did to make his Town Car more drivable.

This all cost him \$14,000.

- REAL dual exhausts with glass-pak mufflers,
- new, high-tech heat shields above each catalytic converter,
- new aluminum radiator,
- new windshield,
- external engine oil cooler,
- external automatic transmission fluid (ATF) cooler,
- "Spin-on" ATF filter,
- dual electric fans in lieu of the single belt driven fan,
- 3% "taller" tires all around,
- California legal tinted windows,
- chrome "5.0" logo (Mustang) below the "Town Car" logo on each front fender,
- "clean" body side trim showing only the polished aluminum
- "clean" rear stainless steel trim plate below the trunk lid (I removed the damaged black tape and super-cleaned the stainless steel trim).

Yes, this has been a labor of love.

The car is NOT original, nor did he represent it as such.

But how many people have a 4,000+ pound, 25 year old Town Car that delivers



marketplace...

1985 Lincoln Mark VII: Less than 15,000 original miles. Perfect condition. Second owner and LCOC member of this California automobile. The color is dark sable with a tan leather interior. The leather does not have a crack in it. New tires and battery. The owner would like the car to go to someone in LCOC who appreciates the low mileage and exceptional condition. \$9,950 /obo. Jim Parry. Fresno, Ca. 559-434-7721.



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