



## Nixon Library Tour on January 14

What an exciting, action packed day for LCOC members on Saturday, January 14! In advance of the Presidential Inauguration on January 20, Western Region members toured the newly renovated Nixon Presidential Library and Museum in Yorba Linda, California. Jim Ayres drove his 2015 Lincoln MKZ and Jim and Carol Higgs came with their 1989 Mark VII, joining several vintage Thunderbirds for a guided tour of the Library.

Setting the stage for the tour, the day started with an introductory film about President Nixon and the turbulent years of the late '60s and early '70s. In addition to other accomplishments, Nixon instituted

*Above, Western Region members on the Nixon Library front steps.*



*Left, our new Director, Jim Ayres in the Oval Office.*

*Below left, Jim and Carol Higgs by the Presidential Helicopter.*

*Below, Western Region members on the Nixon Library Tour.*



the Environmental Protection Agency. The film showed Nixon's early life and career in the Senate and as Vice-President under Dwight Eisenhower, as well as his unsuccessful run for Governor of California prior to his being elected U.S. President in 1968. It also covered his outreach to China and the Watergate scandal in detail, plus Nixon's eventual resignation and later life.

Tour highlights included a hands-on experience inside a replica of the President's Oval Office, a walkthrough tour of Nixon's original family home, and a look inside his Presidential helicopter.

A lively social hour followed at Mimi's Restaurant and then Jim Ayres and Elayne Bendel left for the auto activities in Scottsdale with Jim Powers, Ron Cressy and Ray Gonzales highlighted by the Arizona Concours and Barrett-Jackson Auction.

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### Director's message

It seems that 2017 is destined to be a year of change. We have a new Regional Director, a new board, a new U.S. President, and the Lincoln Motor Company starts its second hundred years with a new flagship sedan, the 2017 Continental.

Stacy Roscoe has been elected to the LCOC National Board and will be working with Glenn Kramer and others on a totally new national web-site. He'll finish his term on the Western Region board and has generously offered to help me with my new role as Director, which I greatly appreciate!

Under Stacy's leadership, the club has prospered and is on firm financial ground. As a result, we're able to give back to the membership by providing activities such as the Kick-off Brunch in the south, and the Wine Country Picnic in the north, either for free or heavily discounted. Congratulations to Jeremy Sanford on his new position as Chevrolet District Sales Manager for New Orleans. Though he'll be away from California much of the time, Jeremy will remain on the board and continue as Membership Secretary. Speaking of membership, it's dues time, and if you haven't yet renewed, it would help Jeremy greatly if you could send your payment of \$35 to him at 49 Saratoga Circle, Sacramento, CA 95864 at your earliest convenience. I thank Stacy, Jeremy and the rest of the board for all they do and look forward to working with them to make this a fun and memorable year for all of our members.

Yes, there are many changes for us in the days ahead, but as the saying goes, "the more things change the more they stay the same." In preparing for my new role as Western Region Director, I've been looking back through Western Region *Confabs* dating back to 1975 and have discovered some interesting things. In 1978 Director Walt Rhea wrote: "We need more get-togethers. Not big ones, but just a few people in more areas. A picnic....a gathering in a park or someone's home..... a mini-tour. These are just some of the ways that members can share, have fun and enjoyment with others who have the same interest in our cars. That's what clubbing is all about."

That's exactly what some of us in the club today have been thinking. If there are no planned club activities close to you, think of something in your area that you like to do and let us know about it. We'll be happy to help promote it and list it in our calendar of events.

We've discovered a whole new community of Lincoln enthusiasts—"Suicide Slabs" and "Suicide Kings." Many are not purists, but all are helping to keep the species alive. There are quite a few other Lincoln clubs and groups, such as the LOC, LZOC, Road Race Lincolns, Mark VIII Addicts, Mark VII Club and others, that we hope to plan some joint events with.

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As I write this, we've already had a joint event with the Southern California Imperial Owners Club in Palm Springs, a tour of the newly renovated Nixon Library with the Thunderbirds of Southern California, and some of us got together in Scottsdale the week of January 15 for the Arizona Concours and Auction Week. The next week was the LA Classic Auto Show at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Hopefully by the time you read this, you will have already signed up for our Kick-off Brunch and New Member Welcome on Feb. 12th at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant in Van Nuys.

Since this year is the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Lincoln Motor Company, we have some exciting things already being planned. You won't want to miss our LCOC Western Region Spring Meet held at Huntington Beach Central Park in conjunction with the Huntington Beach Concours, or the LCOC Grand National Meet in Hickory Corners, Michigan. There will be more about these events in upcoming *Confabs* and on *FaceBook*.

If you are in or near the Newport Beach area, I'd like to remind you to visit the Lincoln Experience Center at Fashion Island in Newport Beach. There's always something happening there, and you can take a test drive in the fabulous new Continental, or one of the other fine new Lincolns. Check out their website at <http://lincolnexperiencecenters.com/>

Yes, there'll be many changes this year, but some things will remain the same: the camaraderie we enjoy with fellow Lincoln enthusiasts, and our appreciation of the Lincoln automobile!

*Jim Ayres, Director*

## Western Region Future Events Identified to Date

Here's what's on the calendar so far this year. Items in bold print are sanctioned Western Region events.

**Feb. 12th - Kick-off Brunch** and New Member Welcome, Van Nuys at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant in Van Nuys. This is a great new location for us! The event flyer with registration form is in the last *Confab* issue. Help us kick-off a wonderful year celebrating 100 years of the Lincoln Motor Company. <https://www.94thvan-nuys.com/>

**Feb. 26th - Palm Springs Get-together see more information on Page 6**

March 25th - AACAA Western Spring Meet Palm Springs

March 26th - Benedict Castle Concours Riverside

**April 30th - Fabulous Fords Forever, Knott's Berry Farm**

May 7th - Greystone Mansion Concours Beverly Hills

May 21st - Muckenthaler Motor Festival

**June 3-4 - Spring Meet at the Huntington Beach Concours**

June 11th - San Marino Motor Classic

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*Pink 1959  
Lincoln  
Landau*

## Imperial Owners Annual Barbecue with Lincolns and Continental at the Saturday January 7 event in Palm Springs

Marc Hampton and the Southern California Imperial Owners Club once again invited us to join them for their annual BBQ and car show in Palm Springs. We had a lot of fun in January of this year but with fewer Lincolns than in previous years

The street was closed around 9:00 a.m. The cost was \$15 at the door to cover food and drink. The event was held at 1228 San Lorenzo Rd., Palm Springs, Ca. 92264

*Maroon  
1965  
Lincoln  
Continental  
Convertible*



*The street was  
blocked off  
for this event.*

*Imperials at the  
Imperial Barbecue.*

*The chow line  
at the  
Palm Springs  
Barbecue.*

*Below, Bob Blevins  
with his 1967  
Thunderbird  
Landau.*





## 2017 Arizona Concours honoring Lincoln



*1937 Lincoln K Cabriolet.*



*1933 Lincoln Lincoln K Convertible Victoria*



*1938 Lincoln K LeBaron Roadster.*



*1933 Lincoln K Judkins Coupe.*

These are some of the Lincolns at the three-day 2017 Arizona Concours at the Biltmore Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona honoring Lincolns. A beautiful 1926 Lincoln LeBaron sedan won in the Classic Era Lincoln Class while the Historic Vehicle Association's Most Well Preserved Vehicle was a 1933 Lincoln KB Judkins Coupe.

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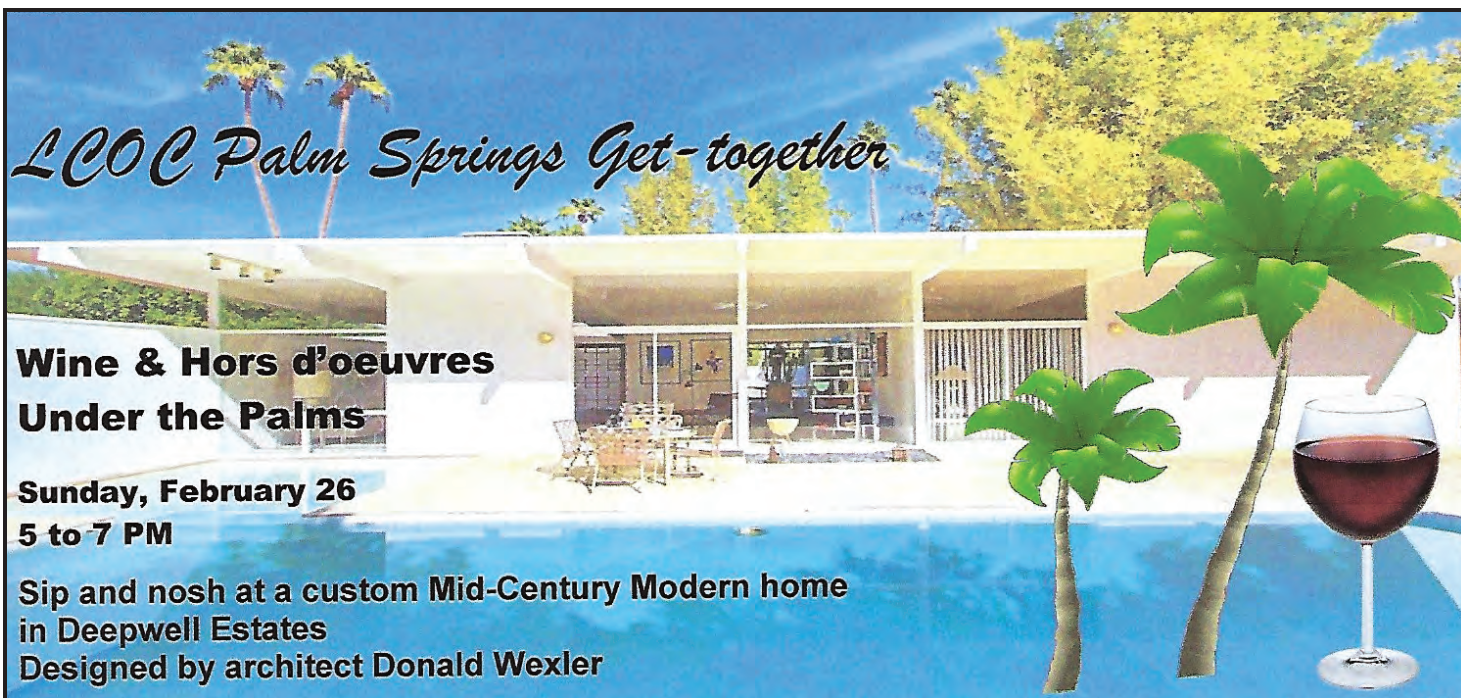


*1936 Lincoln K LeBaron Sport Coupe.*



*1926 Lincoln L LeBaron Sedan won in the Classic Era Lincoln Class*





## Arizona Concours January 15-17 by Elayne Bendel

The Arizona Concours was held on January 15-17 at the fabulous and recently renovated Arizona Biltmore Resort, whose style was influenced by consulting architect Frank Lloyd Wright. The Biltmore provided a grand setting for the 3-day concours that began on Saturday with press meetings and panel discussions and continued on Sunday with a show of 90 exceptional cars and extravaganza.

The concours ended Monday with the entrants in a public Tour d'Elegance to downtown Scottsdale.

Concours classes included Lincolns of the Classic Era, Cars of Ettore Bugatti, Coachwork by Vignale, Antique Automobiles - Pre 1915, Pre-war Sport Cars, Pre-war Racing Cars, Post-war American Sports - Pre 1966, Post-war American Racing - Pre 1966, Post-war European Racing - Pre 1966, American Classic Open, American Classic Closed, European Classic Open, European Classic Closed, Iconic Postwar American Cars - Pre-1966, Iconic Post-war European Cars - Pre-1966, Preservation - Pre 1966, Avant-Garde - Pre 1973, and Exotic - Pre 1973.

Although the Arizona Concours is only in its fourth year, already it has established a steller reputation attracting

Whether you are living in Palm Springs, visiting for Modernism Week, bidding at the McCormick Classic Car Auction that weekend, or just soaking up the sun, you are invited to join fellow LCOC members for some camaraderie and relaxation at the end of a big weekend in a classic example of mid-century design: lots of glass, clerestory windows, interior courtyards, and period furnishings.

RSVP by February 19 to Kerry Roscoe. [kroscoevta@aol.com](mailto:kroscoevta@aol.com) or 805-642-9211.

Address, map & day-of-party contact phone number supplied upon RSVP.

LCOC Palm Springs Get-together Wine & Hors d'oeuvres.

some of the best cars anywhere in these classes. The field quality makes me glad I was not a judge. The best in show winner was a magnificent hand-built 1936 Bugatti Type 57SC Atalante, owned by Peter and Merle Mullin and Rob and Melani Walton. The car usually is housed at the Mullin Automotive Museum in Oxnard, but had been on loan to the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles.

A beautiful 1926 Lincoln LeBaron sedan won the Classic Era Lincoln Class, while the Historic Vehicle Association Most Well Preserved Vehicle was a 1933 Lincoln KB Judkins Coupe. Two other gorgeous Lincolns, a black Continental Mark II and a turquoise 1956 Lincoln Premiere convertible, graced the Iconic Post-War American Cars Class, but the class winner award went to a 1953 Cadillac convertible. Attendees also had a chance to view current Lincolns, as Lincoln Motor Company had a display where visitors could view a new 2017 Continental and other current models

firsthand. Proceeds from the concours benefited the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes for children with serious illnesses.

## LCOC Members Experience Barrett- Jackson Auction

On Monday Jan. 15 five LCOC members visited Westworld, site of the annual Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Auction Week. Unless you have been there you cannot imagine the size and scale of this facility. It is over 350 acres. In addition to the permanent structures, Auction Week added five huge tents filled with cars going to the block. In all, some 1,700 vehicles were scheduled for sale, ranging from an Elvis-inspired pink Cadillac, to trucks, exotic cars, a Ford Torino art piece, and collectables from around the world. Inside the main structure were some of the best "salon" cars and vendors of jewelry, real estate, leather goods and automotive memorabilia. It was really too much to see



in one day. Nevertheless, Jim Ayres and Elayne Bendel attempted to do it while Ron Cressy, Ray Gonzales and Jim Powers had more days to see it all.

There were hundreds of fascinating cars but Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Steven Tyler auctioned his 2012 Hennessey Venom GT Spyder, with 100 percent of the \$800,000 hammer price going to benefit Janie's Fund. Sale of the Dale Earnhardt Jr.-designed 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle and his 2014 Chevrolet #88 race car raised \$400,000 to benefit the Nationwide Children's Hospital. Mark Fields, President and CEO of the Ford Motor Co., helped to raise \$207,000 with the sale of a one-of-one 2017 Ford Raptor to support JDRF, a major charity dedicated to diabetes research. Six figure sales prices were common, with many "resto-mods" going for over \$300,000. If you go to a Barrett-Jackson Auction bring a large checkbook and comfortable walking shoes!

*Arizona Concours continued.*



*1938 Lincoln K  
Brunn  
Brougham.*

*1956  
Lincoln  
Premiere  
Convertible.*



*1957  
Continental  
Mark II.*



*2017  
Lincoln  
Continental.*



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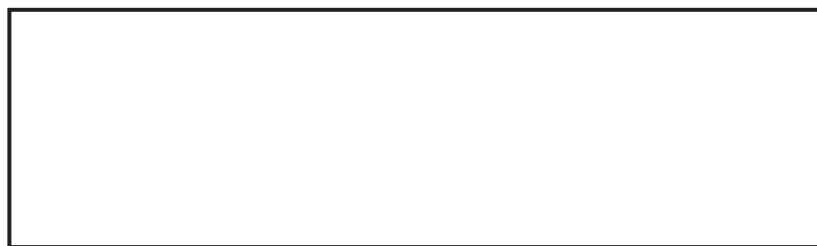
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