



Temecula Rod Run with the Suicide Kings

by Elayne Bendel

One of the early show season's best Southern California events is the annual Temecula Rod Run. This show attracts thousands of automotive enthusiasts and spectators year in and year out. The 2017 event kicked off with the March 3 Friday Night Cruise along Old Town Front Street. Then on Saturday, pre-registered owners parked their vehicles in designated spaces for spectators to view up close. The public events were all free of charge, but car owners paid a registration fee.

Music and entertainment were everywhere, as well as great food, community vendors and the Old Town's Old West vibe.

Below, Jim Ayres' 1964
Lincoln Continental convertible.



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Below left,
Joel Carpenter
and daughter
with his 1969
Lehmann-Peterson
Limousine.

Below,
Mario Hernandez's
1962 Lincoln
continental
convertible.



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Director's Message

As I write this, longtime member and Board Secretary, Tom McCarthy is ill and in the hospital. He's not in a position to receive calls or visitors, but he knows we have him in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom has been responsible for getting the hard copies of the Confab printed and mailed. Those of you who receive hard copies may have noticed a difference in the way it looks. Since Tom is no longer able to do this, we are working on a permanent solution. I realize that some of you have asked for a hard copy of *the Confab* because you don't own a computer, and of course we will accommodate you, but our goal is to send *the Confab* to everyone electronically.



In addition to this being a year of change, it also seems to be a year of MORE! More activities to do, more rain, more traffic, more friends to keep up with, more internet sites to look at, etc., etc. The only thing there isn't more of is time! So far this year we've had a joint event with Southern California Imperial Owners Club, a trip to the Nixon Library with the Thunderbird Club, our annual Kickoff Brunch, a meetup with the Suicide Kings Car Club of Southern California at the Temecula Rod Run, and a party hosted by Stacy and Kerry Roscoe in Palm Springs. But wait there's still MORE to come. Be sure to check the calendar of events elsewhere in *the Confab*.

Since the Western Region covers such a large area, and our members are spread out, it's very difficult to plan club events that everyone can attend. But there isn't a shortage of local events for you to attend and show off your Lincoln. In addition to the SoCal Car Culture site, www.socalcarchulture.com/, there's a new one called MotionU, <https://motionu.com/>.

Check it out to find an event near you. If you see an event that you'd like to invite other club members to, let me know, and I'll be happy to add it to the calendar of events.

We have two big events coming up soon. The first one is Fabulous Fords Forever at Knott's Berry Farm on April 30. Check out their new website for registration and information. Many new things are happening this year. <http://www.fabulousfordsforever.org/> The second big event is our Spring Meet at the Huntington Beach Concours. You won't want to miss it this year. Not only are we celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Lincoln Motor Company, but Lincoln will be the featured domestic marque, along with Bentley as the featured foreign marque and a salute to Ferrari on its 70th anniversary. There will be some surprises for the Lincoln owners who bring their cars. Whether your car is in concours condition or driver condition, it's welcome at the concours. Registration is now open at www.hbconcours.org. We're still in the planning stages for this event, but I'll be sending out updates as necessary in the coming weeks.

For information and registration for the LZOC Western National Meet, June 15-17 and the Lincoln Homecoming, Aug. 7-13 follow this link: <https://www.lzoc.org/meet-registration-forms-and-informahoping>

Lastly, don't forget that you can follow the LCOC Western Region on FaceBook. Search "LCOC Western"

Happy Motoring!

Jim Ayres

Western Region Future Events Identified to Date

Here is the Calendar of Events for Southern California so far. Official club events are in bold type. More may be added in future updates. If you would like to host an event in your area, or know of one that you'd like to have added to the calendar, please let me know.

March 25th—AACA Western Spring Meet, Palm Springs
http://www.aaca.org/images/meet_brochures/2017_Western_Spring.pdf

March 26—Benedict Castle Concours, Riverside
<https://crossroadscarshows.com/>

April 2—Model A Club Pancake Breakfast, Orange
<http://www.ocmafc.com/>

April 9th—Orange Plaza Car Show
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/23rd-annual-orange-plaza-car-show-tickets-31361964480>

April 9th—La Jolla Concours
<http://www.lajollaconcours.com/>

April 30— Fabulous Fords Forever at Knott's Berry Farm
<http://www.fabulousfordsforever.org/>

May 7th—Greystone Mansion Concours <http://www.beverly-hills.org/exploring/greystonemansionconcoursdelegance/?NFR=1>

May 21st—Muckenthaler Motor Festival, Fullerton, California
<http://muckcarshow.org/more-info/>

May 28th—Fallbrook Vintage Car Show, Fullerton California
<https://fallbrookvintagecarclub.org/carshow/>

June 3-4—LCOC Western Region Spring Meet at the Huntington Beach Concours
<http://www.hbconcours.org/>

June 11th—San Marino Motor Classic
<https://www.sanmarinomotorclassic.com/>

June 15-17—LZOC West GOF XXVII, Montana
<https://www.lzoc.org/meet-registration-forms-and-information>

June 24th—Southern California Cougar and Mercury Car Show
<http://www.socalcougarclub.com/>

June 25th—Highway Earth Car Show, Beverly Hills
<http://highwayearth.com/>

August 7-13—Lincoln Homecoming
<https://www.lzoc.org/meet-registration-forms-and-information>

August 20th—Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance
<http://www.pebblebeachconcours.net/>

Oct. 1—Palos Verdes Concours, Torrance
<http://www.pvconcours.org/>

This Calendar of Events will be updated regularly. To locate more events near you, go to <https://motionu.com/>

Also, be sure to check out the Lincoln Experience Center at <http://lincolnexperiencecenter.com/> for more fun and interesting events.

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Temecula Rod Run Continued

March staple attracting over 600 hot rods, custom vehicles vehicles and 1975 and earlier collector cars from around the region and nation.

This year, in a kind of East-Meets-West joint venture, LCOC teamed up with Alex Melendrez and the Suicide Kings who reserved a large parking lot in Old Town for their 1961 to 1969 slab side Lincolns. More than 31 Suicide Kings and their vehicles made it to Temecula, some from as far away as Moorpark, California, and even Texas! Whether stock or customized, love of these complicated and difficult vehicles unites members of the owner groups in a special bond to keep them on the road.

LCOC Western Region Director Jim Ayres' beautiful Regal Turquoise convertible won an award for Best Personal Luxury Car, 1900-1975. Jim said judges gave him extra kudos for actually having fluid in his window washer bag.

Joel Carpenter showed his 1969 Lehmann-Peterson limo, below, complete with diplomatic flags, siren and flashers. He has kept it stock and is now the newest joint member of the Suicide Kings, and the LCOC gives thanks to Ayres for his recruiting efforts.

Mario Hernandez, owner of Lincoln Boys, brought his lovely recently restored 1962 copper colored convertible with a custom honey beige interior. His wife Patricia and family were also on hand with her Lincoln sedan. The LCOC board members visited Hernandez's wrecking yard in Yucca Valley last summer and purchased a number of hard-to-find treasures. Now he says there are more than 80 cars onsite, a great resource for the whole vintage Lincoln community.

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Below, Bobby Hall's 1969 Lincoln Continental convertible.

*Ali Seraj's
1965
Lincoln
Continental
convertible.*



*LCOCs
Elayne
Bendel and
Robert Telfer
of Suicide Kings
modeling
hats*



*The Suicide
Kings had no
shortage
of
customized
vehicles.*



*Below, 1961 Lincoln Continental
customized sedan.*



Cars and Conversation Highlight Kickoff Brunch

Mother Nature smiled on 45 LCOC Western Region members, family, friends, and guests at the new year's first official club event, the annual Kickoff Brunch held February 12 at the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant, Van Nuys, California. After an unusually rainy winter season, sunshine and warm breezes inspired over a dozen members and guests to drive and display their classic Lincolns, while all enjoyed camaraderie, cars and a fabulous champagne brunch.

Among the vintage cars on hand was Ron Cressey's beautiful white 1940 Continental, last seen briefly at the 2015 LCOC Western National Meet in San Diego until back miseries forced Ron to withdraw prior to the show. Cressey cousin and LCOC Western Region Board member Ron Cressy (no this is not a typo) came with several family members and friends. Cressy's 91-year-old dad took the occasion to celebrate his birthday.

Bob Blevins drove in from Arizona with his red 2016 Lincoln SUV, sharing long-distance attendance honors with Bob and Joan MacDougall, who arrived from Carson City, Nevada.

Located adjacent to the Van Nuys Airport, the restaurant featured a World War I theme with authentic-era aircraft and artifacts on display in a 1900s country French bistro atmosphere.

A pre-Valentine's Day tradition with LCOC, the brunch was held for many years at the Proud Bird restaurant near the Los Angeles International Airport. The Proud Bird has been closed for remodeling, but the 94th Aero Squadron, a worthy replacement, is operated by the same ownership team. Thanks to Kerry Roscoe's arrangements and decorations, LCOC's lovebirds of all ages were treated to festive red and white table displays in a cozy private banquet room.

The brunch highlights included carved prime rib and turkey, a seafood bar with all sorts of goodies such as crab legs, salmon, clams on the half shell, bagels and lox and all the fixings. There were salads and side dishes of all types, Korean-style ribs, omelets, and sausages. A dessert bar had mini-pasteries of many varieties and bananas Foster made to order. Yum! Of course, the champagne flowed freely.



Above, Jim Ayres' '64, Aragorn and Dawn Zolno's '63. William Ramirez's '63, Ron and Beverly Cressey's '40 and Bob Blevins' 2017 MKX.

Above, Aragorn and Dawn Zolno with their '63 Sedan.

Right, Denise Cahill with William Ramirez and his '63 convertible in front of the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant.



Newly installed LCOC Western Region Director Jim Ayres welcomed new members, guests and all attendees, and reminded everyone that our next regional activity will be the Huntington Beach Concours on June 3 for custom vehicles and June 4 for classics in both driver and concours classes. He also mentioned our joint efforts with other groups of Lincoln owners including the Suicide Slabs and a subgroup, the Suicide Kings. Their next event was the Temecula Rod Run on March 4 and some LCOC members participated.

Stacy Roscoe and Glenn Kramer

gave updates on LCOC national level activities including progress on the revamped national Website, which will go active in the near future. A second exciting development is the pending activation of a Facebook page for LCOC that should prove popular with potential new and younger Lincoln owners.

Baron Night reminded members that they can obtain LCOC name badges and other merchandise by contacting him.

After about four hours of socializing, diners headed for home tired, but certainly smiling and well fed.



*Interior of the
Wexler House.*

*John Rutenberg's
1983 Continental Mark VI.*



Palm Springs Get-Together, Sunday February 26

The last Sunday evening of February's Modernism Week, Western Region club members gathered in Deepwell Estates to share wine and hors d'oeuvres in a mid-century setting. Each year during the 10 day celebration of all things modern, Kerry and Stacy Roscoe rent a classic Mid-Century home by one of the featured architects for their stay in Palm Springs, enabling them to "live what they are learning" in the lectures, films and home tours.

This year's house was designed by Donald Wexler, known for situating his houses to take advantage of the views of the San Jacinto Mountains. Mid-century home design embraces indoor-outdoor living, lots of glass and light, and open-concept spaces that lend themselves to entertaining. This gem was the epitome of that, with sight lines both from the pool through the house and atriums, and toward the sunset over the mountain tops. Over 25 club members and guests from as far away as Orange County, California and Oregon met for an evening of casual camaraderie in a house made for a party. They lined the street of this mid-century neighborhood of custom homes with 14 classic cars befitting the era, so the partiers mingled out front as well. Even the neighbors came out to enjoy the colorful display of great American design. It was a perfect night for cruising the streets of Palm Springs with the top down.



*Tom Lehn
and his
1963
Lincoln
Continental
convertible.*

*Bryan Burns'
1964 Lincoln
Continental
sedan.*



*John Burge and
Mike Steiner's
1977
Continental
Mark V.*

Temecula Rod Run Continued

Jesse Perez did a thriving business selling custom hats and polo shirts out of the back of his 1965 Lincoln Continental convertible, drawing a happy crowd for most of Saturday.

Among the Suicide Kings, there is no shortage of customized vehicles. The only limit to the mods is the owners' imaginations. Who knew these 50-year-old cars could look like this.

For example, Ali Seraj's 1965 convertible not only boasts oversize wheels, and purple metallic paint, but also special neon ringed headlamps.

Telfer's custom 1962 Continental has a special Suicide Kings' identifier and blackened grille, as well as self-fabricated metal interior door panels, dashboard and other trim, wide white wall tires, and a unique Telfer-designed and built hood ornament.

Some owners, such as Bobby Hall, overcame mechanical issues and still coaxed their beauties to and from the Rod Run, proving that good times and Lincoln love indeed conquer all.

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Above, 1964 Mercury Park Lane in front of the Wexler house.

Right, Michael Sousa's 1964 Lincoln Continental convertible.



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*Marv Wendt and
Jan McNeil's
1948 Lincoln*

*William Ramirez's
1963
and
Michael and
Mayra
Moreno
with their
1961.*



*Below right,
Michael and
Mayra
Moreno's
1961.*



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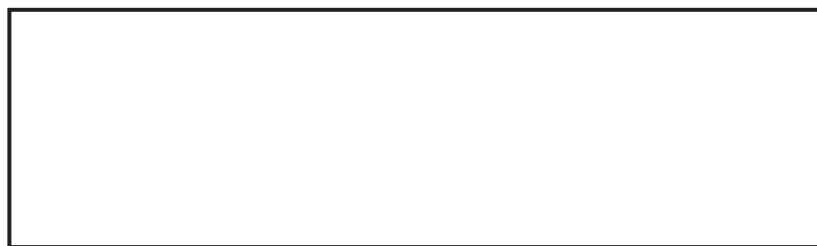
1985 Lincoln Mark VII: Less than 15,000 original miles. Perfect condition. Second owner and LCOC member of this California automobile. The color is dark sable with a tan leather interior. The leather does not have a crack in it. New tires and battery. The owner would like the car to go to someone in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



1971 Line. Cont. MK III Rare sunroof, Maroon with Maroon leather and fabric interior, all in beautiful condition. New correct tires. Many years in LCOC, owned since 1996 and maintained to the highest standards. Runs and drives perfect. Honors include Elliston Bell Founders Award (Best Of Show), Western Region National Meet, 2006 and retired winning the Emeritus Crystal Presidents' Award. No Trailer Queen here! Driven to all National Meets attended. Possibly the best Mk III in the country. \$17,500. Contact Geo. & Shirley Richards. (818) 992-4537



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