



Above, Hoffman's '56 Mark II, Roscoe's '58 Convertible, Jones' 1940 LC Cabriolet.

Two-Day Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance, June 3-4, was a Showcase for New and Vintage Lincolns

Elayne Bendel

This year's 32nd annual Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance spotlighted Lincoln as a featured marque to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Lincoln Motor Company with Bentley as a second featured marque and a special honor for Ferrari's 70th Anniversary.

Months of planning by the show committee were rewarded when Mother Nature smiled on the participants, offering up a perfect Goldilocks day---not too hot, not too cold, but just right weatherwise. Some extra nice touches made the day even more memorable for Lincoln owners including Starbucks coffee and pastries provided by LCOC at a special table on the show field.

Those Lincoln owners who visited the dual tented display from concours title sponsor Lincoln South Coast of Santa Ana also picked up special Lincoln goodie bags. The wonderful gifts included a lovely Lincoln mug, Lincoln key rings and

Steve Erler's original art note cards and literature about the 2017 Lincoln product line. Even better, the dealer had four of the new full size vehicles on display for the public to enjoy and experience including a beautiful 2017 Continental, MKZ hybrid and a SUV model. Lincoln South Coast is building a new dealership complex off the 55 Freeway.

Photos by Jim Ayres and John Walcek.

Pete and Cathy Hoffman with their 1956 Continental



The grand opening is a just a few months away so they were only too happy to promote that event.

The two-day H.B. Concours event began with the Rod and Custom show on Saturday June 3. Several members of the nearby Suicide Kings organization brought their stock and customized 1961-69 Lincolns. The show was followed by an LCOC-arranged tour of the Kip Cyprus private car collection not open to the general public. Kip has a beautiful black '61 Continental convertible in his collection as well as many other cars, trucks, motorcycles and 20th century "eye candy" memorabilia.

On Sunday, LCOC members jumped in with 21 Lincolns participating in the concours event ranging from nice drivers to concours-quality examples. An unusual and highly customized Continental Mark V owned by Stephen Braddon and dubbed the "Love Wagon" was a real crowd pleaser. The car was constructed with a double hood, as through there was no engine below. That was not the case, however, as a big conventional power plant was hidden below the second hood. A custom suicide door provided entry and a removable fiberglass shell behind the front seats concealed a rear seat for two additional passengers. This car has no top.

Bill Waldmann brought his Lincoln
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Director's Message

Our Spring Meet at the Huntington Beach Concours was a big success, and I want to thank everyone at Lincoln South Coast in Santa Ana for their participation and sponsorship of the show. General Manager Jim Parsons and Sales Manager Matt Klein did a great job arranging the Lincoln display and showing off some of the new Black Label edition vehicles. In addition to working the Lincoln booth, Sales Consultant Bob Cerami displayed his 1972 Mark IV and took top honors in his class with a 1st place win.

The Huntington Beach Concours is a two day event, featuring rods and customs on Saturday, and a traditional concours on Sunday. Members of the Suicide Kings of Southern California attended Saturday's show with an impressive lineup of mostly customized slabsides. A big thank you goes to Kip Cyprus for opening his fabulous collection to us later that day. As a member of the Huntington Beach Concours steering committee, I want to thank the Suicide Kings for attending, and look forward to their participation in next year's show.

I also want to thank Elayne Bendel and Ron Cressy for their help in setting up and arranging the Lincoln area on the show field. The display was quite beautiful. Lastly, I'd like to give special recognition to those members who braved the traffic to come from afar; Laurie Morgenthal with the Mark VIII addicts from the Bakersfield area, Hal and Carol Reniger from Ventura, towing a trailer with their '65 convertible, Stacy Roscoe with his '58 Mark III convertible, also from Ventura, Ron Cressy, Bryan Burns, Pasqual Bettino and Greg Seller making the trek from Palm Springs, and Bob Blevins from Yuma, Arizona.

It's been a busy year so far, with events happening almost every weekend. Since the April *Confab* came out, I've attended Fabulous Fords Forever, the Greystone Mansion Concours, the Muckenthaler Motor Festival, the Fallbrook Vintage Car Show, Slabfest 2017, the San Marino Concours, and of course both days of the Huntington Beach Concours. It's always fun to meet new people, especially Lincoln owners with cars I've never seen before, as well as friends that I haven't seen in a while. I don't have time to write about the various events, but you can see pics of most of them on our Facebook site, Lincoln and Continental Owners Club (LCOC) Western Region.

I regret that I was unable to attend the LZOC meet in Montana, but look forward to hearing about it. My hope is that in the future we can have a joint meet with LZOC. I know that we have a number of members who belong to both clubs, including myself, so hopefully we can make that happen.

Looking forward, there is no official club event in July, but we have the Lincoln Homecoming in August, the annual Wine Country Picnic in September, and a board meeting and car collection tour in Yucca Valley in October. Details will be announced in the next *Confab*. I realize it's not possible for many members to participate in a lot of the events that I announce, and please realize that I can't organize events that are close to everyone, but I sincerely appreciate your continued support of the club by remaining a member. A couple of members have volunteered to host events in their areas, and I'm looking forward to helping them organize something soon. If anyone else has an idea of something they'd like to do near them, please let me know.

Have a great summer!

Jim Ayres



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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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Hal and Carol Reniger with their 1965 Lincoln Continental Convertible and trailer. Stacy Roscoe, Jim Ayres and Bob Cerami on the showfield in Huntington Beach.



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Blackwood to Huntington Beach, another very unusual entry and a first for LCOC. Hal and Carol Reniger used their red 1965 convertible to tow a trailer to the concours. Stacy Roscoe was a double winner with his iconic 1958 Continental Mark III. The big yellow convertible won a 2nd place award from the concours judges and, continuing an annual tradition at this meet, was voted the favorite Lincoln of all at the show by our friends in the Thunderbird Club.

This winter's generous rainfall made the backdrop for the cars in the beautiful Central Park venue even more photogenic than usual. Besides the registrants, other uninvited guests at the concours included Canadian geese, ducks and a gorgeous and huge white bird enjoying a bath in the nearby pond.

On Sunday, five Lincoln classes covered most of the 100 years of the brand. In the Concours Division of the class winners included: • 01A 1921-1948 all Lincolns, Zephyrs & Continentals, with Elliot Jones' 1940 Continental Cabriolet as the 1st place finisher;

• 1B 1949-1960 all, including Mark II, with Pete and Cathy Hoffman's black 1956 Mark II the class winner, and Stacy Roscoe's '58 Mark III second.

• 01C 1961-1969 all, except Mark III, where Joel Carpenter's 1969 Lehmann-Peterson limo took top honors. Second place went to Jim Ayres with his 1964 Convertible and Bryan Burns took third with his 1964 sedan.

• 01D 1970-1989 including 1969 Mark III and 1990-1992 Mark VII & Versailles; Don Torrence's '70 Mark III won its class. Dale Derstine took second with his '71 Mark III and Stephen Braddon was third with his custom '77 Lincoln roadster.

Street Division winners included: • 01D 1970-1989 including 1969 Mark III and 1990-1992 Mark VII & Versailles; Bob Cerami first place with his '72 Continental Mark IV, Ron Anast second with his '77 Lincoln Town Coupe and Bob Blevins, third place with his 1990 Lincoln Mark VII.

• 01E 1990-2007 all except Mark VII, Laurie Morgenthal was in 1st place with her 1997 Mark VIII LSC followed in second by Bill Waldmann with his 2002 Blackwood and Craig Roberts in third with his 1991 Town Car Signature Series.

*Elliot Jones
1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet
1921-1948
1st Place.*



*Pete & Cathy Hoffman
1956 Continental Mark II
1949-1960
1st Place.*

*Joel Carpenter
1969 Lincoln Continental Limousine
1961-1969
1st Place.*



*Don Torrence
1970 Continental Mark III
1970-1989
1st Place.*

*Bob Cerami
1972 Continental Mark IV
1970-1989 Street
1st Place.*



*Laurie Morgenthal
1997 Lincoln Mark VIII
1990-2007 Street
1st Place.*



*Concours Class 1949-1960
Stacy Roscoe, 1958 Continental Mark III, 2nd place.*



*Concours Class 1961-1969
Jim Ayres, 1964 Lincoln Continental Convertible, 2nd place.*



*Concours Class 1961-1969
Bryan Burns, 1964 Lincoln Continental Sedan, 3rd Place.*



*Concours Class 1970-1989
Dale Derstine, 1971 Continental Mark III, 2nd Place.*



*Concours Class 1970-1989
Stephen Brandon, 1977 Lincoln Custom Roadster, 3rd Place.*



*Street Class 1970-1989
Ron Anast, 1977 Lincoln Town Coupe, 2nd Place.*



*Street Class 1990-2007
Bill Waldmann, 2002 Lincoln Blackwood, 2nd Place.*



*Street Class 1990-2007
Craig Roberts, 1991 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series, 3rd Place.*



*Street Class 1970-1989
Bob Blevins, 1990 Lincoln Mark VII, 3rd Place.*



*South Coast Lincoln
new car Display Tent.*



Gabriel Saldana, Sales Consultant, and Jim Parsons, General Manager, with Jim Ayres in front of the South Coast Lincoln new car Display Tent.



*Above,
Suicide Kings,*

A spring tradition for many years, the 32nd annual H.B. Concours was held in Central Park near the Huntington Beach Library. The venue is one of the best in Southern California, with both sunny and shady spots for socializing and gorgeous backdrops for outstanding photos.

This year, with Lincoln South Coast of Santa Ana was a concours sponsor. The dealer had a range of its best "Black Label" new models on display for show attendees to admire. Suicide Kings brought their stock and customized 1961-'69 Lincolns.

For those who had a custom vehicle in the Saturday show or just arrived a day in advance to spend a weekend near the beach prior to exhibiting on Sunday, the weekend featured a tour to the Kip Cyprus private car collection at 3 p.m. Saturday after the Rod and Custom Show.



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*Above, Stacy Roscoe's 1958 Mark III Convertible.
Below, Don Torrence with his 1970 Mark III.*



*Above, Joel Carpenter's 1969 Lehmann-Peterson Limousine.
Below, Alan Cressy with his 1987 Sail America Town Car.*



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