



Overview of the field, Mitch Carr drone photo.

2017 Grand National Meet, August 7-13 Fourth Lincoln Homecoming Dearborn and Hickory Corners, Michigan 100th Anniversary of Lincoln.

The 2017 Homecoming Meet in Hickory Corners, Michigan was one of the three most memorable meets of the 21st Century. The first was the Millennium Meet held in St. Louis in 2000. The second was "The Lincoln Experience," the first LCOC National Meet held in Hickory Corners, Michigan in 2006. Now we can add the 2017 Homecoming in Dearborn and Hickory Corners, Michigan, August 7-13, also billed as the 100th Anniversary of Lincoln. At 143 cars on the show field and 332 persons registered, it actually topped the 2006 Hickory Corners event. Western Region members attending included Jim Ayres, Elayne Bendel, Ron Cressy, James Powers, Stacy and Kerry Roscoe, John Walcek, and Tim Howley.

The meet was sponsored by the Lincoln Owners Club, with the Lincoln-Zephyr Owners Club, Road Race Lincoln Register, and Lincoln and Continental Owners Club all participating.

The Lincoln Owners Club was the official host of this year's Lincoln Homecoming with twenty-two 1921-1939 Lincoln Ls, Ks, KAs and KBs entered. These models, along with Lincoln-Zephyrs and early Lincoln Continentals, had their own section of the field near the vintage Shell station replica.

Events kicked off Monday, August 7 with a visit to the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village and a Welcome Buffet at the Dearborn Inn. Tuesday there was a bus tour drive-by of the Ford Plant, the Edsel and Eleanor Ford home and the Piquette Model T Plant, then another Welcome Buffet at the Dearborn Country Club.

Wednesday, August 9 events moved to Ford World Headquarters with lunch at the Ford World Headquarters Cafeteria. Several members of the Ford family were present including Edsel Ford, Jr. and William Clay Ford II.

After a long day at Ford World Headquarters, activities moved to the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners with refreshments and lodging at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Kalamazoo.

Thursday, August 10 the Driving Tours began with a choice of tours to Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary and Kellogg Manor, lunch and a tour of Bell's Brewery, a tour of the Bill Parfet and Off Brothers Auto Collections and Charlton Park Historical Village, plus the Kalamazoo Air Zoo.

Friday, August 11 there were more tours followed by a buffet and auction at the Four Points Sheraton in Kalamazoo.

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Overview of the field, section with Lincoln Owners' 1921-1939 Lincolns and LCOC 1940-1948 Lincoln Continentals. Mitch Carr drone photo.



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Director's Message

I'd like to start this month's Director's Message with a big thanks to Bob Johnson, Dennis Garrett and the rest of the members of the LOC, LZOC, LCOC and RRLR who worked tirelessly to make this year's Grand National Meet/Lincoln Homecoming at the Gilmore a big success. Board members Elayne Bendel and Ron Cressy attended with me and we all had a great time. Story and photos are in this issue of the *Confab*.



Another big thank you goes to Jim Finley and John Kiszla for hosting this year's "Mike Cunningham" Wine Country Picnic. This event has been a favorite Northern California LCOC event for many years. Jim and John really outdid themselves by preparing a fabulous picnic lunch for more than 20 of us, as well as arranging a wine tasting and tour of the Sebastiani Winery in Sonoma.

LCOC Western Region's most important activity, the Annual Meeting, is coming up Saturday Nov. 11 at the historic Santa Maria Inn in Santa Maria. Per our by-laws all board members and any and all regional members are invited. We encourage as many club members as possible to come for a review of where our club is now and where it's headed.

For example, in planning for next year are our annual Kick Off Brunch, the LA Classic Auto Show, Temecula Rod Run, a tour of the Mullin Museum, the LA Maritime Museum, an overnigher in Mt. Pinos and the Huntington Beach Concours. New for next year will be an all-weekend Spring Meet besides the HB Concours. We welcome your ideas for the Spring Meet, as well as thoughts on other possible 2018 events. 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. What are your ideas? Start thinking about something in your area. Get in touch with me if you want some help or ideas.

Election time is nearly here with three LCOC Western Region Board of Managers seats to be filled. Two candidates are running for re-election; Jeremy Sanford and Jan McNiel. I wish to thank them for their continued support of the club. The third seat is being vacated by Bruce Hutchinson. Bruce joined the club in 1993 has been a valued member of the Board since 1996; holding every office except treasurer. In addition, he has also been on the LCOC National Board for many years. Bruce's many years of service to the club are much appreciated by all.

Long-time member Arv Larson has volunteered, and been appointed, to fill the remainder of Tom McCarthy's term which expires in 2018. Many thanks to Arv for stepping up! This is last call for nominations for any of the three seats. If you'd like to be on the board please contact me (jayres01@ca.rr.com / 949-689-8471) by Oct. 10. Board service is a great way to meet and socialize with fellow car enthusiasts and shape your club activities! A little initiative is all it takes to get involved.

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Western Region Future Events Identified to Date

Oct. 1st -----
Palos Verdes Concours

Oct. 21st ----- Palm
Springs Casual Concours

Nov. 11th -----
Western Region Board
Meeting, Winery Tour, LZOC
Swap Meet

Jan. 13th -----
Southern California Imperial
Owners BBQ

Feb. 11th ----- Kick
Off Brunch

March 2-4 -----
Classic Auto Show LA

March 3rd -----
Temecula Rod Run
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
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for more fun and events.

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Although the year is winding down, some of Southern California's best events
are coming up such as the Palos Verdes Concours at the Torrance Airport on Sunday
October 1. This is an invitation-only charity meet and Elayne Bendel and I have
been accepted to show our 1964 Lincoln convertibles. We'd love to see you there.
Besides gorgeous cars, beautiful vintage planes will be displayed. Visit
<https://www.pvconcoors.org/> for info.

This year's Palm Springs Casual Concours IX, celebrating 100 years of the
Lincoln Motor Company, will be held Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the
beautiful Desert Princess Country Club in Cathedral City, with nearby ancillary
events. It's also a charity show, benefiting Angel View, which helps children and
adults with disabilities maximize their potential. Spectator tickets are \$10 available
at the gate. There's still time to register to show your Lincoln or other nifty car.
Contact me for a registration form and/or more information. *Jim Ayres*



A few of the cars at the LCOC Show at Hickory Corners on Sunday.



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Saturday, August 12, the action moved to the LCOC Car Show and Lincoln Museum Dedication at Hickory Corners. Saturday night festivities included guest speaker Jack Telnak, former Global Vice President of Design at Ford. A Detroit native, Jack spent nearly 40 years working around the world as a designer for Ford, including stints as head stylist of the Lincoln-Mercury Division, and ending his career as a global Vice President of Design at Ford. This was followed by Lincoln Owners Club and Lincoln-Zephyr Owners Club Awards presentations.

The much anticipated 2017 Continental Raffle drawing was won by Robert Blevins of Yuma, Arizona. The raffle was a 50/50 drawing as not enough tickets were sold to award the 2017 Continental.

Sunday, August 13 the group was back at the Lincoln Museum on the Gilmore Campus for a car show and LCOC Awards Presentation.

All in all, it was a solid week of Lincoln activities like our clubs have never seen before. The weather was fine all week long with only a slight sprinkle of rain Saturday.

There were many driving tours throughout the week. These tours were coordinated by LOC President and meet host Eric van den Beemt, Greg Bilpunch and David Schultz. The Dearborn events, Ford World Headquarters visit, buffets and hotels were coordinated by Dennis Garrett and Von Koshkarian. The Hickory Corners buffets and hotels were coordinated by Dennis Garrett and Bob Johnson. The key persons behind the scenes were David Schultz, John Talbourdet, Tom Brunner, Jim Blanchard, Dan Staehle, Joel and Suzanne Dixon, Bruce Kopf, Mike and Joan Denney, Tony Russo, Dave Gustafson, John Sabo, Dick Koop, Steve D'Ambrosia, Joel and Eleanor Columbe, Paul Temple, John Walcek, Walt Herip, and Jim Luiken.

Get the full story with all the winners in the November-December issue of *Lincoln and Continental Comments*.

*LCOC members
inspecting a
J Duesenberg
at the
Parfet
Collection.*



*The Parfet
Collection
includes
a number
of
early Packards.*

*LCOC
members with a
1947 Thunderbird
at the
Parfet
Collection.*



*Western Region
members Jim Ayres
and Jim Powers, left
and right, on
the show field
with an exhibitor
of Eleanor Ford's
1952 Lincoln
Limousine.*

*Judging at
the
Hickory Corners
Homecoming.*





*Cars in front of the Lincoln Museum
at the LCOC show Sunday.*



*Getting ready to leave the Gilmore Museum
on one of the tours.*



*J. Paul Denter's 1951 Lincoln Cosmopolitan
on the show field Saturday.*



*Road Race Lincolns flanked Dan and Joyce Staehle's
1954 Capri Coupe on the show field Saturday.*



*Continental Mark IIs on the
show field Saturday.*



Eleanor Ford's 1952 Lincoln Town Car Limousine.



*A few of the cars at the LCOC Show
at Hickory Corners on Sunday.*



*Eric Duncan's 1959 Continental Mark V
on the Hickory Corners show field Saturday.*



Annual Meeting Santa Maria, California November 11

We will be holding our Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 11 at the historic Santa Maria Inn, 801 South Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93454. The exact time is yet to be determined. We will also have an opportunity to visit the Fess Parker Winery and/or participate in the Lincoln and Zephyr Club's indoor swap meet, also at the Santa Maria Inn. I plan on selling some literature and other parts and memorabilia that I've accumulated over the years, and hope that some of our members will do the same. Come for the day, or the whole weekend. **ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!**

RESERVATIONS: Room reservations to be made with the Santa Maria Inn. The club rate is \$84 in the original inn, and \$101 in the tower section. Mention LZOC. Rates are guaranteed through 10-10-17. Phone: (805) 928-7777 Fax: (805) 928-5690. <http://www.santamariainn.com/>

WINE TASTING: Details for the wine tasting at the Fess Parker Winery are still being worked out. We'll let you know the details soon.

This meeting is the one time each year we try to pull together as many of our regular members as possible to participate in our board meeting discussions about club direction for the new year ahead. It's also a chance for us to get to know the LZOC members a little better. Please plan to join us for an interesting and fun event. Also, there are seats available on the LCOC Western Region Board of Managers. This is an ideal opportunity for energetic, enthusiastic members to get involved in a critically important club function. Being on the board is a great way to meet people, learn more about your own car from your peers and other cars, and get the satisfaction of volunteering, planning and executing some fun events. Everyone with

a passion for our antique car hobby should give it a try. If you are interested in running for one of the available seats, please contact me (jayres01@ca.rr.com / 949-689-8471) by Oct. 10.

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LZOC-West Annual Indoor Swap Meet Saturday and Sunday, November 11 & 12, 2017

10 A.M. Saturday to
mid-afternoon Sunday.
SANTA MARIA INN

The LZOC Swap Meet will be held at the Santa Maria Inn in conjunction with our Annual Board Meeting. The Inn is located at 801 South Broadway, Santa Maria, California. Phone (805) 928-7777. Fax (805) 928-5690.

The swap meet will be held in the Cabana Meeting Room (Adjacent to pool and parking structure).

Swap tables are \$20 each payable at the meet. For table reservations call, write or e-mail Dick Schumacher, 2815 E. Sierra Dr., Westlake Village, CA 91362, (805) 495-2794, Schu805@aol.com

DIRECTIONS: Stowell Rd. exit west off the 101, turn right on So. Broadway to 801 on the west side of Broadway. Parking structure behind the hotel.



Sunshine, Tasting, and Gracious Dining Highlight 2017 Wine Country Picnic

Elayne Bendel

More than 20 LCOC members, families and friends journeyed to the beautiful Sebastiani Winery in Sonoma on a gorgeous late summer day for the annual "Mike Cunningham" Wine Country Picnic, Wine Tasting and Tour. Mike, an active and popular LCOC member passed away a few years ago. The September 9 picnic---always a staple social event for the northern part of our region--- was first named for him in 2013 and was organized this year by Jim Finley and John Kiszla. They did an outstanding job, not only handling the arrangements with the winery but also registration and preparation of some really tasty picnic fare.

More upscale than the usual burgers and dogs, the picnic featured delicious wines, marinated roast tri-tip, grilled chicken breast, cole slaw, and more, plus their unique baked peanut squares and brownie desserts. Yum!

Besides the opportunity to renew acquaintances with old friends and meet new ones, the picnic also allowed members to sample some wonderful Sebastiani wines including a new 2014 Sonoma Valley Cherryblock Cabernet Sauvignon just being released that day. The tour showed visitors some tiny antique wine presses as well as the huge barrels now used at the winery. It told how production dropped from a high of 8 million cases down to 600,000 today, as the winery transformed from a high volume to a higher quality producer. Everyone got to keep their Sebastiani wine tasting glass. Grape harvesting also was in progress and trucks coming from the vineyard were in clear view of our secluded shaded picnic location.

Moderate temperatures encouraged some members to drive their classic Lincolns to the event and there was some built-in "tire kicking" time prior to the tour and picnic. Following dessert, a California history trivia quiz organized by Jim proved to be a mind-bending, but fun diversion for all, especially after sampling the wine. We can't wait for next year's encore.



*1961 Convertible, Jim Finley and John Kiszla;
1962 Sedan,
Charles Kennedy.*



*1956 Continental Mark II,
Scott Mikkelsen and Todd Darling.
1956 Continental Mark II Convertible.
Jim Sinnes.*



*1967 Lehmann-Peterson Limo, Tom and Terry Machado;
1972 Continental Mark IV, Chris Hunter and Julie Crawford;
1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible, Jim Finley and John Kiszla;*

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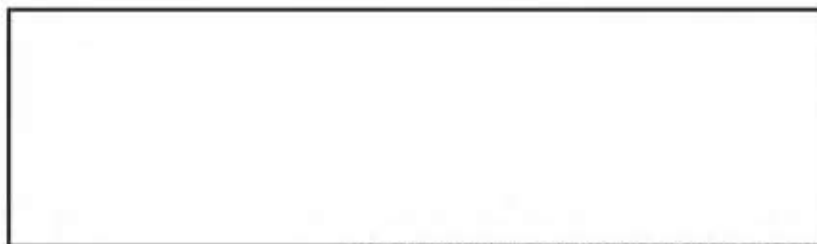
Above, Richard Lewis' 1966 LC Convertible.



*Above, Martin Team's 1977 Continental Mark V Coupe.
Below, John and Joanne Lower's 1986 Mark VII.*



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