



*The tour arrives at the old time dealership.*

## Another Beautiful day in L.A. at the Petersen

On Saturday September 12, twenty-six loyal LCOC members journeyed to L.A. to experience the incredible Petersen Automotive Museum.

Members drove in from as far as Ventura, Seal Beach, San Diego, and Yuma to enjoy the museum, a fun lunch, and catching up with other members.

We had 10 beautiful Lincolns show up, all of which were parked above it all on the private roof deck of the museum. It was a great location to take photos and be away from all the "door dingers" below.

At 10:30 a.m., LCOC members were admitted to the museum to spend the first hour purusing the various exhibits and exceptional cars on their own. The two key exhibits were "What were they thinking" an exhibit of some of Detroit's oddities, along with "California Car Design" and its influence on automobile design globally.

Following our free time, we had the pleasure of being escorted through the

Petersen by a "very" well-informed docent named David. During the hour long tour, we were provided an in depth overview of the development of the automobile in general, as well as the automobile's influence on the movies and on the suburban growth of Los Angeles county.

The tour also included such wonderful exhibits as an early gas station,

where we all learned that gasoline although cheap in the old days, was still a challenge to get. Next, we saw a beautiful life sized storefront of a La Salle, Oldsmobile, Buick dealership from the late 30s. The design influence was opulence, as car buyers at this time were "seriously" catered to, and paid CASH for a new car. Wow, how times have changed.

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*Above, the Docent Dave introduces the Petersen.*

*Some of our motley members on the roof of the Petersen.*



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## director's message

Saturday, Sept. 12th, Nancy and I enjoyed a tour of the Petersen Automotive Museum in downtown Los Angeles. This event was planned and hosted by LCOC member Steve Erler. For a very reasonable fee, our tour included lunch at the new Johnny Rocket's Restaurant inside the museum. It was a great way to spend a Saturday. Steve, I want to thank you for "stepping up" and hosting an event for our club.

If any other LCOC members have an idea for, or would like to host an event for the next year (2010), please contact any Board Member or me. We will work with you to make it a success.

On a personal note, Nancy and I have sold our home in Yorba Linda, and we are anticipating a move to Fallbrook. So we will be in transition for a couple of months.

Our last scheduled event of the year is our annual Board Meeting to be held November 14-15 in Fresno at the Picadilly Inn (University). Special rates if you mention LCOC.

We are excited as we have a large (for us) slate of candidates running for the Board. Hopefully, "New Blood" means we will have more events and different events in the future.

Finally, I just want to remind our members that our Region is hosting the 2010 National Western Meet in Ventura in May. We really want as many Lincolns and Continentals to attend as possible. The Eastern and Mid-West Meets have been drawing more cars than Western for the last couple of years. So come and bring those beauties out next year. We know our Region is the best.

Continently yours, *Norm Hoskins*

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## Coming Events

### All California

Saturday, November 14th  
Annual Meeting  
Piccadilly Inn, University  
Fresno, CA

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### BALLOTS

We are very encouraged with the response to the Ballot for the 2010 Board of Managers. For the first time in quite a while we have 5 candidates with representation from Northern California and a very diversified group from Southern California. The Ballot is printed on yellow paper and was sent to you with the last Confab in the mail or via a separate mailing to members who get their Confab via e-mail. IF YOU HAVEN'T MAILED YOURS IN YET, PLEASE SEND IT SOON. THE DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 23.

### CONFAB E-MAILING

we are very appreciative to the many members who agreed to convert to an e-mail copy of the Confab in the last several weeks. Our thanks go to Jan McNiel in particular for the phone calls and follow up activities to achieve the conversion. We are still sending regular mail copies to those not set up for e-mail or have a reason for not receiving it via e-mail. We are closing in on the goal of 80% e-mail by the Annual Meeting in November.

## ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009 PICCADILLY INN UNIVERSITY FRESNO, CA

**The Annual Meeting will be held at the Piccadilly Inn University in Fresno on Saturday, November 14. The Inn is located at 4961 N. Cedar Ave. in Fresno. The meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Members are welcome to attend and an Open**

**Meeting Session will be scheduled for members to make comments on the operation of the Club. The meeting will include a report on finances, the conversion of the Confab distribution to e-mail, activities for 2010, the results of the ballots for election to the Board that are now out, and other reports and plans.**

**A "working buffet" is planned at a cost of \$15.00 per person and coffee and water will be available during the meeting.**

**The Inn has a special room rate for those attending this meeting of \$89.00 per night. Call (800)468-3587 or (559) 224-4200 and you must indicate the reservation is for the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. A Continental Breakfast is included. The deadline for this rate is October 13.**



## Eight Committee Members Gather For WNM '10 Photo Shoot

As pictured, Den and Jan with their white '42, Helen and Bruce Hutchinson with their blue Mark II, Stacy and Kerry Roscoe with their yellow '58, and Shirley and George Richards with their burgundy Mark III, all gathered at Ventura Harbor for a photo shoot in early August. This will be the site of the Western National Meet on May 19-22, 2010. The Car Show itself will be along the grass with the spectacular Harbor and boat scene as the background.

Everyone had fun parking all the mixed years next to each other with all the colors showing an array of beautiful cars together. It gathered quite a group of curious admirers. We took a variety of shots that will be used in upcoming publications. We finished the gathering, caravanning through the "movie town" of Ventura (the world's best antique shopping) and ending up at a Macaroni Grill for lunch. After that everyone headed for home.

Start getting your car ready for "Lincolns at the Harbor". Need any help, call Den at (805) 985-8721 or Bruce at (818) 360-3865



*The Western Region cars parked on the roof of the Petersen.*

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The tour continued with learning how and “why” the first Strip Malls were developed, how the Miracle Mile came to be, and where the term “Lead Sled” came from. One very impressive exhibit was the automobile design studio of the 30s and then one from today. The difference was amazing and the technology has come a long way. So, if auto design has become so advanced, why do all the new cars look the same?

The tour concluded back in the main lobby and the group headed in to have lunch at the brand new Johnny Rockets “in” the Petersen. The restaurant was a lot of fun and a throw back to the 50s. The servers were fun, quick, and attentive, and even provided a song and dance number for our lunchtime entertainment. I guess you would call them the “Johnny Rockettes”?

Lunch wrapped up around 2:00 p.m. and several members stayed after to further explore the treasures of the Petersen. For those who have not visited the Petersen lately you really should. It is a total education in automotive history, and a wonderful way to spend the day with friends, family, or LCOC members.

Many thanks to the Petersen Museum, it was a great day.

*Steve Erler,*

*Photos by Auto-Visuals.*



*Norm & Nancy, Marv & Jan, and Arvin & Nicole Larson from San Diego.*



*The Peron's 1939 Packard, the last car Eva Peron rode in.*





## Tobin's 1984 Lincoln Limousine in Reno

There were three limousines entered at the 2009 Western National Meet in Reno, Nevada, including this 1984 Lincoln Town Car limousine brought from Middletown, California, by William and Carolyn Tobin. It was built by Ambruster-Skagway and it was an *Embassy Series*.

The limousine won a 1st in the newly formed Professional Vehicles Class. In 2008 it won a Primary 1st the Western National Meet in Irvine, California. It was also the only eighties Lincoln limousine at both meets. You just don't see these vehicles in LCOC, probably because there are so few in show condition.

Tobin says that beat out Lincoln Town Car limousines from the eighties are a dime a dozen but really nice ones this old are hard to find. It will cost you far more to restore a rough one than to get a good one to begin with.

This is a fairly well equipped limousine with places for two buckets in the middle panel and on the other side there is a shelf. It has a color television and a stereo. The gas mileage is surprisingly good, close to 20 mpg tops.





Lincoln offered limousines and formal sedans at their beginning in 1921. Throughout the Classic Era there were Lincoln limousines offered by the industry's most famous custom body builders. In 1941 and 1942, Lincoln offered a limousine and formal sedan built from the Lincoln-Zephyr. While there were no Lincoln limousines offered to the public after World War II the White House ordered 18 of them built from Lincoln Cosmopolitans. Nine were 1949 models with 1950 grilles and instrument panels and nine more were 1950 models. Most of these survive.

In 1959 and 1960, Lincoln offered Hess & Eisenhardt limousines built on the standard non-stretched sedan wheelbase. The most famous Lincoln limousines were built by Lehmann-Peterson of Chicago from 1964 to 1969 and possibly a few for 1970. Gordon Jensen in Minnesota has several Lehmann-Petersons in show condition.

Lincoln's great limousine era was the eighties. These were stretched Lincoln Town Cars and they were much more affordable than the earlier Lehmann-Petersons. At least 20 body builders offered these limos, the best known being Moloney of Chicago.

While most of the eighties Lincoln limousines you will find today have more rust and wear than a 300,000 mile Hummer, there are still a few around as nice as the Tobin limo and for under \$10,000.

Ten years ago Charlie Steward in Florida campaigned a 1989 Lincoln Town Car limousine. It was built by Limousine Werks of Barrington, Illinois, and featured a center console, color television with remote control, overhead control console, beverage decanters, four passenger reading lights, Vogue premium tires, and power divider window. Charlie has since sold this limo and we do not know where it is now.

With the opening of the Professional Vehicle Class in LCOC just this year it is likely that we will see more Lincoln limousines and formal sedans at future LCOC National Meets.



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 LCOC Western National Meet  
 May 19-22, 2010  
 Ventura Harbor, California

The Western Region proudly presents *Lincolns at the Harbor*. Come and enjoy the scenic beauty of California's Gold Coast, located 30 minutes south of Santa Barbara. Our activities will take place at the Four Points by Sheraton and Holiday Inn Express Complex. Your rooms are spacious with spectacular views at the Harbor's edge. A full course breakfast will accompany your stay. Plan a few extra days if you can...there is plenty to see and do in this area.

The weekend will be filled with all the activities that mark our National Meets, to include our Friday night auction, Saturday Car Show at the Harbor, and followed by the gala Awards Banquet. Plan to arrive on Wednesday night to be ready for the Car Tour on Thursday morning. We will take in automobile and airplane museums, and we will lunch as we leisurely

cruise on nice roads along the flatland of strawberry fields much like we did in the "good ole days". Friday is mechanical judging and detailing with time for a Harbor walk or transportation to town to enjoy the "world's greatest" antique and boutique shops and a restaurant for lunch before returning for the evening's buffet and Auction. There will be a photo shoot and brunch on Sunday morning to officially conclude our fabulous weekend.

Our hosts for the event will be Den and Jan Fenske and Bruce and Helen Hutchinson. Meet packets will be available by January 15. We will try our best to make this an affordable event, so make your plans to see the California Harbor Show on May 19-22.

See you there! Den and Jan Fenske,  
 (805) 985-8721

#### Meet Our Committee

In the previous issue we printed the entire Meet Committee, names, phone numbers, and job descriptions. What a group...27 of them!! In asking everyone to serve and help, not one did not agree immediately with much enthusiasm, to help produce our Meet. Thanks to all of you...it's very gratifying to know we'll be bringing you all what we are sure will be a super Meet. Yes, our Region is well and good!

Now, if you are not on this list, and would like to be, use your talent, pick your pleasure, and contact one or two of the appropriate committee members. We are a great group and you will love getting involved. Thanks again, we look forward to our first Committee Meeting in January. Please make sure you read the *Confab*. It will keep you informed.



## marketplace...

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1982 Continental, Givenchy 58,000 miles.

Collection Reduction. Long time Member in Southern California Bob Gee is starting to reduce his collection of 17 cars and an extensive inventory of parts, most of which are for '65 and '66 Convertibles. The cars are: 1967 4 Door Lincoln Continental - was running well when stored \$2,000. 1968 4 Door Lincoln Continental - 460 Engine - was running well when stored \$1,000. 1977 4 Door Town Car - 460 Engine - was running well when stored \$750. 1979 Mark V - Original Paint - Runs. Needs work \$750. 1976 4 Door Town Car - Given to Richard Nixon by Ford Motor Co. \$3,500.

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