



Lake Shore Region

May - June 2008



**Historic Auto Attractions Museum
Cadillac & Lincoln Clubs
Saturday - May 31st**
Join our combined activity with the Cadillac Club and see one of the best automotive museums in northern Illinois. Complete details are included in the flyer on the last page of this newsletter. Call Fred Butalla @ 815-730-6044 for reservations.



Did you take the tour of the Last Detail facility with other LSR members on March 30th? Here's your opportunity to take a short photo tour to see what you missed. Lance McDonald (center w/ Joe Esdale and Chuck Mill), our LSR friend for many years, hosted and guided members through this first class restoration and storage business.



Take a photo tour of Lincoln Land, Inc. in Clearwater, Florida. Hosted by our Lake Shore Region members. Morgan and Kristine Olson, **Test your Lincoln knowledge and win a free 2009 LSR Membership!**

Lincoln & Continental Owners Club
LAKE SHORE REGION

This newsletter is published every other month to provide information to the LCOC Lake Shore Region membership. All members are encouraged to submit articles and photos of their cars, which will be utilized and edited as space will allow. FOR SALE ads for Region members are free, or \$10 per ad issue for non-members. Ad space for vendors of Lincoln related merchandise or services is available. Please contact the newsletter editor for sizes and ad rates. The deadline for publication of all materials is the 10th of the month prior to the newsletter issue date.

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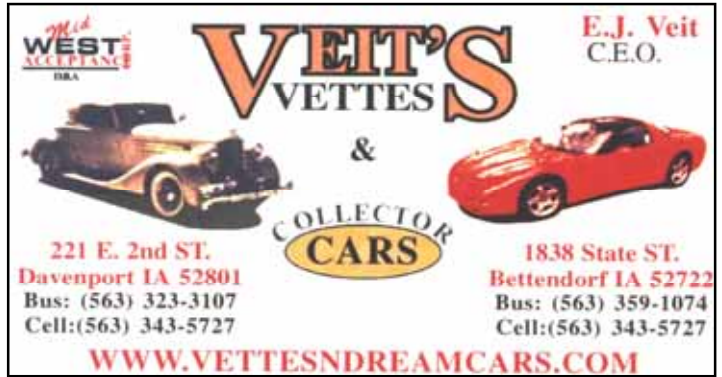
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LSR EVENT CALENDAR

MAY - 2008

**Saturday - May 31st @ 11:30 AM
Historic Auto Attractions Museum
Roscoe, IL**

This a combined activity with the Cadillac /Lasalle Club and a great chance to visit a very popular and inexpensive northern Illinois attraction. Be sure to contact Fred Butalla by May 25th if you plan to attend. He needs a count for the afternoon lunch. Call him at 815-730-6044.

JUNE - 2008

**Mid-America National Meet
Duluth, Minnesota
June 25-29th**

Host: Northstar Region

Time is growing short if you plan to attend this major activity. The Northstar Region has spent several years planning this Meet and it promises to be a good one. They were very supportive of our Itasca Meet and we should return the favor. Full details were included on the inside front cover of the March-April issue of Lincoln and Continental Comments. You can get more details at the LCOC web site www.lcoc.org or by calling Bob Johnson @ 651-257-1715.

JULY - 2008

**General Motors Truck Assembly Plant Tour
Janesville, WI
July 21 - (Monday)**

Tentative plan: we are waiting for a confirmation from the GM tour director. Hopefully, we can get approval for this tour, as it is extremely we done. No walking, as past tours have been in motorized oversized golf style carts.

August - 2008

**Momence Car Show and Picnic
August 9**

This is an event we attended last year and had a very good time. It is in a beautiful location and draws a large crowd of car and spectators. Since it is tied in with the local Gladiola Fest, there are plenty of food selections available and vendors booths for additional entertainment.

September - 2008

**Luxury Car Show
Cantigny in Wheaton, IL
September 7th**

Combined event with Cadillac /Lasalle Club. Great location.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to all new LSR members and renewals for 2008! There are as many reasons for belonging to a car club as there are people who belong. Whatever your reason, I hope you find fulfillment in belonging to the Lake Shore Region LCOC. As the car show season gets underway this year, you can find great pleasure in attending the many activities provided by LCOC and the LSR. Please take the time **now** to plan the next several months for your car passion.

The first two LSR activities of the season were interesting and fulfilling. Our tour of The Last Detail was something that you would have to see in person to comprehend, and the LaPorte County Museum offered something for everyone. In addition to seeing great cars etc, the people of the LSR make getting together so much fun. We can always learn from others in this hobby.

There is still time for you to register for the Mid-America National Meet in Duluth, MN. (June 25 – 30) as well as the Eastern National Meet in Columbus, OH. (August 14 – 17) Also, please keep in mind the next LSR gathering at the Historic Auto Attractions Museum in Roscoe, IL. May 31.

While I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the annual LSR PICNIC at the Momence Car Show August 9 at Island Park in Momence IL, I'm most excited about two LSR events later in the season. Plan ahead to attend the LSR / Michigan Region joint excursion to the CCCA GILMORE MUSEUM in Hickory Corners, Michigan October 3 & 4, and also the joint Lincoln Owners Club / Lincoln Zephyr Owners Club National Meet in beautiful Lake Geneva, WI on September 24 – 27. Both of these events are close to the LSR Region, keeping your gas expense low. Both events offer excellent overnight accommodations at reasonable rates. Non-members are welcome to attend up to two LSR activities without membership, so invite a friend to join you at our next outing.

We are fortunate to have so many informal cruise-ins in the LSR area. I think you could attend a different one every day of the week. Some cruise-ins I've attended are in the Illinois towns of Elmhurst, Lemont, Glenwood, Highwood, Homewood and Tinley Park. My favorite is held in downtown old Frankfort, Illinois every Thursday evening from 6 pm - ? If anyone would like to join me in showing a car some Thursday evening, please call me. Always keep in mind meeting potential new LCOC members at any car shows you may attend this year, inviting them to join LCOC and the LSR. Let's take the time to relax and enjoy the old car hobby this season!

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LSR ACTIVITY OPTIONS

PLANNED EVENTS:

May 31 - Roscoe Historic Auto Attractions Museum

July 21 - (Monday) General Motors Truck Assembly Plant Tour - Janesville, WI (Tentative plan: we are waiting for a confirmation from the GM tour director)

August 9 - Momence Car Show and Picnic

**Sept 7 - Luxury Car Show at Cantigny , Wheaton, IL
Our second 2008 joint event with the Cadillac Club.**

Oct 4 & 5 - A trip to Kalamazoo, MI where we will join the Michigan Region LCOC members for a visit to Hickory Corners Auto Museum in Gilmore, MI. A dinner and overnight stay along with another planned event the next day will make for a great weekend. Details will follow in another newsletter or separate flyer.

Nov 16 - Our Annual Membership Meeting / Dinner at Doug Dykema and Richard Wilson's home

INDIVIDUAL SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

**May 25 - The 37th Annual Auto Show & Swap Meet
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sandwich Fair Grounds, Sandwich, IL**

**June 15 - Oakbrook Fathers Day Car Show
Oakbrook Shopping Center**

June 25 to 29 - Mid-America Meet in Duluth, MN

July 20 - Lake Forest Antique Car Show at Deerpath Road (E of Rte 41 or W of Green Bay Rd) Special Guest: A Tucker. Featuring: Post war vehicles to 1949.

August 3 - Antique Car & Train Extravaganza - Union, IL

August 14 to 17 - Eastern National Meet Columbus, OH

August 24 - Annual Geneva Concours d'Elegance Geneva, IL

Sept 24 to 27 - Lincoln on the Lake LZOC -LOC joint Meet at The Cove of Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva, WI

Oct 8 to 12 - Western National Meet in Irvine, CA

TENTS FOR SALE

The Lake Shore Region has several 10 x 10 tents that were used one day at our Itasca Meet last September. These are sturdy folding tents with one side panel – great for car shows! Tents are available from the LSR in blue or white for only \$75.00 plus shipping. (Regular price \$159.00) Contact Doug Dykema for more information.

Joe & Barbara Esdale's '57 Mark II



Think earning a "Best of Show" is easy? Read what it took to achieve that award. They bought a good car and thanks to Joe's mechanical talents and Barb's support, they turned it into a great show winner.



My interest in the Mark II began at its inception. I was in high school at the time and well remember admiring the car in our local Lincoln-Mercury showroom. I have been a car enthusiast since my early teens, always working on my car or friends' cars. In the early '90's, I casually began watching ads for a Mark II... preferably a black or red car. A friend who subscribes to Old Cars Weekly informed me of a restored deep red '57 with 37,000 original miles. The car was located just north of Seattle, WA. I contacted the owner who described the car in detail; forwarded me a couple dozen pictures of the car before and throughout the frame-off restoration and copies of parts and material invoices.

I consulted a Mark II expert, the late Robb Petty, who happened to live only 15 minutes from our home. Upon his examination of the pictures and documents, it was evident that this car and his Mark II were consecutive serial numbers! To top it off, both cars were originally painted white and changed to deep red during restoration. At that point, I flew to Washington to examine the car. I was picked up by the owner who had 20 other cars in his collection. After several hours of examination and a phone call to Robb Petty to discuss some authenticity issues, I made an offer on the car and ended up purchasing it after some "friendly negotiations" on August 26, 1997. I had the car shipped via enclosed transport to our home, which took about three weeks. Robb was excited to see my purchase but, unfortunately, he passed away before the car arrived in Illinois.

The first time Barb and I showed the car was at the 1998 Midwestern National Meet, Itasca, IL in the Primary Class. The judging results informed me of several authenticity faults... just to name a few: body color under front fenders, intake manifold painted engine color, oil filler tube painted black, incorrect resonators, gas tank black undercoating, master cylinder wrong color, trunk lid under-liner missing... plus a few minor issues. Even with these faults, the car scored an average of 89 points! We did not attend another National meet until the St. Louis Midwest Meet in 2000. Before that event, the above mentioned areas were corrected plus removing the front and rear bumpers, as the chrome was weak, and sent them to AIH Platers for a show quality plating. I replaced the entire exhaust system including mufflers and resonators with a stainless system: a very intense project due to the tight clearances between the frame and rocker panels. During acceleration, smoke was coming from one tail pipe. Upon removal of the intake manifold, valley cover and rocker covers, a fair amount of age-related sludge was found. I removed, disassembled, and thoroughly cleaned the rocker arms and shaft. The valve stem umbrella seals were replaced, the lifter valley and cylinder head valleys cleaned: smoking problem solved! The car earned 96.3 points in the Primary Class at the 2000 St. Louis Meet.

We did not attend another LCOC National meet in 2001. In preparation for the 2002 Midwestern Meet, a few more authenticity issues were addressed including removing the undercoated fuel tank, stripping and cleaning the tank, refinishing it in the correct zinc color, repainting the tank Straps, and replacing the flexible filler hose and all vent hoses. The missing transmission splash guard and dimmer switch rubber/chrome cap were installed with reproduction units. The car earned 97.16 points in the Primary Class in Red Wing, MN.

Preparing for the 2003 Midwestern Meet in Dearborn, MI, a few minor issues were addressed including rebuilding the complex windshield washer assembly. The car earned an even 99 points in the Primary Class. We did not attend a meet in 2004. Before the 2005 Branson, MO Meet, minor rechroming was done to door handles and locks and replacement and chroming of door strikers. The car earned a Senior 1st at this Meet and also at the 2006 Kalamazoo, MI Eastern Meet.

Prior to the 2007 Midwestern Meet in Itasca, IL, I completely rebuilt the hydraulic and vacuum sections of the Bendix Treadle-vac power brake unit: very difficult locating parts for this unit. Also the four flexible brake hoses were replaced as these were possibly original units! Our car earned a Senior 1st and Best of Show at the Meet.

We are looking forward to attending the 2008 Midwestern and Eastern National Meets to enjoy visiting with the friends we've made throughout the years we've been involved with the Lincoln Club. It's also a great way to make new friends from surrounding Regions.

March 30th LSR Activity - The Last Detail



We had an outstanding participation in our first major activity of 2008. The attendees were rewarded with an excellent tour of the Last Detail business by Lance McDonald, a good friend and acquaintance of many of our LSR members. Those in the club for several years will remember Lance as the manager of Paradise Motorsports before he left that operation to go to The Last Detail. After Paradise lost Lance's guidance, they fell on hard times and eventually went out of business. Their loss was obviously The Last Detail's gain, as it is a thriving business, in restoring, maintaining and storage of vehicles for knowledgeable collectors and Chicago area personalities.

Shown above are just a few examples of the variety of cars that the shop has or is restoring. The entire shop is a handsome and immaculately maintained show place for some of the finest cars in the Chicagoland area. Lance's normal pursuit of perfection in the restoration of collector cars was immediately evident as LSR members surveyed the cars currently being worked on or stored on the premises. Everyone greatly appreciated the chance to see The Last Detail and get reacquainted with Lance.

After the tour, we enjoyed a late lunch together and discussed our thoughts of owning one of the beautiful cars we'd just seen or being able to send our favorite Lincoln to The Last Detail for refreshing, detailing or total restoration. As soon as our lottery ticket turns out to be a big winner, our ship comes in, we get a big inheritance, or whatever, we'll get our Lincoln restored to "Best of Show" condition. Oh well, day dreaming is what collector car ownership is all about! Right?

Lincoln Land Visit and Know our Lincolns Contest

LSR members, Morgan and Kris Olson were in Florida the first week of April, and visited Lincoln Land Inc. They had e-mailed Chris Dunn, owner of Lincoln Land Inc., regarding an item needed for their '78 Continental Town car. They walked into the parts and repair department to find Chris standing behind a counter with a room full of customers. He looked up and immediately held up a plastic bag with the parts needed for their Town Car. Chris being a consummate host and truly loving to give tours of his facilities and the various departments, suggested they check out the Sales floor with it's '40's convertibles, a coral "007" James Bond Edition T-Bird with White Leather, along with an incredible yellow Mark VI. His repair shop was full of convertibles. Below photos include a Turquoise Continental convertible originally owned by Gregg Engelhardt of Saginaw, MI. Gregg sold the car in Florida, and it's been serviced at Lincoln Land Inc. since the early '90's.

- * The White Mark III with the red interior is a fine example of an almost perfect specimen.
- * The black convertible on the hoist is a tried and true survivor.
- * Chris bought the black Mark with a freshly upholstered interior. But it was "Vinyl"! As luck would have it, Chris came across a set of freshly upholstered leather seats. Some guy was customizing a Mark II, and didn't need the interior! Check out Chris trying to get the headlamp ring in place on the Mark. Those familiar with the peculiar fit will appreciate this photo.
- * Regarding the convertibles in for service, it was hard to photograph all of these incredible automobiles.
- * It's hard to comprehend the number of Lincolns in the parts yard. The Parts Shop and Warehouse are mind boggling.

With a bunch of Morgan's great photographs, we decided to create a contest for LSR members. How well do you really know Lincolns? To enter this contest, send a numbered listing of the **Model and Year** of each photo to: Morgan Olson, 3718 West Fuller Drive, Muskegon, MI 49444-9774 or email him at: molsonkrsykov2@netzero.net

The earliest entry (by July 1) with the MOST correct answers receives a free LSR 2009 membership.



Photo #2



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#9



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#24



#25



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#30



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Lincoln Land Visit and Know our Lincolns Contest



Photo #40



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#49



#50

Bonus Photos & Tie Breakers for you really smart Ford Motor Company Fans



Photo #8



#22



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Photo #47

Who are these people and why are they sitting on the beach when we were all freezing in the frozen tundra of the upper Mid-West? Do you suppose that fancy coral convertible was their rent-a-car for cruising from the beach to their luxury condo? Good luck on your entry (guesses) for the Free -09 Membership Contest



Photo #59

A Combined Clubs' Activity

Cadillac - Lasalle Club

&

LCOC - Lake Shore Region

Saturday- May 31, 2008 11:30AM - 3:30 PM

Historic Auto Attractions Museum

13825 Metric Drive

Roscoe, Illinois

815-389-7917

The Chicago "Cadillac/Lasalle Club" has organized a tour of the well known Historic Auto Attractions Museum and invited the "Lincoln Lake Shore Club" to participate in the activity. The Museum opened in 2001 and has continued to grow dramatically each year. It is now a "must see" location for car clubs and history buffs in the Midwest. It offers a unique mix of Presidential limousines and furniture, wax figures in era clothing, celebrity vehicles in dioramas, famous movie artifacts, gangster cars and histories, race cars, collector cars and other historic memorabilia.

The Museum has a website you might like to review before the tour to learn of the many interesting displays. Go to:

www.historicautoattractions.com

This is a wonderful opportunity to drive a reasonable distance to an excellent museum, meet members of another luxury car club, have lunch at a nearby restaurant and enjoy a week-end with your favorite collector vehicle.

Two choices for getting to the Museum:

1st - At 10:00 AM, meet at McDonald's in Elgin @ 255 S. Randall Road (just south of Rt. 20). You can caravan and avoid I-90, following a relaxed route to the Museum.

2nd - Meet at the Museum at 11:30 AM for the tour.

After the Museum tour, we'll have lunch at Sophia's, a nearby casual restaurant. The map to the Museum and Sophia's is on the back of this flyer.

R.S.V.P. before May 25th

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