



Lake Shore Lincoln Lines

Newsletter - Lake Shore Region - Lincoln & Continental Owners Club

November / December 2011

The Director's Message



Greetings to all !

Our Membership Meeting/Dinner will be held November 13 at Doug Dykema and Rich Wilson's home. See pages 5 and 6 for additional information. I would like to ask those of you who are going to attend to please think about suggestions and ideas for new events or places to visit in the upcoming years. I will pose this question at the meeting so put your "thinking caps" on. It is quite a job to schedule and find new places to include on our activity sheet for all of the members and guests to enjoy. Please be an active participant in our club.

Membership renewal letters will be sent out in November. Please return them along with your check to Joe Esdale, Treasurer as soon as possible.

We have a new location for our "Winter Dinner" - - we will meet at the White Fence Farm Restaurant, located in Romeoville, IL. February 5

is the date that has been chosen. (The restaurant is closed for the month of January.) Hope many of you will join us for this gathering. Information regarding directions to the restaurant and your choice of food will be printed in the January/February newsletter. As always, guests are welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to a successful year for the region. A special note of appreciation goes to the Lake Shore Region Board of Directors - - a dedicated group of individuals that make our organization work. And, of course, thanks to you, the members, for your continued support and participation - - without it there would be no region.

As this is our last newsletter for 2011, I would like to wish each and every one of you a warm and joyous holiday season and a happy, healthy new year!

Barb Esdale
Lake Shore Region Director

COMING SOON

October

- 22 Historic Auto Museum, Roscoe, IL. Meet at the museum at 10:30 a.m. so we can get the group rate. Lunch will follow at Sophia's Restaurant, 5467 Bridge Street, Roscoe, IL (815) 623-5903. RSVP to Bill/Patty Nawrot at (708) 352-5835 or wmnawrot@ameritech.net if you are attending this event.

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Special Points of Interest

- ◆ How about sending in a nice article and some photos of your collector car or work in progress?

Reuben & Emily Taylor's 1930 Lincoln L Limousine

I hope that everyone will find and enjoy the wonderful article about this car in the September/October 2011 issue of *Lincoln & Continental Comments*. The Taylor's showed the car at the Eastern National Meet in New Hampshire this year where it won a Lincoln Trophy. Be sure to read the entire article as they had quite an adventure getting the car home.

They must have made it home okay because here it is at the Geneva Concours d'Elegance in late August. Congratulations to the Taylor's on their fine automobile..



Photo by Chris Otis

2012 LCOC Meets

June 15-19 Mid-America Meet,
Bloomington, MN



(more to come)

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is a publication of the Lake Shore Region, Lincoln & Continental Owners Club. This newsletter is issued semi-monthly to provide information to the Lake Shore Region membership. 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 and \$10 for non-members.

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Lake Shore Region Event Schedule

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February 2012

- 5 Winter Dinner at White Fence Farm.

June 2012

- 15-19 Mid-America Meet, Bloomington, MN.

*Be SURE to attend the Annual Membership Meeting in November.
Talk to your Board members and voice your opinion!*

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Photo by Chris Otis

Mr. Lincoln

The 1939 Lincoln Zephyr has been described as one of the sleekest cars in American automobile history. It boasts a powerful 110 horsepower V-12 engine and originally sold for \$1,275! A car of this type was featured in the 1990 film “Mr. and Mrs. Bridge.” The example above is owned by Jim & Gail Manz and was shown this year at the Geneva Concours d’Elegance.

The Editor’s In-Box

WORD SEARCH

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FOUR-DOOR

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GRILLE

HOOD

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LEATHER

MASSIVE

METAL

MODEL

OVAL headlights

QUIET

ROOMY

SCULPTURED

SLEEK

SPEED

STEERING wheel

STURDY

WHEELS

WHITEWALL

WINDOWS

WINDSHIELD

Lake Shore Region Membership Meeting

SUNDAY 1:30 PM
NOVEMBER 13th 2011

At the home of
DOUG DYKEMA & RICH WILSON
1412 BRASSIE AVE.
FLOSSMOOR, IL 60422



POTLUCK DINNER at 1:30 PM. Please RSVP with Doug Dykema to determine which side dish, desert or salad is needed. If you can't bring something, you may donate \$10.00 per person toward the cost of food. Turkey, ham and beverages will be provided.

Join your fellow Lake Shore Region members for our last activity of this year. There will be reports on the status of our club, discussion on activities for next year and our election results. Your input is vital to your board of directors on these issues, so please plan on attending. All members and their guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Beside the meeting, there will be plenty of social time. Bring your photos, stories or items of interest and have a great time. Drive your Lincoln to this event and park it in the driveway, all others please park in the street.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. by
WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 9th

708-989-0125 or
d.dyk@sbcglobal.net

Please talk to Doug
about what side dish,
desert or salad is
most needed.

SEE DIRECTIONS AND
MAP ON PAGE 6.



DIRECTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 1412 Brassie, Flossmoor

FROM DOWNTOWN CHICAGO: Dan Ryan (I-94) South to I-57 South. Take I-57 South. Exit Vollmer Road East. Take Vollmer Road to Western Ave. Turn Left (North) on Western Ave. Turn Left (West) on Brookwood Dr. (the first street on your left). Follow Brookwood to Brassie Ave. Turn Right on Brassie to 1412.

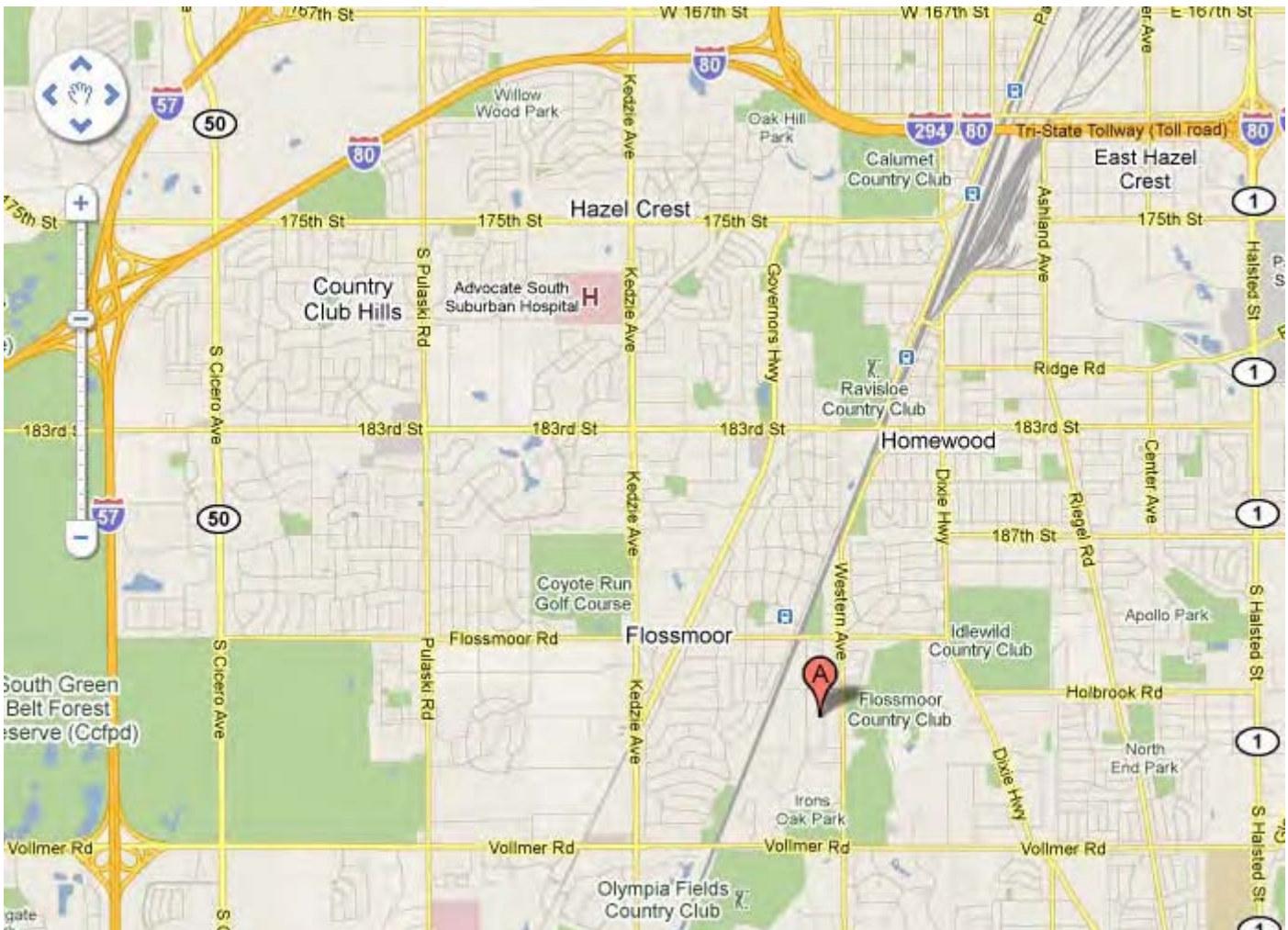
FROM NORTH: I-294 South. Exit Dixie Hwy. Turn right (South) onto Dixie Hwy and follow it to Flossmoor Rd. Turn Right (West) on Flossmoor Rd. and continue to Brassie Ave., which is one block West of Western Ave. Turn Left (South) on Brassie to 1412.

FROM EAST: I-80 & I-94 West to I-294. Exit Halstead St. South. Go South on Halstead to Ridge Rd. Turn Right (West) on Ridge Rd. until it ends at Harwood/Western Ave. Turn Left (South) and go to Flossmoor Rd. Turn Right (West) on Flossmoor Rd. Go one block to Brassie Ave. Turn Left (South) on Brassie and go to 1412.

FROM SOUTH: I-57 North. Exit Vollmer Rd. East. Continue East on Vollmer to Western Ave. Turn Left (North) on Western Ave. Turn Left (West) on Brookwood Dr. (which is the first street on your Left) Follow Brookwood to Brassie Ave. Turn Right (East) on Brassie to 1412.

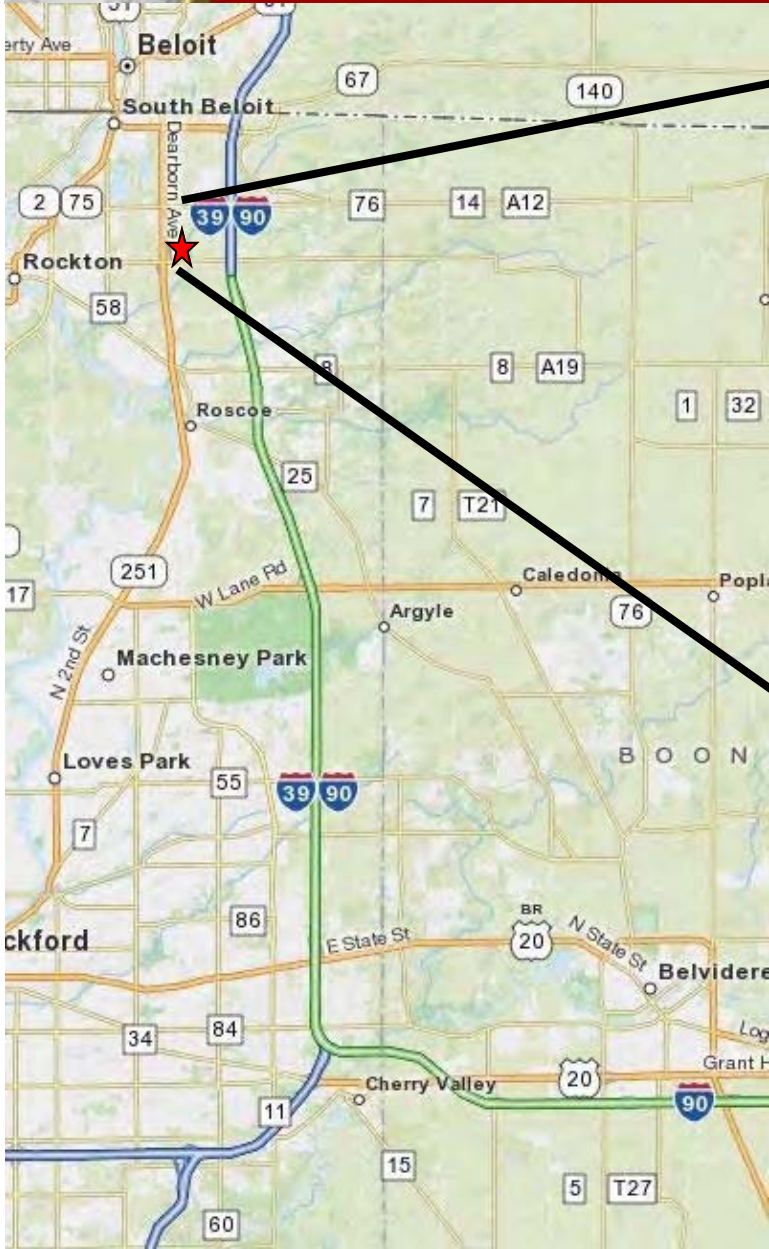
FROM WEST: I-80 East to I-57 South. Exit Vollmer Road East (See Above)

CALL FOR HELP: 708-989-0125 or 708-476-3677





Historic Auto Attractions



Roscoe Auto Museum - Saturday, October 22nd

Historic Auto Museum, Roscoe, IL. Entrance to the museum is only \$9 if we can get 15 people to come (\$12 if we can't). <http://www.historicautoattractions.com/pages/home.html>. Meet at the museum at 10:30 AM so we can get the group rate. The museum not only contains cars but also TV memorabilia, historical artifacts, movie star info and much more. This is a really great museum to see. A "dutch treat" lunch will follow at Sophia's Restaurant, 5467 Bridge Street, Roscoe, IL (815) 623-5903. RSVP to Bill/Patty Nawrot at (708) 352-5835 or wmnawrot@ameritech.net if you are attending this event.

Geneva Concours d'Elegance

The 2011 Geneva Concours was held on what had to be a near perfect day, weather-wise. Sunny and not too hot. The other great thing about this Lincoln-themed event is that more than nine members of the Lake Shore Region had cars in the show. One member even had three cars (one Lincoln) on display. Many thanks to Doug Dykema, Joe Esdale, Bob Joynt, Richard Kanaszyc, Kurt Karlson, Jim Manz, Chris Otis, Donald Reinhardt & Reuben Taylor and to their many helpers and to the other members who proudly displayed cars. The theme car next year, Aug. 26, 2012, will be Packard.

See http://home.xnet.com/~otis/Site/The_Lincoln.html for more event photos



A Visit to Michigan and Gilmore on 9/11/11

Photos by Chris Otis



Nawrot's GTO



Attended by Joe & Barb Esdale, Bill & Patti Nawrot, Morgan & Kris Olson, Chris Otis, Bill & Elaine Reynolds, Jim Russo & Willie.



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The \$900 Plastic Gear

By Bill Nawrot

This Spring Patti and I drove out to Elwood, IL to pick up her 97 Town Car from storage. I installed the battery and it started right up. As I pulled out of the garage a loud banging noise started coming from inside the dashboard. After half a minute it stopped. At the time I just dismissed it. We got the car home and back in our garage.

In early May I took the car for a quick trip to Jewel. Since it was warm out I turned on the AC, instead of cool air it was putting out hot air. Being it is 14 years old my first thought, the Freon must be low. Well the compressor seemed to be working and AC lines were sweating. Next I swapped out the EATC unit or dashboard control unit. That didn't help. Oh yeah! I forgot to tell you the banging noise from inside the dashboard was a regular thing now.

The way it would blast out hot air had me leaning towards the blend door which switches the ductwork between cold and hot air. Looking up replacing the Blend Door Motor in my factory shop manual scared me to death!

Item 1: Disconnect battery (easy enough)

Item 2: Remove instrument panel (This is where I freaked out)

How can this be? Remove the instrument panel and even the steering column to replace a \$60 part about the size of a man's wallet. A call to my local ford dealer confirmed this.

As I said earlier this was early May. We were scheduled to take the car to New Hampshire for the Eastern Meet in a couple of weeks. No AC would not only cost us Judging Points, but who wants to drive 2200 miles with no air conditioning?

Now is the main reason for me writing this, I want to make everyone aware of the support that's out there on the internet. Doing searches, I found a site www.lincolnonline.com. First found out that the banging sound was the result of a gear

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The steering column is lowered and rests on a handy box.

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stripping inside the Blend Door Actuator Motor and was a common problem. This site also has a Tech portion where a guy from Sweden, that's right Sweden, not only explained how but had easy to follow pictures of every step. On the Forum section other people said how easy it was and they were glad they hadn't paid the dealer \$900 to fix their cars. This gave me the courage to proceed (in spite of Patti's protest). I didn't work on it full time so it was a couple days before it was repaired. The good news was that the instrument panel and steering column had to unbolts and moved, but not taken out of the car. It wasn't easy but it was an ego boost when I did it.

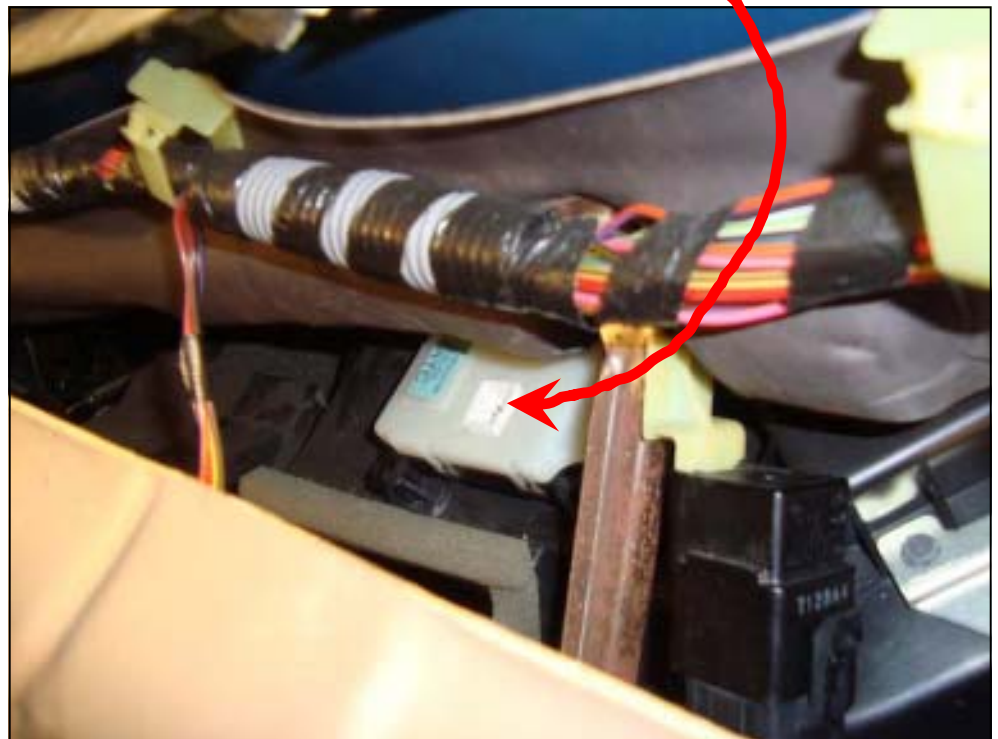
As for the part, I first looked it up on the internet, the actuator motor listed for \$72.20 but a dealer in Texas would sell it for \$53.20. I printed this and took it to my Ford Dealer who matched the price.

Hope I don't jinx myself, but so far it's worked great, including trips to New Hampshire and Michigan. Since it is a common failure, I've already bought a new spare for my parts bin.



Instrument Panel moved out.

Blend Door Motor location.



How Mark II Owners Got Into LCOC

By Dave Cole (1997) with minor editing by Chris Otis

When LCOC was founded in 1953, the only Lincoln Continentals owned by its members were 1940 through 1948 models. This was only natural - those were the only cars built up to that time that had been called by those two names conjoined like that. But this simple condition did not last very long. Rumors began to circulate early in 1954 to the effect that the Ford Motor Company was planning to bring out a new Continental, so, of course, the question arose among LCOC members as to what stand the club would take concerning the new car when it appeared. Would its owners be welcome in LCOC?

(Editor's Note: LCOC stood for Lincoln Continental Owners Club at the time the club was founded. The name changed to Lincoln and Continental Owners Club in 1987.)

LCOC founder Elliston H. Bell, Jr., would give an answer to that question. Briefly stated, he said that after the new Continental was introduced, he would point out the pros and cons of admitting owners of the new car to LCOC membership, and would let the members vote to decide whether to include it or exclude it.

But as things worked out, the advantages or disadvantages were never addressed and no vote was ever taken on the matter, yet Mark II owners began to appear in the club rosters almost as soon as the car was introduced and ready for sale. One might reasonably ask how this came about.



Continental Mark II prototype in front of the Continental Division plant.

In correspondence between Elliston Bell and Dave Cole Mr. Bell said: "I notice in one of my recent letters to you, that I mentioned the fact that it seemed doubtful that owners of the NEW Continental would ever become members of our club. That situation has changed for the following reason. Members who now own Continentals are in some cases keeping the old one and adding a new, so therefore we automatically have some in the club. Other members are trading the old for a new and I think it would be difficult to ask them to resign if they wished to remain. Soooo, we are going to have new cars in the club, and in the long run I think it will keep the club alive and add new interest as the new models of Rolls-Royce are of interest to the vintage owners in their club."

Certainly Mr. Bell must have been describing what some members were intending to do and not what they

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had done already, as on the date he wrote that, June 21, 1955, there were as yet no Continental Mark II's available to buy. According to a story in the November-December, 1955, *Lincoln-Mercury Times*, the first Mark II produced for sale was completed on June 24 and the car was introduced to the public on October 5, 1955.

Curiously, it was not called a Lincoln Continental. It was simply Continental with Mark II appended to distinguish it from the earlier car, and having been produced by its own division within the Ford Motor Company, it was technically not a Lincoln at all. This made no difference to Elliston Bell. For the reasons he had already cited, those who bought the new cars, whatever they were called, were eligible for club membership. The first picture of a Mark II in *Continental Comments* appeared in No. 22, dated November, 1955, and the next issue, No. 23, dated January, 1956, carried the first photo of a club member with the new Continental Mark II. She was Mrs. Earl Mosser, of Huntington, West Virginia. Also in that issue, Bell mentions that Mark II owners were joining the club, and tells why he felt their presence would strengthen the club.

That same month, January, 1956, LCOC got out its annual directory of members, and the first Mark II owners were listed. There were half a dozen of them; one each in Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts,

Michigan, North Carolina and West Virginia - but not a one in the Golden West yet. Three of them also reported owning one or two '48 Continentals as well; two of them including Mrs. Mosser, were new members not listed in 1955; and one, Stanley Ferguson, of Boston, Mass., has been listed in the directory as early as 1954 with a '47 Cabriolet, which he had apparently traded in on his new Mark II. None of the six are still with the club, although their cars may still be owned by LCOC members, but fifty or more years ago, they were the vanguard of what is now the preponderance of LCOC members - those who own a Lincoln other than a '40 to '48 model Continental.

And as for those six early Mark II's whose owners bought them and joined the club late in 1955, they were just the leaders in a great long parade of Lincolns other than the 1940 to '48 Continentals whose owners belonged to LCOC. These days the cars that started the whole thing amount to a small percentage of the total number. Wouldn't Elliston Bell be amazed!

(Editor's Note: It's amazing to me to realize that owners of brand new Mark II's were joining LCOC and that the club is not all about antique cars. But then, the same is true today. The club is about Lincolns and Continentals of any age.)

Mother's best advice:
GO OUT AND PLAY!



Have you been outside with your car and camera yet? This is a photo by Chris Otis of his 1959 Lincoln Continental Mark IV and one nice tree. Interesting fact: Taken near a favorite tree at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois, in 2005, this photo is no longer possible. The Arboretum moved the road in 2011 and one can no longer drive anywhere near this beautiful maple.

FOR SALE

Lake Shore Region members may advertise here for free. Non-member fee is \$10 for two issues. Ads limited to approximately business card size and may be edited for space or content. Items and descriptions are not verified or warranted by the Lake Shore Region or the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club.



1976 Lincoln Continental Town Coupe
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Asking \$8,500. Call Tom (630) 879-8121

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original miles.
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Great Museums Tell Stories

The Living Legacy of Lincoln Motor Cars is A Great American Story

Please join your friends and supporters of the Lincoln automotive heritage in making a generous gift for the purpose of building a museum where we can share with the public the history of the Lincoln brand. Contributions for the museum building fund of the Lincoln Motor Car Foundation are welcome as a one time gift or as a pledge payable over five years, appreciated securities, or as part of your estate planning. The gifts can be made in your name, in commemoration of someone that you'd like to honor, or as a memorial to a loved one or friend. Appropriate recognition of your gift will be made at the museum site. Many Special naming opportunities are available, or one that particularly appeals to you can be created.



Artist rendition of Lincoln Motor Car Museum on the site of the Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan.

The Lincoln Motor Car Foundation is organized as a not-for-profit Michigan corporation and is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a public, tax-exempt foundation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your contributions to the Foundation should be tax-deductible from your federal income tax.

Supporter's Name (s) _____

Postal Address _____

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Pledge Amount \$ _____ Enclosed: _____ Payable over 5 years: _____

Name (s) for Recognition _____

Some available naming opportunities (*payable over five years if desired*):

- Walkway Bricks \$100
- Patio Pavers \$500
- Interior Benches \$1000
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- Exterior Stone Benches \$10,000
- Patios \$25,000
- Exhibits \$25,000
- Galleries \$50,000

Please make checks payable to the **Lincoln Motor Car Foundation** and mail to:

Jack Shea, Treasurer
Lincoln Motor Car Foundation
5022 Harbortown Lane
Fort Myers, FL 33919 - 4651

**Only 8% of the LCOC membership
has donated so far. Please help!**



Lake Shore Lincoln Lines
 Lake Shore Region
 Lincoln & Continental Owners Club

Preserving Lincoln Automotive History

Don't forget the Annual Membership Meeting!

Please, if you move or change phone numbers or Lincolns let us know. We wouldn't want to misplace anybody. Thanks. Chris Otis, Newsletter Editor, (630) 853-1662, Otis.LCOC@comcast.net.

Lake Shore Region Board Candidates



BARB ESDALE: Barb has been a Lake Shore Region member since 1997. She has been a Board member for several years and the Director of LSR since early 2010. Barb and husband Joe own an award winning Mark II and have hosted many annual events throughout the years. Barb would like to continue to serve the club as a Board member. (re-elect)



JOE RUSSO: To Lincoln club members; I would like to serve on your board to enhance the club with some new ideas. I would like to see a monthly breakfast, some Tech. sessions and maybe some invite only car shows. I have been a member for over 9 years. I own 21 cars with five being Lincolns and various other Ford products including an Edsel. I have been the Sec/tru of the Great Lakes Pantera Club for over 17 years and am the Chrysler T C by Maserati mid-west regional director. (new)



ELDON HUEBER: Eldon has been a member for 16 years and a board member for over 10. He was activities chairmen for many years and enjoyed the task. He doesn't currently own a Lincoln, however he loves cars and people and is willing to help improve the club. (re-elect)

PLEASE NOTE: There are three positions on the Board of Directors becoming available. So far, we have three candidates. Unless there are more willing to run for office, the election will be 'no contest' and we will not distribute ballots or vote. The above candidates will be elected by default.

If you wish to participate by being on the Board please contact Barb Esdale.

Carpentersville Oktoberfest Antique Car Show

**TO BENEFIT THE
CARPENTERSVILLE , ILL.,
9/11 MEMORIAL CONSTRUCTION**



**SUNDAY OCTOBER 16TH
CORNER OF MAIN AND LINCOLN AVE.
ONE BLOCK EAST OF RT 31 ON MAIN STREET
\$ 20.00 DONATION PER CAR
DASH PLAQUES TO THE FIRST 120 CARS TO COME IN
TOP 50 TROPHIES PARTICIPANT VOTING AND 3 TOP AWARDS
REGISTRACION STARTS AT 8:00 VOTING BY 12:00 AWARDS 3:00PM
FOOD, MUSIC AND FUN
FOR MORE INFO CALL 847-800-5124**