



LINCOLN LINK

Newsletter of the MidWest Region of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club

MESSAGE FROM THE MIDWEST REGION DIRECTOR

Please excuse the tardiness of this newsletter, but as usual too much is going on to get things done on time. Lots of happenings since May, so in order not to drag this on and on I will attempt to keep this to the point.



*John Lower with his and Joanne's
1978 Continental Mark V*



*Jim & Carol Patterson on the
Eureka Springs Train*

Our October meeting in Kansas at McPherson College has been changed from the 14th of October to the 21st of October. In making final arrangements for the tour through the restoration shop, Mr. Klinger informed me that the 14th was their Homecoming so we had to change the date to October 21st. A notice will be sent to you by September 21st with all the details. Jim Patterson

and his dear wife, Carol were helping to put this meeting together. Sadly Carol passed away after surgery on May 16th. Jim is still working hard to get all the details together to make this meeting possible.

Carol Patterson was Vice President of Brown Mackie Business College and very involved in Jim's love of Lincolns. The enclosed picture was taken at Amelia Island in March, when they sold their 1941 Continental Cabriolet. Their son and daughter, Jim and LeAnn are shown with proud Carol and Jim.



*Carol & Jim Patterson with son Jim and
daughter LeAnn at the Amelia Island
auction where they sold their '41 LC.*

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Jim & Carol, Walter and Earline at Eureka Springs with Walter's 1948 Continental

In our May Lincoln Link we did the story on Walter Down's 1948 Continental. Walter was one of the original National LCOC members and a staunch LCOC supporter. He passed away July 9th at the age of 89 years. He was scheduled to have heart surgery but passed away before the surgery took place. Walter founded Wood Products Co. in Wichita in 1948 and retired from the company in 1982. The entire Lincoln Club will miss long time member, Walter Downs and his beloved Earline who preceded him in death.



Earline & Walter Downs on Eureka Springs Train

No one has come forth with any photos from our Annual Meeting in Kansas City last year so we still are not able to show you what a great time everyone had. Also, no one sent in any stories or items for this issue. ***Remember folks we need your help!!!***

Eldon Yung was going to tell us about his experience on the way to the Scottsdale Meeting, along with Bob Pence, but the National Magazine recruited him first. His story is on page 25 of the July/August issue. His car is pictured on the back cover of the May/June issue of Continental Comments. We have a real celebrity in our midst. Nice story Eldon, it took a lot of perseverance and prayer to make it!!!

Another one of our distinguished members, Robert Parker, was elected to the position of Chief Judge of the National LCOC during the January National Board Meeting. This is a lot of work and responsibility so please help Robert out by volunteering to judge if you are attending a national meet. Robert has also been appointed to finish the term of Irma Pence on our MidWest Board.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our 9 new members who have joined since our last news letter:

John and Emily Testrake of Kirkwood, MO
They seem to be heavy into Limo's - maybe we can get a ride someday!!

Dan and Patricia Weiskirch of Buckner, MO
They have a 1941 Continental Coupe. Dan's printing on his application was so precise I'm almost sure he is an engineer and he lives near Kansas City.

Stan Hopkins of St. Joseph, MO
Stan has some very special late 1970's Lincolns.

Gene Razook of Wichita, Kansas
He has 1940's, 1950's and 1960's Lincolns. I think he likes convertibles!!

Mike and Carol Mottler of Conway, AK
They have a 1956 Mark II.

Dorsey and Elaine Glover of Hot Springs, AK
They have 1940's Lincolns. Dorsey was at our meeting in Conway, Arkansas and he told me that it was the first Lincoln Meeting he has every attended.

Robert and Kathryn Brockmann of Maumelle, AK
They have a very special Diamond Anniversary Silver Town Car.

Gene and Charmaine Marburger of Mt. Olive, Illinois

Fred Carlson of Manhattan, KS
Fred likes 1970's Lincolns and we hope to see him in McPherson in October.

Gene & Charmaine are our most recent new members they have a 1979 Mark V.

We hope to see each of you and your Lincoln soon!!!



Lincoln Lintel stored and on display at the Gilmore Museum

The MidWest Region is the first Region to purchase a \$1,000.00 Lifetime Membership in the Lincoln Foundation. We were presented with a Lifetime Membership Certificate during the Eastern National Meet Award Ceremony. The ENM Gilmore Lincoln Experience which was co hosted by the MidWest Region also presented the profits from the event to the Lincoln Foundation Building Fund. We sincerely hope our MidWest members will continue to support the Lincoln Foundation and their efforts in building a Lincoln Foundation Building at Gilmore.

Seven members from the MidWest Region attended the Eastern Meet at Gilmore. Six received awards for their Lincolns. Judy Herrmann, First Place Award, Jack and Marilyn Fletcher a first, John and Joanne Lower a second place award; Robert and Carol Parker a second, Jerry Seibert, William Clay Ford Trophy; Jay and Laura Cook, Emeritus. It was a great meet and was co-sponsored by the MidWest, Michigan, North Star and the Lake Shore Regions. Joanne coordinated all the functions as Meet Registrar and everyone had a great time.



Jerry Seibert with his 1971 Mark III



Jay & Laura Cook's 1964 Continental Convertible



Registration at Gilmore Meet Carol Mattix, Marilyn Fletcher and Joan McDougal



Judy Herrmann and her 1963 Continental Convertible



Tom & Janice Lindsey

Our latest meeting was in Conway, Arkansas on August 12th. The whole day was put together and sponsored by the Lindsey Racing Team of Tom and Janice. They are our Great American Race Team who has participated in 5 races. Tom has a beautiful museum on the grounds of his construction company. His friend Ed brought over a few more Great Race Cars and others. Tom has 3 cars he has used on the race plus a 1948 Continental, two Mark II's and a couple of early T-Birds. He and Janice served a fabulous lunch. After lunch and a brief business meeting Tom explained how the timing and navigating worked on the Great Race. Twenty-four members and friends attended the meeting and I certainly wish more of you could have enjoyed their Arkansas Hospitality.



Tom's Cars



Tom's Car Barn, Conway, AK



Mid-West Region members at Tom's Car Barn. Two of his T-Birds in background



Tom's Cars

This should catch you up on the latest happenings in the MidWest Region. Don't forget our Meeting in Kansas has been changed to October 21st. Joanne will give you a brief summary of our annual meeting to be held in Branson, MO on November 10th, 11th and 12th.



Meeting held at Tom's Car Barn in Conway, AK

Hope to see you and your beautiful Lincoln at one of our meetings.

Continental yours,
John

MIDWEST LCOC HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



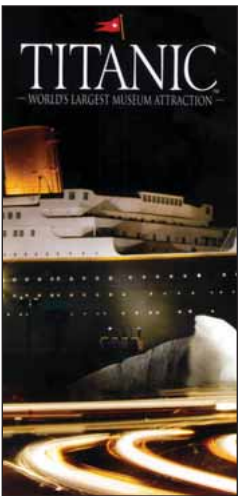
November 10-12, 2006 - Branson, Missouri



Fall has arrived in all it's beauty and we are making plans for the coming Holiday Season!!!! By popular request we are returning to Branson for our MidWest LCOC Annual Meeting and Holiday Celebration November 10, 11 and 12, 2006.

We have Condos reserved at the beautiful Stonebridge Golf Resort near Branson West on Hwy 76. The two bedroom condominiums feature King sized beds with private bathrooms, living rooms, fully equipped kitchens, screened in patio or porch with a gorgeous view overlooking the golf course,

Our Holiday Weekend has the perfect beginning with dinner at the Stonebridge Club House and then we will enjoy Branson's Most Loved Holiday Show "Spirit of Christmas" starring the Osmonds at the Branson Variety Theater.

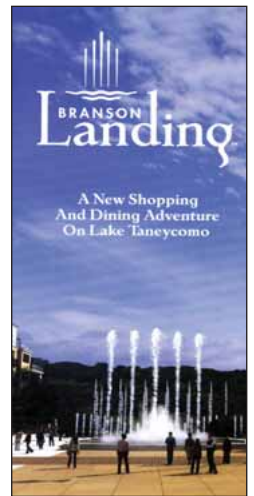
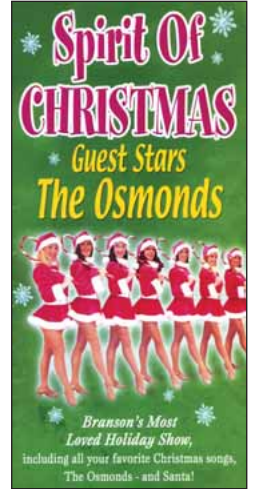


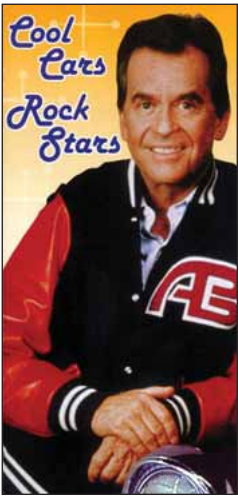
Saturday, Continental Breakfast will be served at the Lower's Condo prior to departing on a Private Coach for a Fun Day in Branson! First stop will be at the World's largest Museum Attraction "The Titanic" The 90 Minute self guided tour is designed to give you the sensation of being an original passenger on Titanic's 1912 maiden voyage.

Upon disembarking from the Titanic we will go directly to Branson Landing, the Heartland's newest shopping entertainment destination along Branson's Taneycomo lakefront.

Lunch will be on your own in any of the many eating establishments including Famous Dave's BBQ, Sullivan's Steakhouse, Waxy O'Shea's Irish Pub, etc. You will have time to stroll the scenic Boardwalk, view the spectacular water, light, sound and fire attraction, and enjoy the entertaining atmosphere provided by strolling street characters and the beautiful Christmas Decorations. Shopping for everyone's enjoyment, including Bass Pro Shop, complete with operating marina and floating restaurant. National brand retail stores mixed with galleries and shops offering treasures with regional national and international appeal.

Our Coach will take us "Back to the 50's" at the Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theater Complex, We will step into the year 1957 with the amazing automobile collection and lifestyle exhibit at the Patch Collection. Presented in a unique "Small Town America" setting, each exhibit contains authentic memorabilia and collectibles from the 50s. From the corner service station to a furnished bungalow with a pink kitchen. To the barbershop and fire station, visitors will feel like they're living in 1957!





We will enjoy a delicious meal at Dick Clark's American Bandstand Grill before we rock n roll at the Righteous Brothers' Bill Medley and Paul Revere and the Raiders Show in the American Bandstand Theater. Following the show we will tour the Beautiful Christmas Lights of Branson as our Coach drives us back to Stonebridge!

Sunday morning a Champagne Brunch will be served at the Lower Condo prior to our annual meeting. It will be a fun weekend filled with Holiday Cheer. Make your plans now to join your Lincoln friends for great weekend. You should have received a mailing last week concerning all details. Please plan to join your Lincoln friends for this wonderful holiday event!

Reservations are due by October 25 - please call Joanne at (636) 745 8393

Classifieds

If you or someone you know has a Lincoln or parts for sale, or are looking for a Lincoln or parts, please call John Lower to place a free ad in our newsletter.

FOR SALE - 1971 Continental Mark III, purchased new in June, 1971, one owner, driven very little, excellent condition - always kept in garage. 21,062 actual miles, tires and entire car original. Asking \$15,000. Please call Robert Crouch at (314) 892-4439.



FOR SALE - 1979 Continental Mark V Collector Series, white with white interior, 400 cu. in. engine, 94,000 miles, recently had \$1,200 mechanical work completed (receipts available). Son is selling the car for deceased owner. \$4,500 or best offer. Please contact Don Augustin at (618) 654-3059, (618) 920, 0218 or (618) 920-8087.

FOR SALE - 1948 Lincoln Tudor Coupe, V-12 restored, complete record of invoices for all parts used for restoration. Asking \$11,900. Please call (816)236-5750.



FOR SALE - 1963 Lincoln Continental Convertible which has approximately 98,900 original miles. Restored in 2004-2006. Color is silver mink with red interior. Scored 96 points at the National Meet in Branson, and took first place in the class. This is an original California car, no rust! Everything works, no work needed - complete turn key automobile! Buy it, wash it, drive it and show it! \$80,000 invested, asking \$75,000.00 or best offer. More pictures are available upon request. Please call Tom or Pat Artale at (417) 624-6834 (home) or (417) 499-9166 (mobile).

FOR SALE - 1946 Lincoln Continental Two Door - which has been in storage since the 1960's. It has an Oldsmobile engine that was installed around 1960, the interior is original, the paint is a repaint that has cracked and needs to be stripped, the chrome is mostly there and wrapped in the newspaper from the chrome shop. The car is not running and has not been since the 1960's and is in a barn in central New York. Asking \$6,000.00. For more information, please contact Sparky at (914) 475-9300 or email at sparkyz40@aol.com.

Lincolns in Limbo

Q. - Where do old Lincolns go to die?

A. - Lincoln Land, of course - for an appointment with either the Lincoln maker or the Lincoln breaker!

By John Barry Deputy Floridian Editor, Published July 21, 2006. Printed with the permission of Chris Dunn.

Let's say that back in the day, you were hell on wheels. But you've been around the block a time too many. You've picked up some rust. Let's say they drag you to Lincoln Land at the end of a tow hook. The preserver has a look at you. If you're lucky, he sees something he likes. He's European, freshly shaven, wears a spotless blue uniform. He could make you good as new, or better than new. He could make you immortal.



Chris Dunn with longtime LCOC friends, JoAnn & Bob Thompson

But if you're very unlucky, the destroyer calls your number. He's a Jersey guy, wears a gray Fu Manchu and blue bandanna and waves a big, greasy adjustable wrench. If he gets his blackened hands on you, he'll slit your carotid artery and watch impassively as your green antifreeze drains all over his boots

There are but two ways to go at Lincoln Land. *Resurrection. or death.*



Lincoln Land was born behind Chris Dunn's parents' house in 1978. He was a pump jockey on U.S. 19 in Clearwater. He bought a white 1963 Lincoln Continental. It needed work, so two months later he acquired two more Lincolns for spare parts. There were plenty of Lincolns around. Retirees drove their prairie schooners down from the North and kept them pristine in garages between short hops to Publix. Dunn gathered up Lincolns and parked them in his parents' backyard. When they insisted he take them elsewhere, he got a garage compound and showroom and created Lincoln Land. If you ask Dunn why Lincolns, he says, "I just like 'em" They were luxury cars, JFK also drove Lincolns. He just like 'em..

Twenty-eight years later, Dunn runs a global business. Lincoln lovers call from Japan, South Africa, Australia, Korea. The phone rings from every time zone. Dunn's Lincoln Land showroom/museum on Gulf-to-Bay is full of vintage Lincolns, long, chrome-laden Conestogas, including one recently restored to glory for \$90,000.00. But down the road, in the middle of a row of warehouses, is where the actual soul of Lincoln Land resides, in a compound of dying Lincolns, where the preserver and destroyer vie.

Several years ago, Dunn flew to Belgium to talk to Erik Dalemans into coming to Lincoln Land. He'd heard about a great mechanic in Brussels whose specialty was vintage cars. Dalemans was easy to spot. He drove a '66 Lincoln. When Dalemans agreed to come home with Dunn, he left the Lincoln behind, but brought along a 1949 Mercury because (all gear heads will understand this) "where are you going to find a '49 Mercury with a speedometer in kilometers?"



Erik Dalemans



Installing a rebuilt engine, Erik Dalemans gives new life to a 1948 Lincoln Continental convertible.

Dalemans is Lincoln Land's preserver. Among his many projects, he has been in the off and on process of restoring an elegant 1948 Lincoln Continental convertible. It is painted forest green and has a cream top. It has big white sidewall tires and headlights as big as planets. Five years ago, its owner told Dalemans to fix it up, "but don't do too much" They always say that. Dalemans did a little work, the car looked better and better, and before long the owner had authorized a full blank-check restoration. "whatever the car needs, just do it," the preserver was told. On this day, Dalemans is about to reinstall the engine..

Fu-Manchued Daniel Bridges is Dalemans' opposite. If the two mechanics were the Hindu gods of death and life. Bridges would be Shiva to Dalemans' Vishnu. Bridges presides over the far end of the compound in a kind of car hell, where the air is ripe with mold, where Lincolns carry fire ants and spiders for passengers. He came to Lincoln Land after spending 25 years in "a cold distant land to the north" Meaning Connecticut. He used to do what Dalesmans does. He owned a rare, beautifully restored 1932 Oakland, a gangster car with running boards. " You could picture Elliott Ness hanging out the window." He also had a 1926 Paige. It had drapes and mohair upholstery. It had inlaid mother of pearl door handles. " but then we had kids."



In one of Lincoln Land's warehouses, mechanic Daniel Bridges takes apart a 1976 Lincoln Mark IV for parts

Now Bridges is the destroyer. There are 60 dying Lincolns outside his end of the compound waiting to be plundered for spare parts. He attacks them with insecticide before dragging them in. He doesn't meet many deep pockets collectors, like the owner of the '48 Lincoln. One of Bridges' regular customers, an amateur mechanic, calls himself the Mechanicalizer. He drives Bridges a little crazy. " He claims he can mechanicalizer anything" Bridges says. "He comes in and gets a bunch of parts and then he comes back three weeks later and says "That didn't work." Then he buys some more'

As Dalemans breathes new life into the classic, '48 Bridges preps a would-be-gone '76 for execution. One front tire is missing, the driver's side perched precariously on a crooked stack of wheel rims, its grille ripped off. Gearheads will appreciate the serendipitous selection of this woeful beast for dissection. Its engine, a 460 cubic inch behemoth, was the subject of a recent Hot Rod magazine story. The article explained how to convert it to a highly desirable 426 racing stock car engine. With its cast-iron block, the 460 is more durable than the standard 426 aluminum block. Hence, the 460, if posted on ebay , would be eagerly sought by oval track aficionados. As soon as Bridges rips it out.



Service Department at
Lincoln Land

At virtually the same time, each mechanic stands poised with his wrenches. In Dalemans' shop, Outkast's MS Jackson pours from a stereo speaker. In Bridges' shop, the Eagles' Hotel California blares from a cheap radio. The life and death struggle begins.

The 12-cylinder engine on Dalemans' hoist is painted forest green, like the '48. Its wiring harness is encased in chrome. It has just returned from a specialty shop in New England where a notoriously slow craftsman had kept it for three years, replacing every piston and rod. It has odd, charming details, like a bobber on top that shows the oil level. Its 12 cylinders turn so smoothly that many drivers never shift out of second gear.

About 50 yards away, the eight-cylinder engine that Bridges attaches to his hoist must be some color, but grease has obliterated the motif. It looks squat and fat, all brute business. It has one salient feature besides a gas-gobbling four barrel carburetor: an absence of computerized components. The simple electronics make it even more desirable among stock car racers.

Dalemans cranks down his hoist and gently lowers the 12-cylinder into the engine cavity, lining it up with the spline of the transmission. With a couple of soft shoves it is lined up. It rest, peacefully in the Lincoln like a baby in a crib.

Bridges cranks up his hoist, and the 460 tumbles out with a groan. It dangles on a hook. The Lincoln carcass sadly teeters on its crooked perch of wheel rims. Bridges takes clippers and slices the coolant hoses. Antifreeze spills over his boots.



Showroom at Lincoln Land

Dalemans' '48 has achieved virtual immortality. It will live forever in a millionaire's garage. Its broad, white sidewall tires will touch asphalt only en route to antique auto shows.

Bridges' '76 won't exactly disappear from the face of the Earth. It soon will be crushed and blasted into molten steel...

...“Then it will come back,” Bridges says, “ as a refrigerator.”

Next Issue of Lincoln Link...*Indianapolis Meet Report*

