



Midwest Report

Midwest Region of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club

June 2017

A Great Meet in Springfield

We missed the storms and those that were able to attend had a full weekend of activities. Our first formal Midwest meeting since John and Joanne Lower retired took place in Springfield, MO, on Saturday, May 20. Many of us stayed at the Oasis Hotel and Convention center in Springfield, which had recently undergone a remodeling of the rooms. We all gathered at 11:00 am in a reserved parking area for our cars and after lots of photos and discussion, headed for Branson, MO, to visit the Branson Auto and Farm Museum. No one was disappointed to see the vast collection of cars and farm tractors. Most of the cars were for sale and many of us came away with at least 2 cars we were willing to purchase.

From there, we headed back to the hotel to freshen up. That evening all of us attended a catered dinner at the Wessel home where Jon and Debbie showed us their collection of stunning cars. We then sat down to a meal with brisket, pulled pork and sides, plus the best carrot cake you've ever had.



We did have to conduct some business and our first item on the agenda was to elect Michael Vickery to the Midwest Board of Managers, due to the resignation of Walahn Kilgore, who had to resign due to health reasons. We had a quorum and Michael was voted in.

After the business meeting, the topic of conversation centered around two particular ideas that were echoed by all:

- The future of the LCOC, and the need to be more inclusive to help ensure that future
- Locations for future gatherings of our Midwest Region

Here is a recap of those comments, which will be shared with the LCOC National Board in January:

- LCOC National needs to be more inclusive and be open to all Lincolns and Continentals, not just the pristine cars. As a side note, this topic was discussed at the recent national Board meeting this past January, and the general feeling there was that all agree, for the club's survival, this must take place.
- New members need to be "embraced" and made to feel welcome. Let's all try and spend some time with the new members so they feel very welcome. A comment was shared that we consider sitting with the new members during lunches and dinners so they can feel like a part of the group, and not necessarily sit with our same friends.

Suggestions were tendered for additional venues for future Midwest Region meetings:

- Carbondale, IL
- Metropolis, IL – winery
- Lincoln, NE – Speedway Museum
- Springfield, IL
- Bentonville, AR – Crystal Bridges Museum
- St. Louis, MO

It was also suggested to combine two or more regions and hold an event together.

Lastly, we discussed holding a holiday party and the consensus was to have it on Saturday, November 11, this year in Kansas City. We will reach out to Kansas City area member Gary Sailor for his ideas on activities for that activity.

We want to thank the Kilgore's, Wessel's, Fletcher's, Vickery's, Amant's, Dick Koop and others who were able to spend time together and share stories and ideas.



NOVEMBER 11, 2017

Midwest Region Holiday
Gathering in Kansas City.
More details to follow.

Plan an Event in Your Area

To paraphrase Bruce Springsteen, summer's here and the time is right for cruising in the streets. So why not organize a cruise, meet or just a dinner in your area? It's a great way to meet fellow Lincoln owners. It's also a great opportunity to expose Lincoln owners to the LCOC and Midwest Region. With our Region being spread out over 6 states, we count on members like you to help us with organizing events at the local level. It's not hard to do, and we're here to lend support when you need it. Here are some ideas:

Meet at an existing local cruise night

Ask the local Lincoln dealership to host a meet on their premises (they may throw in door prizes)

Meet for dinner or Sunday lunch at a local restaurant

Meet at a pre-arranged parking lot and cruise the back roads to a restaurant in a nearby town

Have some LCOC membership forms available, which can be printed from the LCOC website at lcoc.org. If you would like a listing of the members in your area, send an email to Dick Koop at carnut13@sbcgolbal.net. Have a great time!

It's Your Time to Shine

If you haven't joined the club yet, and your reason is that "they never ____" (fill in the blank), then now is your chance to fix that. It's your time to shine. Step up and make your voice heard. This is your club, and we want to do the things that you have an interest in doing. Better yet, step up and volunteer to organize that thing. Either way, we want to hear from you. Email either of the officers listed below with your suggestions and ideas.

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16th Annual Route 66 Mother Road Festival

The 16th Annual Route 66 Mother Road Festival takes place in historic downtown Springfield, IL, Sept. 22 – 24, 2017.

On Friday night, Jerry Seibert and his firm will be hosting a Route 66 preview party with collector cars on display. Region members are invited to attend. Attendees will be invited to participate in this non-judged event with no registration fee. Complimentary burgers, brats, BBQ sandwiches and side dishes will be served, along with soft drinks, beer and wine. Over the years this has become a fun, relaxing way to kick off the Festival weekend.

Details on hotel room options, area attractions, directions and registration will be provided as the time gets closer.

For more information on the Festival itself, you can go to their website at www.familyevents.com and click on the Route 66 Festival logo. You may register your car for show or just come and observe the 1200 cars on display. Midwest Region Director Jon Wessel has attended this show in the past and reports that it's a great show, with a laid-back atmosphere and gorgeous cars lining the streets of downtown Springfield.

For more information on the preview party, email Jerry at gerald.seibert@clearway-wealth.com.



Win a New 2017 Continental

The Lincoln Motor Car Foundation is raffling off a new 2017 Continental to provide funds for operating the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum. If you haven't seen the Lincoln museum, it's a stunning tribute to the Lincoln motor car. The museum is located on the campus of the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI, and houses two dozen Lincoln motor cars. To enter the raffle, go to www.lmcfaffle.org. You'll be supporting a great cause, and you just might win a new Continental!