



Calendar

National Meets For 2011

Eastern Region in
Laconia, New Hampshire
June 2-5th

Mid-America Region
Pontiac, Michigan
July 27-31st

Western Region
Redmond, Oregon
September 15-17th

Regional Events

Truett Cathy Collection- May 14th
See inside article

More events are being planned as we go to press--visit to our website for the most up to date information

Other events

Charlotte AutoFair
April 7-10
Charlotte
Motorspeedway
Charlotte, NC

Check our website for calendar updates

www.southernregionlcc.com

Director's Message

The beginning of January I became the Executive Director, following Roger's 5 year tenure, and immediately found out how active our National club is in working to make the LCOC grow and prosper.

The yearly National Board Meeting was held in New Orleans in January. I attended, and was amazed and proud at the efforts underway 'behind the scene' to make our club more active, more in touch with its members, and monetarily solvent. Not an easy task in this economy and with the number of diverse regions—but the leadership of the LCOC is committed and working hard to make this a great club for its members.

The leadership of our Southern Region wants to also ensure this club is fun, informative, and active for us—the members. We'll work to set up events and publicize them, and present an informative newsletter each quarter---but really want to inspire very member to make some attempt during the year to attend at least one activity and meet other club members.

Please let us know an activity that would entice you—for it would probably appeal to others as well—and we'll work to make it happen!



A beautiful 1933 KA Lincoln V-12 at Hershey

Sometimes it happens we find out about collections or events we would enjoy—but not in time to let you know through our quarterly newsletters—so PLEASE visit our website:
www.southernregionlcc.com
monthly to have the latest information on activities of interest.

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May 14—Truett Cathy Collection

Thanks to Roger Carlson, the SR LCOC will join the Cadillac- Lasalle Club May 14th for a trip to the incredible Truett Cathy collection near Atlanta.

We'll caravan through the Georgia countryside from a nearby restaurant to Mr. Cathy's home to view his extensive collection housed in several buildings on the property. A number of us have been before—but if you have not been this would be an excellent opportunity to see on of the South's most talked about collections!

An equal opportunity collector as a friend called him, his choices includes some fine Lincolns from the 30's, 40's, 50's and later—plus fine examples from Studebaker, Cadillac, Mercury, and even Duesenburg.

Unlike many collections, visitors are allowed great access to the cars to see and photograph the interiors, sides and rear---which allows lively discussions to ensue about the merits (and demerits!) of car designs from many angles and over a number of eras!

In the past we've heard some good stories from Mr. Cathy himself, so hope he'll be on hand for the fun!



A stunning 54 Lincoln convertible catches everyone's eye

While the collection is eclectic, that is a large part of the fun—from Avanti to Zephyr, Land Rover to Pontiac – there is a lot to see and discuss.



This 56 Mark II outshines its neighbors.....



The visit will be Saturday morning, May 14th in Fayetteville, GA and the group will caravan from Melears Barbecue in Fayetteville, meeting there at 9 AM to leave PROMPTLY at 10 AM!! We really hope to see a number of our members there—you won't be disappointed.....

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The gameplan for the Cathy collection---

Everyone will meet at Melear's Barbecue in Fayetteville, GA at 9:00 Saturday morning May 14 and leave promptly at 10:00 to go to Truett's.

Directions to Melear's-- From the North (Atlanta), take I-75 south to GA 85. (This is NOT I-85—it is GA Highway 85) It is Exit 237A off I-75. Look for GA 85 South signs.....

Exit and stay on Ga. 85 for about 13 miles, go through the square in Fayetteville. Melears will be on your left approximately a mile and a half from the square. Call Roger Carlson with any questions, 770-527-1847.

There are a number of hotels near the I-285/ I-75 intersection for a Friday night stay.



A 1937 V-12, lovely to behold, and one can see it up close!

We never know what the future holds, as recently the incredible Milton Robson collection we had visited a year ago was auctioned—so don't miss the opportunity to see this collection with your Region friends!

**Much Talked about '59 Lincoln Hybrid
Unexpectedly Destroyed**



You may have heard that legendary singer/ songwriter Neil Young spent considerable funds to convert a white 1959 Lincoln Continental convertible into a hybrid electric vehicle, which had been driven/ displayed around California. For those familiar with the 59, the weight must have made it a considerable challenge!

Unfortunately, the car, called *Lincvolt*, caught fire a few months ago in a California warehouse, and along the way it reportedly burned \$850,000 worth of Young's rock and roll memorabilia collection, in addition to being destroyed itself.

Initial reports were the fire might have been triggered by an error in the vehicle's plug-in charging system, which is a very sad end to an interesting tale.



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2011 National Meeting of LCOC Board

By SR Director, John Fryday

Southern Region Director John Fryday, and John Bailey--long time Region member (and former SR Board member) attended the LCOC National Board meeting in Metairie, Louisiana (outside New Orleans) in January.



John Bailey discussing his Publications Committee Report

This meeting was to develop further the recent push by the Board to create an open dialogue with the Regions and members—and plan for the continued success of our club. It was astounding to hear we gain approximately 300 new members a year (when we all hear single ‘brand’ clubs are not where the action is) but unfortunately sad to hear we *lose* 400 a year!

In review—our region is similar, in that we’ve had a good list of new members, but lost as many as we gained. We, and the National club, intend to work on *keeping* our current members- while continuing to add new ones.

I was very proud and awed by the National Board—from President Glenn Kramer’s open call to those present to be engaged, and to the Membership and Regions committee heads that had spent considerable time to help the region’s leadership be more effective. Also, the chair of the Road Race Lincoln Club was invited and attended many sessions—beginning to tie our clubs together to broaden the reach.



We were a LONG way from the fun of New Orleans- because rooms were cheap on our pocketbooks!! ☺

For 2 days committees met and discussed success (and failure) of their actions—and moved to adopt plans for the next few years to make our club so much better.

Our member John Bailey has more on his plate than I had any idea—and I’m just sorry we didn’t plant a ‘Southern Region Member’ banner on his back! John heads the Publications Committee—and is responsible for:

*Lincoln & Continental Comments
Membership Directory
Authenticity Manuals and Updates
Magazine articles/ ads/ etc that publicize our club
Forms for National Meets*

Need I say more? John is responsible to the Board for about all the ‘image’ and ‘connections’ any of us have with our National Club. He is well respected, works incredibly hard, and represented us well! It was clear running Publications is no picnic—but he makes it look easy! Yea—John! And thanks!

At the meeting there was much excitement over the 2012 ENM we’re hosting at the Chattanooga Choo Choo hotel, (where John Bailey has negotiated our hotel and food events) Make sure it’s on your calendar-- for we’re going to have a meet to enjoy!!

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2012 Eastern National Meet



The converted train station will serve as our hotel!

Speaking of the meet next year, the Southern Region will host it in Chattanooga, and James Kaster of Concord, NC will serve as the Meet Chair for the Region. Already he's worked with John Bailey to establish the hotel and food (which was confirmed last year), and has developed a list of potential activities, job duties, and functions that will need to be organized.

He and the Board will be calling on our members to take on assignments to spread out the work to be accomplished, and hope many can volunteer a few hours to assist.



With train tracks leading to the rear of the hotel, it offers fun train rides and even sleeper car rooms!

Remember, the ENM will begin with early registration Wednesday, May 16 and end with the photographs of the winners and their cars Sunday, May 20, 2012.

2011 National Meets

Don't forget the 2011 National Meets! While none of the three are particularly close to our Region—each will be filled with cars and members we seldom see, and are in wonderfully picturesque parts of America worth seeing! Refer to *Lincoln & Continental Comments* magazine for full information!

Lincoln Connections Are Found Everywhere!

Because the car we admire was named for Abraham Lincoln, the name 'Lincoln' pops up in odd locations all the time—and often intertwined with a 'car' association or theme!

While visiting Raleigh, NC recently my interest was piqued by a billboard wall slightly visible about 2 blocks away from my hotel room.



Lincoln 'Theatre' - '36 Lincoln with the President driving!



It's like the billboard artists saw this very same photograph—except President Lincoln isn't driving this one!

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Celebrity Lincolns

Last issue began a series on Lincolns owned by celebrities, with Jackie Gleason's limousine. This issue we look at others connected with 'America's finest motorcar.' This time we peruse what the internet brings forth:



1998 Continental owned by Microsoft's Steve Ballmer



Elvis Presley was known to have owned a number of Lincolns- he is pictured here next to his 67 Limo, below is a rare 59 Limo at Graceland, and his 1976 Mark IV is also on display there.



In 1955, the Lincoln *Indianapolis* concept was developed to showcase ideas soon to be seen on modern Lincolns. From the website 'conceptcarz.com' comes images of this little known beauty.



Lincoln *Indianapolis*, that was thought to have been given to Errol Flynn by Henry Ford II after the show tour....

It was built quickly to compete with some of the GM Motorama publicity, and as a result there were numerous shortcuts on this 1955 Lincoln *Indianapolis*. It is said the hood-release clamps were constructed of pieces of Quaker State oil cans that were bent to fit and painted, the driver's fender was reported to be an inch and a half longer than the passenger's, the roof was not straight, and the hood not aligned properly.



In addition, sheet metal was used for chassis bracing rather than cast iron and the windshield was held in place with adhesive. Due to the lack of time when the car was built, large amounts of lead were used to achieve fit. It sold for almost \$1.4 mil at a Gooding Auction in 2006.

Visit their website to see some interesting cars!

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Actress Rita Hayworth's ownership of a '41 Lincoln Continental was well known, but there are rumors as to how she came to own it. Supposedly Orson Welles had the Paradise Green car delivered to her while working on a film in Georgia- hence the GA plates in this photo?



The '41, with GA plates, although the setting looks more like CA!

It is reported Ms. Hayworth owned and drove this Lincoln nearly 30 years, and it was sold at auction. Of course, Ms. Hayworth may have just been following in the footsteps of the infamous Joan Crawford—also a Lincoln fan long before having her 'Baby Jane' sister supposedly try to kill her with a '47 Lincoln on film!



The '47 driven in the movie 'What Ever happened to Betty Jane'

Ms. Crawford had her own Lincoln Convertible long before the '47—a beautiful Model K, at a time when Ms. Crawford was said to be as sleek and beautiful as the car!



Ms. Crawford in her 1938 Model K

A star with connections to Lincoln in several eras is Lana Turner. The Tacoma, WA newspaper published photos in 1942 of her visit to sell war bonds. She is pictured with her mother, and the mayor in a 1923 Lincoln touring car!



I've read that in 1962 her husband borrowed a lot of money from her—and bought her a '62 Lincoln convertible as a 'gift' using her own money. She was upset! But—who wouldn't want a 62?



And here a Lincoln Limousine tribute to Elizabeth Taylor.....


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Member's Cars For sale: 1986 Lincoln Continental Givenchy. One family owned mint original. Flawless paint, chrome and cloth interior. 51,000 original miles. \$6750 or closest offer. This is the first year for multi-port fuel injection, so it is the good engine. It could be a senior LCOC car with no effort. Contact Roger Carlson 770-527-1847, rogerwcarlson@comcast.net.

Southern Region Website – BE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY!




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**Lincoln and Continental Owners Club
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National / Southern Region Membership Application



First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Spouse/Significant Other: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

About Your Lincolns:

Year	Model	VIN (required for National LCOC)	Condition: Circle one
			Original / Restored / In Restoration / Parts Car
			Original / Restored / In Restoration / Parts Car

National and Southern Region Annual Dues (National LCOC Membership is a pre-requisite to Regional membership)

National Membership Dues: \$42.00 Annually (Member – 1 vote, spouse is an Associate Member).

Southern Region Membership Dues: \$15.00 Annually. New members joining between July 1 through October 31 (½ year membership initially) will pay \$7.50. Renewal membership will be \$15.00 thereafter. You may join the National LCOC and the Southern Region using this form, and submitting one check for \$57.00, or \$49.50 for ½ year Southern Region dues, depending on date of application. The Southern Region will forward payment to the NATIONAL LCOC Membership Office for you.

Please INITIAL one of the following:

_____ I'd like to join the Southern Region LCOC. I'm **already** a NATIONAL LCOC member, and I have paid my NATIONAL dues. (\$15.00, or \$7.50 for ½ year initial membership).

_____ I'd like to join the NATIONAL LCOC **and** the Southern Region. I'm submitting **both** dues. Please forward my membership information and payment to the NATIONAL LCOC Membership Office.

Please mail check (made payable to Southern Region LCOC) and application to:
David Hardee, Membership Chairman, Southern Region LCOC
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