



Lincoln and Continental Owners Club

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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

Charlotte AutoFair
April 7-11th 2011

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calendar updates

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Directors Message:

The New Year is upon us and the Southern Region is looking at a very busy 2011. I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your director for the past 5 years. Hopefully some progress has been made. With the new board of managers and officers I know the club is in good hands. The years go by so quickly, our 2012 Eastern national Meet be on us before we know it. This is a great opportunity to show off the Southern Region and the great part of the country we live in.

It is also a group effort of the region and the various tasks must be shared by region members. The Southern Region has put on some great meets in the past so lets keep the tradition alive and make this one bigger and better than ever. The Chattanooga Choo-Choo hotel – which was a train station years ago before being converted to a Holiday Inn should prove to be a wonderful venue for our meet.

Things are falling in place for some great tours and driving events. Again, thank you for 5 good years and best wishes to John Fryday as he moves into the Director's seat!!

Roger Carlson, Director of the Southern Region

We should all thank Roger for his hard work and dedication to the Club. He took over at a time of transition for the Southern Region, and has worked to make this club a continuing success.



A tribute to the 1970 Continental once owned by Roger!!

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2010 Membership Meeting Recap

Held November 13th at the NC Transportation Museum, the Southern Region annual meeting was attended by 10 full and 2 associate members. Each year this meeting of the Board of Directors is open to all members of the Region, and this one was attended about as well as recent ones. We began at 11 to allow everyone time to arrive, and met steadily until 3 PM.



Our group at the end of the day included (l to r) Rod Moore, John Bailey, Dave Hardee, James Kaster, Woodie Fleenor, John Fryday, Roland Bushner, Reg Boland and Bill Gibbons. Phil Gevertz had already left to return to Raleigh—and we couldn't persuade associates Linda Bailey and Sam Givens to appear!

In addition to our members we had a number of Lincoln automobiles including Reg's '48 and Rod's '68 visible above—and Bill's 66 Convertible and Roland's as well, and James' '80 Versailles.



James B. Duke's private railcar on display at the Museum

We had a very good and productive meeting, covering topics such as membership, future activities for 2011, and newsletter topics—but of course much time was spent talking about the 2012 Eastern National Meet to be hosted by us in Chattanooga, TN. The dates selected are the weekend around May 19, 2012 so mark your calendars!! Typically early arrival begins Wednesday with departure Sunday, but this venue holds so much promise for other activities it may cover more days for some participants!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS 2012 EXCITING EVENT--WE ARE THE HOSTS!

David Hardee presented the membership report, where he reported the current membership for 2010 was 85 Primary and 40 Associate, or 125 total—down a total of 21 from 2009. Breakdown is SC 10, NC 55, GA 34, AL 9, TN 10 and FL 7. Always, much discussion centered around how to provide good value to our members and to increase participation.

We will work in 2011 to create activities throughout the region for our members, and by the next newsletter will create a calendar our members can use to plan in the months ahead. Any member with knowledge of collections or car gathering events are encourage to contact the newsletter editor or a state Manager, so we can publicize to the membership.

At the meeting, Ray Hart who has served as a GA state manager a number of years sent word of his resignation, leaving a void in our GA representation- and we will be looking for a replacement.

Election of new Directors and Board positions were made at this meeting, for the 2011 calendar year. As always, the Board needs members who would like to serve as a state manager to increase participation in the Region and be a voice for the members.

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PLEASE let any manager know of your interest in serving as manager, or in any club role! We especially need an additional GA manager, ensuring good connections for our second largest membership base!

2011 Members nominated and approved by those present were:

**Roger Carlson, State Manager, GA
Woodie Fleenor, State Manager, TN
David Hardee, State Manager, SC
Rod Moore, State Manager, NC
Phil Gevertz, State Manager, NC
John Fryday, State Manager, NC
Jimmy Alston, State Manager, AL**

Officers then elected were:

**John Fryday- Director
Phil Gevertz- Assistant Director
Jimmy Alston- Secretary
Rod Moore- Treasurer**

John Bailey and Rod Moore, who had visited Chattanooga (along with Roger Carlson) gave a report on the facilities, and overall scope of the venue for the 2012 ENM. They were clear Chattanooga can be a fantastic place for the LCOC to have a meet in our region. The Board gave additional approval for negotiations to take place, and in the weeks following that deal was struck-- with great assistance by John Bailey in negotiating all the details.



Spencer shops 'Back House' after restoration

Activities at the 2010 Membership meeting

The NC Transportation Museum in Spencer provided enough activities that the 'associate members' among us also got to have some fun after the meeting as well!

Thanks to the staff of the facility, who welcomed us and provided our meeting space (and directions for this lost on the grounds) we taken care of well. We were given a great behind the scenes tour of the facility (including autos not inside the "bumper to bumper" display), were one of the first groups inside the newly opened 'back house' building—which is huge! Many of our group wanted the 'back house' to become a car collection space—it could hold over a hundred....Some stayed to ride the train, and visit the gift shop—then the day was done.



Linda Bailey found her next car parked among the columns of the expansive (and dusty!) 'Back House'.

With 85 full members, having 10 attend equaled nearly 12 % of our SR membership—but it would be great to have a meeting with twice that or more.

The Board will try in 2011 to have more events and publicized further in advance to allow for our members to plan--- but we challenge each member to try and attend at least one activity this next year.

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Celebrity Lincolns

Phil Gevertz suggested a series on Lincolns owned by celebrities—and as one might expect there seem to be many of them. He sent a link to a site on the car once owned by Jackie Gleason—so it is the first in a series. Give us your ideas for celebrity Lincolns!



Jackie Gleason, forever known as the bus driver Ralph Kramden on *The Honeymooners*, had a ‘bus’ of his own—but stylish and chauffeur driven!



Vintage Motorcars of Sarasota was offering his limo, pictured here, on their website.



A sumptuous interior, with what appears to be an elevated seat, as befitted a man of his stature.

Born in Brooklyn, Gleason was in the movies by age 24, and had a successful nightclub act soon after. In the infancy of TV in the late 40’s he became star of the acclaimed ‘*The Life of Riley*’ and left before the show became a hit—but went on to become a star at CBS with eventually his own hit show.

Famous quotes from the man who’s persona was about money and booze include:

“The worst thing you can do with money is save it” (maybe that explains the Lincoln?)

“I’m no alcoholic, I’m a drunkard. There’s a difference—drunkards don’t like to go to meetings!” (and this car has a fantastic bar)



Wouldn’t you like to see inside the bar? Note how the top seems to be created with tray tops and hinges.

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Famous Gleason characters included:

- **Reginald Van Gleason III**, the top-hat millionaire with a taste for both the good life--and wild fantasy ideas.
- **Rudy the Repairman**.
- **Joe the Bartender**, with friendly words for the never-seen Mr. Dennehy, who always entered his bar first.
- **The Poor Soul**, a silent character who would show sweet gratitude at things no more complicated than being allowed to share a newspaper on a subway.
- **Rum Dum** was a mustached guy who often stumbled around as if he were drunk and confused- a Gleason favorite .
- **The Bachelor**, a silent character (accompanied by the song "Somebody Loves Me")

The man Orson Welles nicknamed “ The Great One” was known for his enjoyment of the trappings of celebrity life—and this car seems in that category with it’s lush interior, very customized body design, and rich color! It would be so interesting to know to what level he was involved in the design.

It seems from reading he was known to be very detail oriented around his shows—so wonder if this was ‘his’ design??

Reviving his TV show in the mid- 1960’s brought him new fans—and shows in color (for those Americans lucky enough to have color TV!) Wonder what car commercials he had on there??



Certainly an odd roof flip up at the front, almost 1970’s rear roof side panel, and unusual rear window that doesn’t look like any Ford product. Bodywork appears to have been well executed.

Jackie Gleason died in 1987. He is probably best known for the line “How sweet it is...” and Mr. Gleason, you left behind one sweet car for us to enjoy photos of today.



From the rear—continental spare better integrated than many ‘custom’ projects!



Maybe it’s just my preference, but a pair of the 68 deep ‘wire’ covers would be much more stylish than the mid- 70’s flat disc wheelcovers used—but it is a car befitting ‘The Great One’.

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Assistant Director's message:

I want to thank Roger Carlson for 5 years of service to this club as Director, and chief cheerleader for keeping it looking for new ways to provide activities for its members!! It is not an east task, and one I undertake with some trepidation- yet excitement of purpose.

Like many I didn't enter this club with much knowledge of its activities, goals—or potential. I have loved Lincoln motorcars since I was a little boy (and no Rod, my first car wasn't a new '26 Leyland Lincoln!) and already knew much about the marquee—but nothing about the club. My first club event was at the AutoFair in Charlotte over 12 years ago—with probably 20 Lincolns of every type on the field. The years covered were 40's Continentals to early Mark III's—with a lovely blue Mark II... the first I'd seen in person in probably 20 years...and speaking with several members I knew I wanted to own a Lincoln, and become a part of this club. So I bought a 61 convertible at that show that consumed my heart—and bank account. Along the way I've owned a 85 Mark VII- lovely car—and have a number of Lincoln models on my wish list.



I am committed to working hard this next year to continue to push our club to grow, to get members to come out and meet each other - to see how much we have in common, and to promote our club around the region to potential new members. We are going to strive to give our you something to enjoy—and to make past members want to re-join us.

I'll be attending the National LCOC Board of Director's meeting in New Orleans near the end of January, where I hope to participate and hear some new ideas about how to grow our organization.

Some beautiful examples of the marquee we love:



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Time to renew for 2011!

Our wonderful membership chair, David Hardee, has recently sent the renewal forms out---and I can tell you he's anxious about each and every reply he will receive! David is responsible for our terrific website, for tracking the addition (and unfortunate deletion) of membership, and doing everything he can to grow the club and retain members.

For only \$ 15 our members receive what we hope is a good and informative newsletter, and notice of activities to attend--and issues that affect our hobby.



Southern Region Anderson, SC show



Southern Region Raleigh, NC Drive and Dine

Please renew your membership this month, and stay a vital part of the Southern Region. Let us know of activities you'd like to see in the Region—and the Board members will work to accomplish all we can to give our friends and members many opportunities in 2011!



Southern region Cofer Collection, Atlanta

Please renew your membership—and encourage others to join.

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