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# A Day of 1920s Cars, a Mid-Century Masterpiece, and the Great American Songbook

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**About the Covers** The Beatrice-Columbe-Hilton 1999 Lincoln Hearse in the topsyturvy world at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee . Charlie Mullen's 1938 Lincoln Model K Convertible Sedan was a show-stopper at the 5th Concours at Copshaholm. *Photos by John Walcek and Jeff Shively.*

On Saturday, April 29, the Hoosier Region visited the Indiana State Museum to see the new exhibit, "Vintage Vision: Cars of the 1920s." We shared the day with the Indiana Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club. The display of Indiana-built cars were provided in large part by the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum. We saw many interesting cars from a century ago, including a 1925 Aperson Six Jackrabbit Sedan, a 1922 Davis Series 71 Touring, a 1925 Duesenberg Model A Touring Car, a 1926 Duesenberg Model A Roadster once owned by Augie Duesenberg, a 1921 Lexington Touring Car, a 1929 Marmon Roosevelt Coupe, a 1925 McFarlan Roadster, a 1920 Monroe Model S Touring Car, a 1928 Studebaker President Touring Car and a 1920 Stutz Model M Sedan. There was also a very rare 1910 Haynes Touring Car on display that was not part of the exhibit.

After the tour, the group headed to the home of Cadillac & LaSalle Club member Michael Fellenzer's home on the north side of Indianapolis. This spectacular gem of mid-century modern design was created by

the legendary architect Avriel Shull in 1961. The home is decorated in period-correct fashion, with furniture that would have been owned by the era's fashionable people. After a wonderful lunch and great conversation, the festivities were turned over to Matt Gerhard of Kokomo, a gifted organist and LCOC member who charmed the audience with his renditions of tunes from the great American songbook on Mr. Fellenzer's theatre organ.

Although the group was relatively small in number, all would agree that it was a day very well-spent in the Circle City.

*Jeff Shively is an LCOC member from Noblesville, Indiana.*

**BELOW** LCOC members attending the event at the Indiana State Museum included Matt Gerhard (kneeling front left), Jeff Shively (3<sup>rd</sup> from left), Joe Columbe (far right) and John Madden (4<sup>th</sup> from right). The car is Augie Duesenberg's personal Model A. *Photo by author.*





# Another Great Time at Lime Rock Farm

## By Jeff Shively



**A**lways a Hoosier Region favorite, the Columbe Picnic returned to a new venue for 2023. After many years, Joe finally got his wish of a brand-new facility in which to store his Lincoln collection and to host fun events like the picnic. And what a great time it was. There were 121 guests on hand who enjoyed, collectively, 104 delicious Linne's box lunches. Ten car clubs were invited, and nine made it. They brought about 65 cars of all eras, including many Lincolns.

This is such a well-loved event that the very first guests had arrived at 9:45 a.m., well ahead of lunch being served at noon. Over half of the attendees arrived before the food line opened, giving plenty of time to catch up and talk cars. Time flew by, and before too long, it was time to pack up and head home. With so much good food to consume, good conversation to be had, and wonderful cars to be seen, it is easy why the Columbe picnic is so widely anticipated,

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**TWO RECENT ADDITIONS** to the Columbe Collection include a white 1956 Continental Mark II (*above*) and a yellow and white 1970 Lincoln Continental Mark III (*below*). Photos courtesy of the author.











**CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE** Charlie & Becky Griffith's 1966 Lincoln Continental Coupe. John Madden's 1983 Lincoln Mark VI Coupe. Jeff Shively's 1963 Lincoln Continental Sedan. Paul Temple's 1989 Lincoln Mark VII Bill Blass edition. The newest Lincoln in the Columbe Collection, chronologically speaking, a Coach Door 2020 Continental. Photos by Jeff Shively







**LEFT** Cars of all shapes, sizes, and descriptions were present at the picnic this June. *Photo by Terence Holmes* **BELOW** T-Birds galore! This Squarebird owner is buttoning up the top for the drive home. *Photo by Jeff Shively.* **BOTTOM** Thunderbird set the pace at Indianapolis in 1961. *Photo by Jeff Shively.*







**THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE** Joe's 1966 Lehmann-Peterson Limousine is a stunning example of mid-1960s formal Lincoln luxury. Formerly of the Kokomo Automotive Museum, this 1949 Cosmopolitan Town Sedan is a rare, low-mileage survivor. The new home of the Columbe Collection exudes class, even in the restroom. *Photos by Jeff Shively.*







Above Many important topics, no doubt Lincoln-related, we discussed outside the car barn. RIGHT Thunderbirds were aplenty at the picnic, from Baby Birds to Retro Birds. Below Eleanor Columbe greeted attendees and kept the records straight. LOWER RIGHT A different kind of horsepower. *Photos courtesy of Terence Holmes*



# Joint Event With the Studebaker Drivers Club By Becky Griffith

The Studebaker Drivers Club and Lincoln and Continental Owners Club joined forces to tour the John Force Racing Facility and Museum on Saturday, February 18. After our tour, both clubs went over to Locale in Brownsburg for lunch. I believe there were a total of 52 Studebaker and Lincoln members at lunch, as well as 39 at the John Force tour.

**Becky Griffith** is an LCOC member from Indianapolis, Indiana.





# Lincoln Owners Club Presents

## The 10th Annual Lincoln Homecoming

### August 9-13, 2023

**M**ake plans now to attend the annual Lincoln Homecoming, held each August at the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum, located on the picturesque 90-acre campus of the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. This year, the Lincoln Owners Club will be the hosts. Be sure to bring your Lincoln, not matter the era, to visit the charming countryside of rural Michigan. Meet up with your friends from all four Lincoln clubs and share in the fellowship unique to lovers of the finest of fine cars.

**Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023**

*Meet Check-in*

Start the Lincoln Homecoming by getting settled at the host hotel, the Four Points Sheraton, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

**Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023**

*Driving Tour to Saugatuck*

This tour covers 112 miles roundtrip. A route map and guidance will be provided. The tour will depart from the Gilmore Campus at 10 a.m. and return before 4 p.m. Enjoy a river boat cruise aboard the Star of Saugatuck that lasts approximately 90 minutes. A box lunch will be provided while on board. Supper on Thursday is on your own.

**Friday Aug. 11, 2023**

*Driving tour to Kalamazoo Air Zoo via Vicksburg*

This tour covers 50 miles roundtrip. A route map and guidance will be provided. The tour will depart from the Gilmore Campus at 10 a.m. and conclude at the Four Points Sheraton before 3 p.m. This event includes a box lunch, a guided tour as well as on-your-own viewing time of the exhibits.

The traditional Lincoln Parts and Memorabilia Auction will be held at the Gilmore that evening. The cash bar opens at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m.



**Saturday Aug. 12, 2023**

*Lincoln Show Day*

The vehicles will be placed on the show field of the Gilmore Campus from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. The event is open for public viewing from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The awards banquet begins with a cash bar at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. The identity of the guest speaker will be announced at a later date.

**Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023**

*Continuation of Lincoln Show at the Gilmore*

The Lincoln show continues from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum and Research Foundation Membership Meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Gilmore. A Trustees Meeting will take place directly afterward, also at the Gilmore.

Registration for this event opened May 1. Please select the link given here to register on line [https:// homecoming2023.cornerstonereg.com/](https://homecoming2023.cornerstonereg.com/) or visit the Foundation website [www.LincolnCarMuseum.org](http://www.LincolnCarMuseum.org) or [lcoc.org](http://lcoc.org) for full registration details. The host hotel is the Four Points Sheraton, in Kalamazoo. Book your room before **July 9, 2023**, to receive the discounted rate of **\$124 per**



**night**. Please book as early as possible, since guaranteed availability is limited to 50 rooms. To book on line go to the above websites for the link. To book by phone, follow these instructions. Call the Marriott Reservations team at **866-961-3003**, provide the meet dates, and use the code "**Lincoln Homecoming 2023**" when booking to get the special rate.



# LCOC Mid-America National Meet

## Springfield, Illinois

### September 20-24, 2023



Excitement is building for the upcoming 2023 LCOC Mid-America National Meet in Springfield, Illinois, at the beautiful Crowne Plaza Hotel, from Wednesday, Sept. 20, to Sunday, Sept. 24.

Springfield, Illinois, is a very easy drive from almost any state in the Mid-West; whether you are coming from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Kentucky, Iowa, or even further, you will find that many major interstates run to or through Central Illinois. Plenty of trailer parking will be available for those who wish not to drive their classics to the show.

While we can't guarantee cloudless 80-degree days all during the meet, September is normally the best weather month of the whole year, so hopefully rain will not be in the forecast.

This event has been in development for several years. With all of the scheduled activities, tours, special guest speakers, and tech sessions that are in the offing, it is clear this meet will be remembered for many years by all who attend.

We expect the 2023 MAM to be a very well-attended gathering, going well beyond 100 vintage Lincolns on display. It has been several years since we have held a meet in the middle of the country, and Lincoln owners in this area are eager to get out to tour and show their cars.

It would be wise to register as early as possible, and Cornerstone Registration will be handling all aspects of the MAM except for hotel details, which attendees will have to coordinate themselves. To book a room at the LCOC rate of **\$124 per night**, go to [lcoc.org](http://lcoc.org), click the **View Events Calendar** tab, then the **Mid-America Meet Info** tab. Once there, click on **Make Reservations** and you will be taken to the hotel's website with the LCOC discount already in place.

In addition to the various tours listed below, two tech sessions are planned. Representatives from A & H Chrome of Dubuque, Iowa, will share their expertise in one, and our own Dick Koop will host the other on maintaining and bringing old leather back to life.

Unlike previous meets, an afternoon tour will take place before the traditional Wednesday evening "Early Bird" light dinner. A bus will pick up attendees at the host hotel for a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Dana Thomas House. This house is perhaps the most complete of all early Wright dwellings. It was never significantly altered and has over 100 pieces of original Wright-designed oak furniture and 250 examples of art glass windows, light fixtures, and lamps on display.

On Thursday morning, there will be a bus pick up at 8:30 at the hotel with the first stop being the Lincoln Home National Historic Site. The home has been restored to its 1860 appearance and reveals much about Lincoln as husband, father, neighbor, and politician. The next stop is the state-of-the-art Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, which was carefully designed with exacting historical detail, and tells the life story of our nation's 16<sup>th</sup> president.

The second bus tour of the day departs from the host hotel Thursday afternoon at 1:20. The first stop will be the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. Unlike any other presidential museum in the United States, it features high-tech exhibits, interactive displays, and multimedia programs. The next stop is Lincoln's Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery. The 117 foot-tall granite tomb houses the remains of Abraham Lincoln, his wife, and three of their four sons. At the entrance to the tomb, there is a huge bronze bust of Mr. Lincoln where visitors from all over the world have stopped to rub the nose of the statue for good luck.

Thursday evening's meal is on your own. Ranging from casual to upscale, there are many venues within a short driving distance from the host hotel for your dining pleasure.

The host hotel, the Crowne Plaza Hotel.







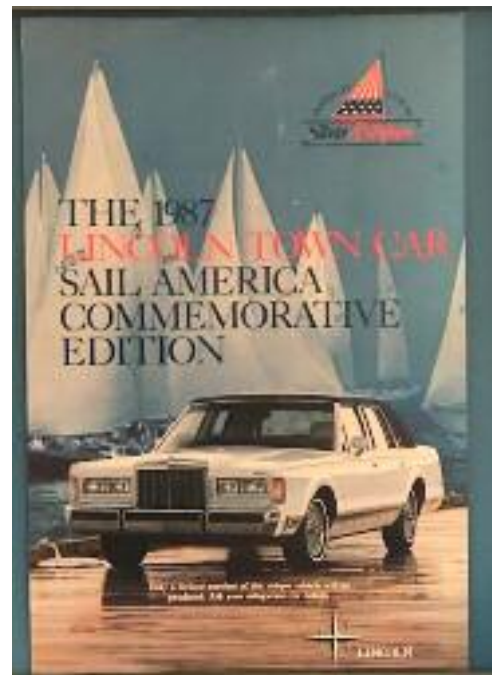
**LEFT** The Illinois State Capitol building. **RIGHT** The Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Dana Thomas House.



**LEFT** President Lincoln's tomb in Springfield, Illinois.



**LEFT** The Lincoln Home National Historic Site, restored to look as it did in 1860.



**LEFT** The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. **RIGHT** One of the rare items to bid on at the Friday Night auction is a poster depicting the 1987 Sail America Commemorative Edition Town Car, being donated by Dick Nelson.

An amazing driving tour of the beautiful Central Illinois countryside departs at 8:45 a.m. on Friday. The route will take participants down the beautiful east side of scenic Lake Springfield. The destination is the garage and antique vehicle collection of Don and Vickie Henley south of the lake. After viewing the amazing collection, the tour heads back out to cross Lake Springfield on a beautiful 1930-vintage bridge and cruise to the Route 66 Motorheads Grill and Museum's parking lot. After reviewing the Museum's incredible Route 66 artifacts and memorabilia, a delicious lunch will be served before the classic Lincolns head back to the Crowne Plaza. As usual, the LCO membership meeting will be held Friday afternoon and all key officers will be there to answer questions and provide an update on the Club's future. Once the meeting is over and all have had a chance to freshen up, we will meet for the tasty casual dinner buffet, LCO auction, and an exciting new twist you will not want to miss! This new auction plan is meant to encourage rarer, higher-quality items. Stay tuned for details.

Saturday is showtime! This is a fun day and this year will be no exception, with the many cars expected to be involved. The climax of the meet is the much-anticipated awards banquet. A very special speaker from the Lincoln Motor Company will give us an insight into the past and future of our favorite automaker.

Please keep in mind the *International Route 66 Mother Road Festival* will be going on concurrent with our meet, so there will be old cars everywhere you look. While this is exciting, it means some of the tours and events will fill up quickly, so PLEASE register without delay. Also, please note that the Wednesday and Thursday bus tours are limited to a maximum of 50 people.

We'll see you come September!



