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About the Covers This lovely 1941 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet is an LCOC prize winner with an older restoration that held up well, one of the many gems of Mecum 2024. An Eisenhower-era 1956 Lincoln Premiere was another great Mecum offering. **BELOW** Charlie Mullen tells the story about one of the many collectibles and cars in his collection. Read more about our visit to Bargserville starting on page 6. Photos by Jeff Shively.

From the Director By Joe Columbe

The Hoosier Region of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club has had events in each month of this year.

January had 26 attend our lunch at Bynum's Steak House. Bynum's seems to be a favorite of the Hoosier Region. In addition, the Hoosier Region was also invited to join the Classic Car Club of America for a lunch with a visit to the Skillman Collection. I think four attended.

Our February event was a lunch at Portillo's Hot Dog and Roast Beef in Avon. Nine attended, including two new members.

March had us going to Wanamaker to join in with the Studebaker Drivers Club and Hudson Club for a potluck pitch-in lunch. Nine of our members attended and had a wonderful lunch. Both clubs invited us to join all their future meetings. They are great car people!

Hoosier Region member Charlie Mullen opened his collection in April for review to our club, plus the Buick Club of America and the Cadillac & LaSalle Club. Warner

Young from Cadillac set this up for all of us. Thank you, Warner! Ten, including a new member, enjoyed Charlie's hospitality and a great lunch in Trafalgar at the Crowbar Restaurant & Lounge.

Six Hoosier Region members enjoyed lunch at the well-known Kountry Kitchen Soul Food Restaurant in Indianapolis in May. Both the food and the service were great, and all agreed that we wanted to go back and try other menu items.

Eleanor and I hope to see all Hoosier Region members at our summer picnic on the 15th of June. **Please RSVP before June 11.**

All members are invited to set up an event for our group. If you have not enjoyed what we have done to date, please do your part and take charge of a month.

Continental
Yours
Joe & Eleanor Columbe

Joe S. Columbe is an LCOC member from Milroy, Indiana, and the Director of the Hoosier Region



Bynum's Steakhouse A Hoosier Region Tradition By Jeff Shively



Winter in Indiana is not a lot of fun. Our Lincolns are safely tucked away awaiting spring. But one bright spot always emerges for Hoosier Region members- the annual visit to Bynum's Steakhouse on the south side of Indianapolis.

This January 6 did not have a promising start. For those of us coming from Kokomo and other points north, we saw snow. Some blowing on U.S. 31 made this author consider turning around. But it was all worth it when I arrived at Bynum's We had 26 members in attendance, including national LCOC Treasurer Tony Blaine and his wife Michelle, who came from Lebanon, Ohio.

As always, the food was excellent. We had our annual Christmas gift exchange a little later than usual. Some gifts were serious and others just for fun, but a good time was had by everybody. Because of the weather, the only Lincolns being driven were late models, but it was still nice to see the marquee represented even on a dreary winter day.

Jeff Shively is an LCOC member from Kokomo, Indiana.

TOP The steer at Bynum's looked a little cold that day, but the food and company inside the restaurant were warm and inviting. **BOTTOM** Paul Temple drove his last-generation Lincoln Continental. *Photos by Jeff Shively.*





LEFT Darren Klingler's black MKZ was one of the Lincoln's driven to Bynum's. **BELOW** The meetings at Bynum's are always light-hearted, with just enough business being held to keep everyone informed about upcoming activities. *Photos by Jeff Shively.*





Heading West to Avon

By Jeff Shively

TOP The small but hardy group meeting at Portillo's had a grand time talking cars and life. **BOTTOM** Charlie & Becky Griffith really like their "new" Lincoln Continental! Photos by Jeff Shively.



The second LCOC event of 2024 was rather low-key. Nine members met at Portillo's Hot Dog and Roast Beef in Avon on February 24. The only plan was to meet, eat, and talk Lincolns. And we did just that. Of course, the big talk was about member Charlie Griffith's purchase of a "new" Lincoln Continental in blue. He and Becky seemed awfully pleased with their new toy. It seems like everyone who owns the last generation Continental really loves them. Perhaps Lincoln should listen to their customers and start building them again!

A new member, Brian Stirm, came from Delphi. He found us because an LCOC member put his copies of the *Lincoln and Continental Comments* at Half Price Books for someone else to enjoy. That someone else was Brian, who amassed a decent collection of back issues. He's had an interesting career in aviation, and the rest of the members got to make a new friend. This goes to show what a little hospitality can do!

Jeff Shively is an LCOC member from Kokomo, Indiana.

Classics in Bargersville

By Jeff Shively





One of the wonderful things about the old car hobby is getting to know fellow hobbyists. We find very quickly that even if a person's taste in collector cars differs from ours, the passion is the same. On April 20, 2024, the Hoosier Region of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club and Central Indiana Chapter BCA met up with the Indiana Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club to tour Charlie Mullen's collection at his home near Bargersville. I've known Charlie for nearly 20 years and have seen and even judged some of his cars. His tastes lean toward Full Classics, particularly Cadillacs, Lincolns, and Packards. Luckily for our members, he has some exceptional Lincolns from the Classic Era to the 1970s. The cars he owns have great stories. Charlie still owns his first collector car, an all-original 1953 Cadillac with very low miles. He picked it up 50 years ago when it was just in its infancy of collectability. Charlie is always a good host, showing the group his collection, which was stored in two pristine, climate-controlled buildings.

After getting the grand tour, it was time for lunch. The original plan had been to go to the Taxman in Bargersville, but that had



to be changed to the Crowbar Inn Restaurant and Bar in nearby Trafalgar. Dinner was excellent and was enjoyed by all. Hoosier Region members attending included Joe Columbe, John Hannon, John Madden, Nate Fagen, Charlie Mullen, Jeff Shively,

Paul Temple, John Unger and Mark Friedland.

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PREVIOUS PAGES Charlie Mullen tells an excited group great stories about the cars in his collection. **A 1938 Lincoln Model K Convertible Sedan by LeBaron. CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE 1979 Lincoln Continental Williamsburg Edition. 1931 Lincoln Model K Town Sedan. Hail, hail, the gang's all here! A wonderful Full Classic 1948 Lincoln Continental Coupe.** Photos by Jeff Shively





PLEASE JOIN US
FOR
The Hoosier Region & Southern Ohio Region of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club
12th Annual Summer Picnic (over 14 Years)
at Lime Rock Farm, Rush County, Indiana

THIRD SATURDAY in June
June 15, 2024
12 NOON.
LOCATED AT
LIME ROCK FARM, 6722 West, 900 South,
Milroy, Indiana 46156-9598

Hosted by Eleanor & Joe S. Columbe, Director of the Hoosier Region of the LCOC

The summer picnic started out in the summer of 2011 with 23 members of the Hoosier Region of the LCOC in attendance. It has now grown with these additional car clubs being invited due to Eleanor and Joe being members, and or, the clubs asked to be invited to our picnic over the last 14 years. The car clubs invited for our 2024 Picnic to join the Hoosier Region * and Southern Ohio Region * of the LCOC are as follows: The Earlybirds of Hoosierland- CTCl, '55, '56, '57 Thunderbirds, Ohio Valley Early Birds - CTCl, Indiana Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club *, Indiana Region of the Classic Car Club of America *, Professional Car Society of Indiana *, Indiana/Western Kentucky Racing Region of the Rolls Royce & Bentley Owners Club *, The Vintage Thunderbird Club International, Indiana Region, Avanti Owners Association, Indiana Chapter, New in 2024, asked to be invited - Model A Club, Columbus, Indiana. * Eleanor and Joe are members

In 2023, we had 121 in attendance with over 70 vehicles.

Please arrive in your special vehicle.,If you have more than one, bring them all.

Please note: a special vehicle is not required to attend. This picnic is for car people.

A box lunch from Linne's Bakery & Cafe, Shelbyville, Indiana, will be available to ORDER BY TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024, to be PAID FOR AT THE DOOR on the day of the picnic. \$22.50. ALL GUESTS are welcome to bring your own picnic lunch if so desired. COLD soft drinks, water, beer, tableware, paper goods and SEATING will be provided by the hosts.

ALL ATTENDEES MUST RSVP BY TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024, WITH THE NUMBER OF GUESTS AND LUNCHES NEEDED. VERY IMPORTANT TO RSVP BY 6-11-24, THIS WILL GIVE YOUR HOSTS AND LINNE'S TIME TO PREPARE.

Please contact us if you have questions or concerns. Joe S. Columbe, jscolumbe@tds.net, landline 765-525-6899, cell 765-561-4900. Please see map for directions.

PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF LIME ROCK FARM & FOR GPS USE

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MILROY, INDIANA 46156-959846150
(South West Corner of Rush County, Indiana)

Lime Rock Farm is located about 40 miles south east of Indianapolis, and about 75 miles north west of Cincinnati. We are EXACTLY 6 miles East of I-74 (exit #119) on State Road 244, THEN 1 mile south on Rush County Road 750 West, THEN 1 mile East on Rush County Road 900 South. Our Driveway is on the north side of 900 South, just as Prill Road intersects with 900 South. We are back a long lane. Pass the first home and go to the second home.



