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Tom Wizda and his 1979 Mark V

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Director's Message:

Dear Members,

It's time to dust off your beautiful Lincolns and get ready for the 2025 show season as the weather is finally starting to get warmer! The 2025 show season is jam packed with 2 LCOC shows, our Peddlers Village show in September, and of course, Hershey in October.

Some regional shows will include our club member Scott Nickett's event on April 27, the Lincoln Car cruise on June 28 At the brand new facility at Gateway Classic cars in Runnemede New Jersey, Which we will share with the Cadillac Lasalle club.

Keep in mind that every Car that will attend the club will get \$10 donated so please try to attend our cruise on June 28th. We can not only look at our beautiful Lincolns but also visit The gateway facility with all their fine cars and enjoy coffee and donuts, and T-shirts will be given out as well.

In January, I attended the Lincoln Continental Owners Club board meeting that was held in San Antonio, Texas. We addressed many items presented by you the LCOC members and the Directors. The new directory was a priority in 2024 as we had not compiled and published one since 2014. This has been a major undertaking as we have new judging text which needed to be updated. It was put into MS Word to facilitate future changes. The new directory will be available shortly, so stay tuned as it is being proofread at this stage.

Our national meets this year, will be started with the Mid-America national meet in Cincinnati, Ohio hosted by the southern Ohio region. Please try to attend this meet as it promises to be a blockbuster. Registration is available now online. The deadline to register a car is May 9th.

Your management team is working diligently for our Eastern national meet in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, September 16th through the 21st. The team and I have put together a fine slate of touring attractions and great menus at numerous restaurants. We also have some great driving tours that I'm sure you will enjoy. We will travel the beautiful countryside of Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia to see many historic sites from the Civil War. You history buffs certainly will not want to miss this meet. Please make sure you register for this outstanding meet. Registration for the hotel is available now and our registration for the meet will be available early May.

In closing, I just like to say if you haven't renewed your dues, please renew them ASAP. You certainly do not want to miss this fine slate of attractions that we have planned this year.

Thank you and enjoy your beautiful Lincolns in good health.

Continentially yours,

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Philadelphia Region LCOC Club News

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to be your editor. It's an honor to be part of our club and help to shape it going forward. I'm excited to support your voice, keep the quality of the Continental Star strong, and make sure everything we publish is something we're all proud of. Thanks to all those who sent in pictures and stories for this issue—

Keep them coming!!!

Now onto Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It is a town where history and community intertwine. Renowned as the site of the pivotal Civil War battle in 1863, it now hosts the Gettysburg National Military Park, offering visitors a profound glimpse into America's past. Beyond its historical significance, Gettysburg boasts a vibrant downtown filled with specialty shops, art galleries, and diverse dining options. The town's lively atmosphere is further enriched by seasonal festivals, farmers' markets, and cultural events that celebrate its rich heritage and community spirit.

Pages 6 through 10 show all the activities in and around Gettysburg at the upcoming Eastern National meet in September

Your Editor, Theresa Lauro



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UP COMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 27, 2025, - Nickett Collection Open House

May—Date TBD—Grand Opening of new Holman Lincoln Dealership. We have been asked to bring our cars to this event.—Mt. Laurel NJ

June 6th – 8th - Carlisle All Ford Nationals Carlisle, PA

June 19th- 23rd - LCOC Mid America Meet – Cincinnati, Ohio

Saturday June 28th – Philadelphia LCOC Cruise at Gateway Classics, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Runnemede, NJ

Sunday September 7th – Philadelphia Region Annual Peddlers Village Meet. In conjunction with the Valley Forge Cadillac & Lasalle Club. Rain date September 28th

September 16th - 21st LCOC Eastern Meet – Gettysburg, PA, Hosted by our region

October 7th – 10th – AACA Hershey, Hershey, PA

Sunday November 2nd – Philadelphia Region 40th Anniversary Celebration - Mendenhall Inn in Mendenhall, PA



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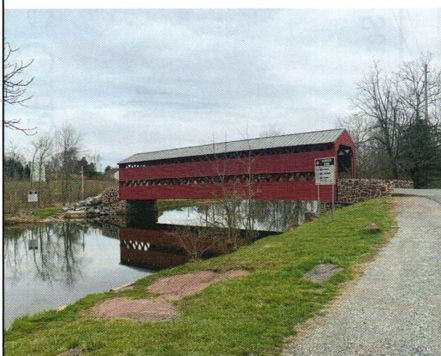
LINCOLN PREMIERE 2-DOOR HARDTOP IN STARMIST WHITE OVER FLAMINGO . . . AT CIRO'S, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

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The Philadelphia Region of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club is proud to host the 2025 Eastern National Meet

"The Gettysburg Address"

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Philadelphia Region (1985-2025)



Monumental Achievements



More than 1,300 monuments, memorials, markers, and tablets stand among 17 square miles of the Gettysburg Battlefield. They honor armies, states, units, individuals, and headquarters of both sides of the Civil War. Notable among many, these few are well worth a visit.

1776 Dobbin House Tavern

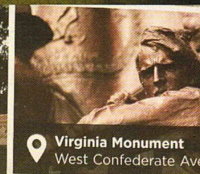
Enjoy Historic Hospitality in a house built the same year as the founding of the United States of America - 1776.

- ★ Casual and Fine Dining
- ★ Oldest House in Gettysburg
- ★ National Register of Historic Places
- ★ Secret Slave Hideout
- ★ Adjacent B&B Inn
- ★ Group Menus available
- ★ Search "Dobbin House reviews"

For pictures and menus, visit www.dobbinhouse.com
For Reservations, call 717-334-2100
9 Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg, PA



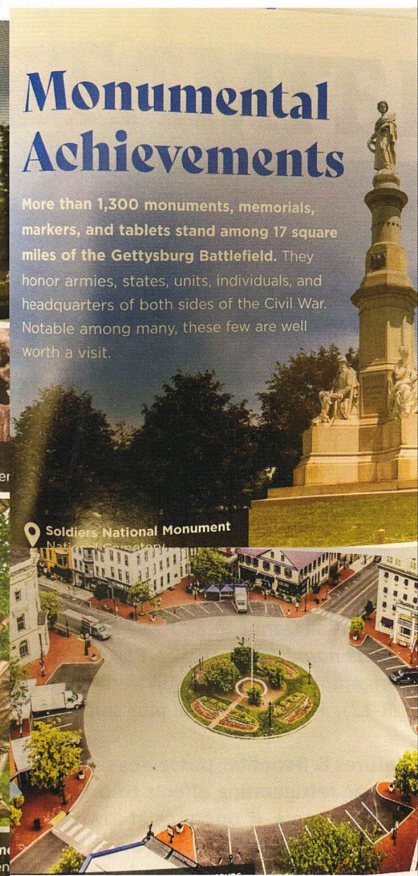
Lincoln Address Memorial
National Cemetery



Virginia Monument
West Confederate Avenue



North Carolina Monument
West Confederate Avenue



Soldiers National Monument

September 16-21, 2025
At the Wyndham Hotel in historic
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

You history buffs won't want to miss this event!



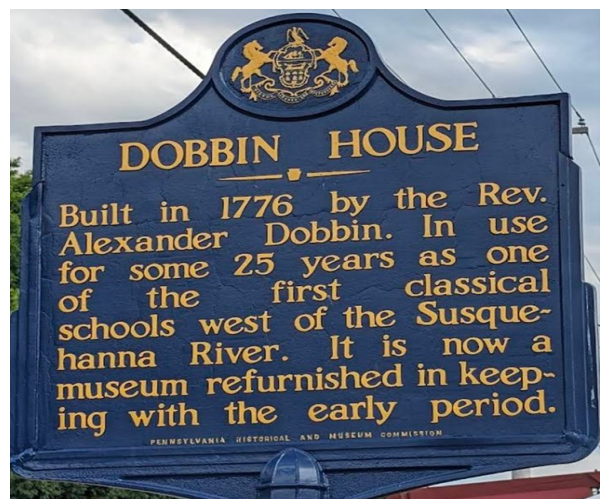
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Some of the Activities and Attractions at the 2025 Eastern National Meet

The Gettysburg Address



Our Host Hotel—The Gettysburg Wyndham



Tuesday Evening – Welcome Dinner at the Dobbin House Restaurant in Gettysburg

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Wednesday Morning - Tour of the Eisenhower Farm



Wednesday Lunch at O'Rorke's Family Eatery

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Wednesday Afternoon – Guided tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield



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Thursday Morning Covered Bridge Driving Tour to Maryland



Lunch at the Bavarian House Restaurant

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Thursday Afternoon —Tour of the Antietam battlefield



Thursday Evening—Dinner / Open house at Forrester's Lincoln in Chambersburg, PA

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Friday - Breakfast Buffet and Guided Tour at the Rolls Royce Foundation Museum

See You In Gettysburg!!!

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Dennis Stevenson's 1978 Mark V Givenchy Among the Cherry Blossoms.

A Sure Sign of Spring!!

On the last weekend in March Dennis shared his beautiful Mark V with all those in attendance at The Cherry Blossom Festival in our nation's capital.

It is would be difficult to find a more scenic spot to host an equally photogenic car.

Dennis is a member of our region and the Continental Cruisers.



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Tom Wizda's Most Lincolns



This car has an interesting story. I've owned my 1979 Lincoln Continental Williamsburg Edition (Dark Cordovan Metallic / Crystal Apricot Metallic) for a number of years and happened to be cruising out near Williamsport when I spotted the Mark V for sale at a mechanic shop. Seeing the Crystal Apricot and how it matched up with the Continental meant I needed it for a matching pair! The gentleman who owned it lived nearby in Montoursville and a few days later, the Mark V came home with me. This one would be the third Lincoln that I purchased after getting the collecting bug. The Williamsburg was first, followed by a 1979 Mark V Givenchy Designer Series, which deserves its own story (!!), and then this Mark V. It's been driven to a number of shows, including the Lincoln Homecoming in Hickory Corners and to Morgantown last year.

Tom's 1979 Midnight Blue Mark V collector series next to the Blue Bonnets on a rural Texas Rd.



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Tom's Collection



From left to right and their brief Bios!

1998 Town Car in Triple Black - Acquired 4 years ago in northeast PA where it was originally sold.

1979 Williamsburg Continental. – This was a drive-by find in central Ohio and is Tom's 1st collector car, acquired in 2011. The body color - Crystal Apricot Metallic.

1979 Mark V - This car is also Crystal Apricot Metallic and needed to come home with Tom as it matches the 79 Williamsburg.

2017 Continental Premiere - Tom's daily driver

Pictured here but no longer in Tom's collection is a 1979 Mark V Givenchy. Purchased in Eastern New York now residing with a new collector in North Central PA.

1980 Ford Fairmont Futura - low mileage with a 200 straight 6.

1979 Versailles acquired from fellow Philly region member Mike Bradley in 2020. (Ask Tom to show you the picture of the key exchange when purchased from Mike.)

Tom is our regions webmaster, manager, and unofficial but highly prized photographer

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Time and Change

By Jim Wickel

Time controls everything, it is never the same, and it is always changing. Therefore, everything else must change or fall by the wayside, just like in our last moments when it is over. It strikes me that old people spend a lot of their time trying to hold back the hands of the clock. They reach out along the road to pick up that old car that fell by the wayside, to breed life into it and make time stand still, and to stop change.

Most of us in this hobby just like cars and mechanical things, new cars included. That's what we say repeatedly, it's just a hobby. Our actions and conversations however do not bear this out. We are constantly looking for that old car in a barn, older than we are, even though we have already three or four in storage that have not been completed. Are we traveling to go back in time, to that long ago traveled road?

"They don't make them like they used to." However, we know new cars are better. 200,000 miles is the norm, power steering, power brakes, automatic transmission, and air conditioning. You name it and don't forget that very little servicing is needed. Would you like to change oil and grease on your everyday driver every 1000 miles? You had to when you were young.

If you park a new car next to a 30's through 60's car and give us a choice 90% of us will jump into the old car and happily drive away. We know we are younger in that old car. That is the time we want it to be. We are taking control of this untouchable entity; we are winning a battle that we are always losing every moment of our lives.

We read and research material about old cars by the hour. I wonder where we are and when we are? Our minds blend into the printed page. I feel the soft breeze upon my face or the sting of dirt as I read a road test of the distant past. The irony of this is that the time we spend trying to retrieve time are the changes that place while we are trying to stop them.

I admit I abhor change in any form. Well, I do agree with changing clothes, preferably on a daily basis. You just get used to something then after ten years they change it. Now you must learn something all over again. Even the daily change of our clothes is a bit daunting, it signifies the passage of a thing called time. Would time slow down or stop if we did not change our socks, no correlation, I fear. How many times have you used a very good cleaning product, and when you need more, you were told "they don't make it anymore". This is change in action, the obsolescence of something we liked and used, plus time.

If you really want to see a strong comment on time and change, take a picture of yourself from an album or your memory, say when you were 20 something. Then stand in front of a floor length mirror with the picture in hand, need I say more? Young people reading this don't laugh, it's only a matter of time.

What we are trying to do mentally and psychologically is restore ourselves to better the new condition, just as we are doing to our old cars. The results are like a twenty-footer and a squint paint job. Looks good at twenty feet if you squint, but oh my God don't look any closer. Old car people are not the only ones doing this, how about little league dads or sports fans. Do you live in your parent's or grandparent's home, collect old books or papers, it goes on and on. Why, but of course to stop change, gain back time, and to beat the TikTok TikTok that goes on endlessly.

I don't think we want to live forever, but as the years go by we find that at one time in the past we found our comfort zone in time. A place where you fit well, and the things around us felt and looked good to us. By reaching out to these things, old cars, radios, etcetera we surround ourselves with warm feelings of well-being. We are where we still understand things. Look under the hood of your new car, do you understand it all? Not like cars like from the 40's to the 70's and so it goes.

Our people are doing well handling the preservation of time. Go through a large store on any evening and observe how some people dress. How about the 60 something guy, bald on top, long hair in a bun, dressed in a Hawaiian shirt, bell bottoms, flip flops, and all three sizes too small. Next to him is his lady, leopard skin tights and 6-inch heels, you get my point.

This hobby is good for us, we make friends of all ages, learn new tricks, and pick out places where we are in our own time. Away from work we can live and be happy. In our garages and at shows is where we want to be. Slowing down time if not stopping it, and change is only thought about when we are talking about tires.

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Philadelphia Region Members Scott & November Nickett take first in class at the 2025 Amelia Island Concours



A representative from the Amelia Island Concourse d'Elegance reached out to me in October of 2024 and asked if I would bring the 1956 Packard Convertible Caribbean to the 2025 show. I shared with them that the car wasn't completed yet and still needed quite a bit of stuff done. So the marathon began! Mostly every night after work I would spend several hours on the Packard detailing and finishing up the restoration project. The biggest hurdle was the convertible top that needed to be replaced. The top is a cream color and underneath is a whole second layer of material. That material is orange, similar to the exterior and interior colors. Literally the morning that the car was getting picked up to be transported to Amelia Island I was finishing the touch up paint in the engine compartment.

My wife and I flew down for the show and received the car the morning with the show from the transporter. We drove the car onto the show field/golf course which is strikingly beautiful. Luckily, we got down a day early as they decided to do move the show up one day due to the forecast of rain for the scheduled show day. If you ever get a chance to go to this show you should it's absolutely stunning the way they lay it out on the golf course and with the small ponds around the golf course. It makes for an incredible backdrop for a car show.

This 1956 Packard has a factory self-leveling system in the car that automatically keeps the car at the same height whether you sit in the car or put stuff in the trunk. They produced 276 convertibles and only three of them had factory air conditioning like this one. The seats are leather on one side and a beautiful mylar fabric on the other side. You can switch them depending on what your preference is of fabric or leather, and of course a push button transmission. The matching color of the inside of the convertible top gives this car a unique look with the top down. We were fortunate for the Packard to receive first in class.

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CINCINNATI, OHIO
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JUNE 19 TO JUNE 23, 2025
Hosted by Southern Ohio Region



Our host hotel
Marriott Cincinnati Northeast



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The Valley Forge Region, Cadillac & LaSalle Club and Lincoln & Continental Owner's Club Philadelphia Region ***Annual Fall Car Show at Peddler's Village***

DATE: Sunday, September 7th, 2025, 9AM-2:30PM. Awards Presented at 2PM.

Rain Date: Sunday, September 28th.

Open to All Years, Makes and Models. Over 90 Cars participated last year!

Top 20 High Scores (all makes), best Lincoln, Best Cadillac, Best of Show (any make)

167 Carousel Lane, Lahaska PA 18931

For Maps, Directions, and a GPS address, visit www.peddlersvillage.com/directions

See the ***new*** car show field location on the attached map.

Pre-Registration Fee: \$20., Day-of-Show = \$25. Please make checks payable to VFR-CLC. Pre-Registration is strongly recommended; payment by check is preferred.

Show Field Opens at 9AM. Please, no "early birds".

VFR-CLC and Phila LCOC Annual Fall Car Show at Peddler's Village

Sunday, September 7th, 2025, Rain Date: Sunday September 28th

Pre-registration MUST be *received* by Friday, August 29th! No Refunds.

Mail Registration Form and payment to: John Wood, 327 Bellevue Ave, Penn del, PA 19047-5310
267-939-5925 renopa@verizon.net

Name:		Cell Phone:	
Address:		City, State, Zip:	
Email Address:		Club Membership:	
Vehicle Year, Make, Model, Body Style			
Trailer parking? Y/N			

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Auction Results

Results from the Fall & Winter Mecum Auctions

Kissimmee January 2025

1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible	\$352,000	Sold
1967 Lincoln Continental Convertible custom	\$220,000	Sold
1965 Lincoln Continental Convertible	\$209,000	Sold
1941 Lincoln Zephyr coupe	\$101,750	Sold
1963 Lincoln Continental Convertible	\$101,200	Sold
1956 Continental Mark II	\$99,000	Sold
1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible	\$75,900	Sold
1941 Lincoln Continental coupe	\$71,500	Sold
1978 MK V Diamond Jubilee	\$66,000	Sold
1962 Lincoln Continental Convertible	\$52,800	Sold
1962 Lincoln Continental Convertible	\$47,300	Sold
1940 Lincoln Zephyr Club Coupe	\$33,000	Sold
1995 Lincoln Town Car Cartier	\$28,600	Sold
1969 Lincoln Continental Sedan	\$24,200	Sold
1997 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series	\$18,700	Sold
1979 Mark V	\$17,600	Sold
2002 Lincoln Blackwood pickup	\$18,700	Sold
1978 Mark V Diamond Jubilee	\$17,600	Sold
1979 Mark V Collector Series	\$17,600	Sold
2007 Town Car Limousine	\$95,400	Sold
2007 Town Car limousine	\$10,450	Sold
1993 Mark VIII	\$9,900	Sold
1987 Continental Sedan	\$9,350	Sold
1983 Mark VI Emilio Pucci	\$7,700	Sold
1978 Mark V Diamond Jubilee	\$7,700	Sold
2006 Town Car Presidential Series	\$6,050	Sold
1988 Town Car Sedan	\$5,500	Sold
1962 Lincoln Continental Convertible	High Bid \$45,000	Not Sold
1971 Lincoln Continental Mark III	High Bid \$32,000	Not Sold
1978 Mark V Diamond Jubilee	High Bid \$25,000	Not Sold
1979 Mark V Cartier	High Bid \$22,000	Not Sold
1973 Lincoln Continental Sedan	High Bid \$20,000	Not Sold
2003 Town Car Cartier	High Bid \$19,000	Not Sold
1970 Mark III	High Bid \$18,000	Not Sold
1986 Mark VII LSC	High Bid \$15,000	Not Sold
1978 Mark V	High Bid \$13,000	Not Sold
1988 Town Car Signature Series	High Bid \$8000	Not Sold

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Auction Results

Kansas City December 2024

1979 Mark V	\$22,000	Sold
2004 Town Car Ultimate Series	\$15,400	Sold
1994 Mark VIII	\$13,750	Sold
1978 Mark V	\$10,450	Sold
1997 Mark VI	\$8,250	Sold
2003 Town Car	\$4,950	Sold
1948 Continental Coupe	\$5,500	Sold
1988 Town Car	\$4,950	Sold
1989 Town Car Signature Series	\$2,750	Sold
1979 Mark V	High Bid \$17,000	Not Sold
1971 Mark III	High Bid \$,9000	Not Sold

Las Vegas 2024 October 2024

1958 Mark III coupe	\$41,800	Sold
1967 Lincoln Continental Convertible	\$36,300	Sold
1978 Mark V	\$10,450	Sold
1979 Mark V	\$6,600	Sold
1979 Mark V Collector Series	High Bid \$33,000	Not Sold

Indianapolis October 2024

1967 Lincoln Continental Convertible	\$33,000	Sold
1970 Mark III	\$25,300	Sold
1979 Mark V	\$18,700	Sold
1947 Lincoln Continental Coupe	\$14,300	Sold
2007 Lincoln Mark Lt. Pickup	\$13,200	Sold
1982 Mark VI Sedan	\$12,100	Sold
2011 Lincoln MKS	\$8,800	Sold
2003 Town Car Executive	\$6,050	Sold
1999 Town Car Signature Series	\$4,400	Sold
1986 Town Car Sedan	\$3,850	Sold

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**Sunday November 2, 2025 – Philadelphia Region 40th Anniversary
Celebration - Mendenhall Inn in Mendenhall, PA**

