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From the Director By Joe Columbe

Dear Members of the Hoosier Region:

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas & Hope for a Great 2023! Eleanor and I hope this finds everyone coming off a great Thanksgiving and getting ready for family and friends this upcoming Holiday Season.

A big thank you to the Tharps for hosting our annual membership meeting at their home and car barn in November. The meal they prepared for us was very delicious, with plenty left over. From the pictures, you will see what a fine vehicle collection they have assembled.

The Hoosier Region's new Activities Committee, headed by volunteers Becky Grifiths and Eleanor Columbe, will soon have

the 2023 activities schedule out to our membership. Please remember that Becky and Eleanor will be happy to hear from you if you have an idea or would like to host a month. The schedule will be flexible in order to accommodate suggestions.

On the first Saturday of January, the Hoosier Region will kick off the New Year right with a belated Christmas gathering at noon on the 7th. We will meet at Bynum's Steak House, located at 3850 South Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46217.

Eleanor and I will see you all in the New Year!

Continentially Yours,

Eleanor & Joe S. Columbe

Next Event

Lunch at Bynum's Steak House
3850 South Meridian Street
Indianapolis
Saturday, January 7 at Noon

A Snowy Annual Meeting in Bloomington

By Jeff Shively



In 2021, the Hoosier Region held its annual meeting at the Hilltop Restaurant north of Spencer. It was a sunny day with temperatures in the 50s, so many of our members drove their Lincolns. We had hoped for the same in 2022. The Tharps generously agreed to open their home and car barn north of Bloomington for lunch on Saturday, November 12. Unfortunately, Mother Nature was in one of her moods and delivered snow instead of sunshine. Some had second thoughts about making the trip due to road conditions, but those of us who made the drive were rewarded with a wonderful afternoon.

Lunch was sandwiches and all the fixins', served within easy viewing distance of the Tharp Collection. And what a collection it is! Most would say that the white 1956 Continental Mark II was the centerpiece, as these splendid cars tend to be the center of attention anytime they are present. It was complimented by a red 1956 Premiere Coupe and a 1954 Capri Coupe. Moving into the '60s, the black 1962 Continental Sedan they drove to the Hilltop was there.



TOP Hoosier Region members gather around the Mark II. *Photo by Jeff Shively.* **ABOVE** After dinner conversation. The caterers are long-time friends of the Tharps. *Photo by Darren Klingler.*





CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE 1972 Lincoln Continental Mark IV. 1954 Lincoln Capri Coupe. 1970 Lincoln Continental Mark III. 1956 Lincoln Premiere Coupe. Photos by Jeff Shively

Allan's 1970 Mark III is unique, with a green exterior set off by a red interior. You can't have a Mark II and a Mark III without a Mark IV, and a blue 1972 edition sporting a white top was there. They have a "guest" residing in the barn, a 1965 Continental Convertible owned by a friend and is for sale. There were some nice non-Lincolns, including a C3 Corvette and an El Camino. Of course, the best of these was a 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood 60 Special, formerly owned by the Kokomo Automotive Museum.





ABOVE Do you need a new Lincoln? This 1965 Continental Convertible is available. **FAR LEFT** Rock around the clock and have a Coke and a smile! **LEFT** Drop a dime and grab and ice-cold Coca-Cola. Photos by Jeff Shively.



TOP 1962 Lincoln Continental Sedan. Photo by Jeff Shively. **ABOVE** Hoosier Region Director Joe Columbe presents *Lincoln Log* editor Jeff Shively with a Master Editor Award. Photo by Darren Klingler.

There was more to this visit than just the cars. You could get an ice-cold Coke from a vintage vending machine and then look through the automotive library, conveniently located just steps from the cars.

As this was the annual meeting, there had to be some business conducted. Director Joe Columbe presented the *Lincoln Log* editor with a Master Editor award from the national LCOC. Joe also announced the new activity committee, consisting of Becky Griffiths and Eleanor Columbe, who will be planning fun outings for 2023. Speaking of outings, we'll hold off until January before we meet again due to the hectic nature of the holidays. But it will be worth the wait, as we are returning to the ever-popular Bynum's Steakhouse on the south side of Indianapolis.

The following hardy souls braved the snow and cold temperatures to make the trip to Bloomington. David Columbe, Joe & Eleanor Columbe, Robert Columbe, Darren Klingler, Diane Kopscick, John Madden, Charlie Mullen, Jeff Shively, Gary Stapleton, Paul Temple, Allan Tharp, Jason Tharp, Rhett & Cheryl Tharp, John Unger & Mark Friedland.

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