



The Mark VII Times

January, February, March 2006 Newsletter

Message From The President

This all started with the purchase of my very first Lincoln Mark VII in 1992. Nine cars, countless friends, and a dozen years later, the Lincoln Mark VII Club goes national. It has always been about the cars and the people, and it always will be.

My 1990 LSC was undergoing some pretty heavy restoration by a local car dealership when I met another Mark VII owner who said, "You know, there ought to be like an LSC Club or something for our cars." By that time, I had two Mark VII's and was heavy into the car's history. My wife and kids thought nothing of me having two of the same car. They didn't know how much real FUN that I would have from them. The Mark VII was a 1984 with the vent window option; rare, yes, but not unheard of.

A few years later, my wife was beginning to question the reasoning of three of the same make cars in our driveway. A 1988 LSC with only 12,000 miles on the clock BEGGED me to take it home, so I did. There was a 1984 turbo diesel in Florida heading for a motor transplant that I saved and am slowly restoring. Today, there are five Mark VII's at home and a huge following for our Luxury Touring Coupes.

Fun-filled car shows and meets such as the All Ford Nationals at Carlisle, along with the Pennsylvania and the South Eastern Pennsylvania Ford Lincoln Mercury Meets are a good example of the ever growing interest in these cars. I've met owners from 16 to 60. The people are the greatest; the cars are just about everywhere and in every condition imaginable. Russell Pentz' 1991 SE is an inspiration to everyone and about as perfect as a Mark VII can get. If speed is your flavor, then Tommy Raia's 13 second street legal daily driver is a lesson in perpetual motion. Historians and purists love to see a well kept 1987 or earlier Mark VII with under 20,000 miles on the clock and no modifications. Surprisingly, there are still at least half a dozen Mark VII's in America that meet this criteria.

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Out And About

A brutally cold and windy winter Saturday could not stop the intensity of a few enthusiastic car enthusiasts on the East Coast. March 4th 2006 was the first officially scheduled meet of The Lincoln Mark VII Club and was well attended. Unlike other clubs, not one, but three meets in three different states went on simultaneously.

The southern most meet was held at the Old Country Buffet in Carney, Maryland and was hosted by The Club Vice President, Rick Eckenrode. In attendance was: Rick Eckenrode (One_Way) Red 1990 Lincoln Mark VII LSC SE

Kris Medley (MarkedMan) Blue 1990 Lincoln Mark VII LSC

Shawn Novak (tbird232ci) Silver 1987 Thunderbird Turbo Coupe

Jeff Foreman - The Picture Taker 2003 Chevy Impala
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Maryland Breakfast Meet

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Out And About

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In the middle was a meet at the Old Country Buffet in Springfield, Pennsylvania and was hosted by The Club President, John Dancy. In attendance was:

Jack "HizHonor" Cohen 1992 Lincoln Town Car SS
John "OldSchool" Dancy 1984 Lincoln Mark VII
John "MarkedMan90" Hellebuyck 1989 Lincoln Mark VII Bill Blass
Chameron "Cham" Hodges
Gilbert "Gee" Hodges 1988 Lincoln Mark VII Bill Blass
Bob "Bob" Kinee 1994 Lincoln Mark VIII
Amanda "Sassy94" Larkin 1994 Thunderbird
Paul "Cousin Paul" Mayberry 1990 Lincoln Mark VII LSC
Sharon "Chee'Shee" Mayberry 1990 Lincoln Mark VII LSC
Joe "JoeyChrome" Mazzone 1990 Lincoln Mark VII SE project
Steve "Kahuna" Morris 1991 Lincoln Mark VII LSC
RJ "RJ McDufferson" Scalafani 1989 Town Car
Joe "Wolfer" Wolfer 1993-1994 Thunderbird



Pennsylvania Breakfast Meet

Up north was a meet at the Hometown Buffet in West Springfield, Massachusetts and was hosted by The Club Membership Secretary Nick Wong. In attendance was:

Nick "ND4SPD" Wong
Johnny, Johnny's son & his daughter (sorry, I will get your name)
Jim "cheesesteakjim"
Dawnne "LSCPRINCESS"
Al, Tristan, and Davrina

The Lincoln Mark VII Breakfast Meets are held on every first Saturday of the month. Check out the web site for the most up to date information at www.thelincolnmarkviiclub.org.

A Message from the Chairman...

January 18, 2006... remember this date. This is the day club President John "OldSchool" Dancy received word that The Lincoln Mark VII Club had officially become 'incorporated'. I am proud to be part of such a distinguished organization and surrounded by friends and fellow Lincoln owners as Officers and members of The Lincoln Mark VII Club, Inc. A nobler name for a car club has yet to roll off my keyboard.

I'm looking forward to the LM7 Club's inaugural year. In the planning stages are monthly workshops, breakfast meets, cruises, car shows and of course, the All FORD Nationals at Carlisle, PA in June. Our website is still a work in progress but once you're there, you'll find a complete schedule of events, picture gallery, technical section, and member forum where you can ask all of the Mark VII questions you need answers for. The knowledge base will astound you.

I want to wish a warm welcome to all of our new members, to what will be, the finest resource for Lincoln Mark VII's anywhere. A wise man once told me, "It's all about the people". You, the people, will make it successful.

Kindest regards,

Jack "Hizhonor" Cohen

Jack "Hizhonor" Cohen
Chairman of the Board

The Lincoln Mark VII Club, Inc.



Massachusetts Breakfast Meet

Calendar of Events

March 31 April 2 1st Annual Mid-Atlantic Rod & Custom Car Show at Fort Washington Expo Center Car Show / Cruise-In Exit 339 on Pennsylvania Turnpike Fort Washington, PA 19034 Joe 609-888-3618 www.aarn.com

April 1 9 am - 12 pm (No Joke) The Lincoln Mark VII Club Monthly Breakfast Meeting, see website for locations

April 8 TBD - The Lincoln Mark VII Club Monthly Work Shop Detailing, see website for more details

April 19 - 23 All Day Spring Carlisle Swap Meet and Car Corral at the Carlisle Fairgrounds. www.carsatcarlisle.com or (717) 232-2422

Apr 30 Support Our Troops Cruise Night. 3-9pm American rear wheel drive and Antique Imports only. \$10.00 Phila. Pa. Directions: Northeast Lincoln Mercury, 7001 Roosevelt Blvd. Phila. Pa. Rte 1, one block south of Rte 73. Contact_Name: Ray Jermyn Sr. Contact_Phone: 215-331-6600 Email_Address:

r.jermyn@northeastlincoln.com

May 6 - 9 am -12 pm The Lincoln Mark VII Club Monthly Breakfast Meeting, see website for locations

May 6 10 AM No Rain Date Elmer Hospital Auxiliary Car Show SJHS-Elmer, West Front Street, Elmer, NJ Judging at 11 AM, Trophies, Music, Chicken BBQ Registration - D.O.S. Only: \$10.00

Info: Bev 856-363-1738; E-Mail: KLE1070@cs.com

May 6 Cruise at the AutoZone in Bristol

MAY 7 (Rain Date May 21st) 11 am - ? - The Lincoln Mark VII Club will have a Sunday Meet and Greet at Kahunaville On the Waterfront in Wilmington, DE Admission is free! Gates open at 11:30 AM (Lincoln Mark VII Club members that will be going should meet up at Kahunaville around 11:00 AM so we can try and park together and it'll give us time to polish up the chariots! For more information and directions, go to:

http://www.kahunaville.com/events_kruise.htm

May 13, TBD - The Lincoln Mark VII Club Monthly Work Shop - Car Shows

May 20 9 AM - 1 PM Rain Date: May 21 Gibbsboro Home & School Association/Auto Toy Store 3rd Annual Gibbsboro Car Show Rt. 561 & United States Ave., Gibbsboro, NJ Call Joe about Pre-Reg. - 856-627-2416 or 609-472-5725; E-Mail: j.osisek@comcast.net

Website: www.gibbsboroschool.com

June 2 4 All day Carlisle All-Ford Nationals at Carlisle Fairground, also The Lincoln Mark VII Club Regional Gathering. Nats event will include seminars, special exhibits and other exciting events.

www.carsatcarlisle.com or (717) 232-2422

June 3 10 All Day The Hot Rod Power Tour, starting in Kissimmee Florida and ending Saturday June 10 at Englishtown Raceway Park. Join the Lincoln Lunatics for this memorable event.

www.lincolnsonline.com

June 4 10 AM - 3 PM Rain Date: June 11 South Jersey Cruisers Association's "Street Machine Car Show Scene" Gianfranco's Restaurant & Pizzeria, 782 So. Brewster Road, Vineland, NJ Joe 856-327-7943 or Tony 856-767-9148

June 10 TBD - The Lincoln Mark VII Club Monthly Work Shop Suspension

July 1 TBD - The Lincoln Mark VII Club Monthly Breakfast Meeting

July 8 TBD - The Lincoln Mark VII Club Monthly Work Shop Exhausts

August 5 TBD - The Lincoln Mark VII Club Monthly Breakfast Meeting
August 12 TBD - The Lincoln Mark VII Club Monthly Work Shop - Car Clubs

October 7 10 AM - 2 PM Rain Date: Pending Leadfooters CCC & Hammonton Ford Car Show 301 So. White Horse Pike (Rt. 30), Hammonton, NJ Info: Freddi 609-561-8899; Web Site: www.leadfooters.com

Recurring events:

1st Sunday of every month May - Oct 2006 Cruise at Kahunaville in Wilmington Riverfront, Delaware - Hawaiian shirt day. wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt get a free desert with your meal purchase. 2nd Sunday Burn-outs winner gets 25.00 gift cert. to Kahunaville. 3rd Sunday Kids Day. 30 tokens for kids under 11 years old (must come in a car in the cruise and you must arrive before 1:30 pm) 4th Sunday Trophy Day top 15 and the Best of the Best award. 5th Sunday of the month Dash plaque day Free to the first 100 cars. Gates open every Sunday @ 11:30 am DJ Mac Thomas will spin the oldies Cruising Magazine will be on hand. 50-50 and door prizes every week. Clubs/ groups are welcome call ahead 302-571-6200 X25

Know of an event that should be included on this calendar, please email it to one of the club officers at www.thelincolnmarkviiclub.org

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Stock or modified. Tailored or driven. Painted or primed. The instant I see the familiar and unique outline of a Bill Blass or an LSC, I take a long slow look and wonder to myself about who the lucky owner is ... and if they've ever been in a car club.

I present to you, The Lincoln Mark VII Club, a club dedicated to your interest in these great cars. You will find like-minded enthusiasts who share your passion for the Mark VII. We offer tech help, car related activities, and fellowship to increase your enjoyment.

From The Editor

Classified Ads

Welcome to the first issue of The Mark VII Times, the official publication of the Lincoln Mark VII Club, Inc. This is the beginning of better issues to come. The Times will feature Club news, photos of Club events, classified ads, calendar of events, columns from club officers, and in the future, tech articles and feature car spotlights.

Many of you do not know this, but I have 15 years of car club newsletter experience, having been the newsletter editor for the Maryland Chevelle Club. MCCNews grew from a small type-written newsletter to a 20 page newsletter that rivaled some national club magazines. Although I was a little sad to turn over those duties that I so enjoyed for all those years, I knew it was time to move on.

Admittedly, I've never stopped attending car shows and taking tons of pictures. Somehow I knew I would write about and take pictures of cars and put together another newsletter. It's just what I do.

Most LM7 Club Members have web access and may discover a newsletter like this contains mostly information they may already know about. However, there are many enthusiasts outside The Club that have no idea what we are about. That's where The Mark VII Times comes in. Sponsors and potential Members can read all about The Club and experience what we are about. Plus everyone likes to see their names in print and pictures of their rides published.

Feel free to submit anything you may find pertinent. As the editor, I welcome everyone's input, but reserve the right to edit it to fit in the confines I currently work with. Classified ads and events for the calendar are welcome to. Email me at newsletter@thelincolnmarkviiclub.org.

Rick Eckenrode

The Mark VII Times Newsletter Editor

For Sale

Mark VII Parts - Black sunvisors. Excellent condition, grey Taurus air bag steering wheel (just swap in your cruise/horn switches and air bag), center console fuel door button works no problem. Contact NYC LSC at thelincolnmarkviiclub.org

Two LSC's - I have a 91 LSC SE-the RED one- for sale. Interior is Light Gray in need of cleaning and Driver Seat Bolster repair/recover. It has 125,xxx original miles and is stock 5.0HO w/AOD and Trac-Loc 3.27. In addition it has an Alpine Stereo, electric fan, a Viper alarm with Remote lock/unlock and Start features. It has the ASC Moonroof. The headliner was replaced last year. There are some blemishes on the paint, but little or no rust on the body. Wheels are poor, and there are some cracks on the dash. The car was ready to drive anywhere when I put it on a Consignment lot a couple weeks ago. All systems including Air Suspension, CruiseControl and electronics are/were operational. I want \$2295.

I also have a LOW Mileage-90,xxx miles-1988 Bill Blass model that has a rebuilt AOD and gives exceptional gas mileage-18-27mpg in Lincoln comfort. This is the 3.08 rear end and BB suspension. Original Am/Fm Cassette with JBL Amp and Spkr. Sounds GREAT, rides GREAT and all systems are operational. There minimal rust evident and none on the lower panels. The color is a Light Sandstone Metallic (Paint code 8H) which may be the color described in the 88 brochure for the BB model. The interior is Tan or Champagne color with only some light age cracking. Price on this one is also \$2295. Contact 2manymarks at thelincolnmarkviiclub.org

1976 Cougar XR7 - this car is 100% original (to the best of my knowledge). VIN 6A93H 54552 I have photographed all aspects of the car but I'm sure that you'll have questions. The car is not registered or inspected. The car will need to be trailered to it's new home.

Proceeds benefit The Lincoln Mark VII Club, a non-Profit organization.

Ebay Item #4618640654 contact John Dancy at thelincolnmarkviiclub.org

Club Members can advertise their hobby ads here for free. Ads will run for one month. It is the Club Member's responsibility to renew their ad or to alert the editor to re-run the ad as is.

For commercial advertisements, please contact one of the Club officers for advertising rates.

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