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Your Award-Winning Newsletter

Your editors are pleased to announce that the editors of *Old Cars Weekly* have awarded the *Connector* their Golden Quill Award as a 2009 recipient in the Regional/Compact category. We would like to thank them for this recognition.

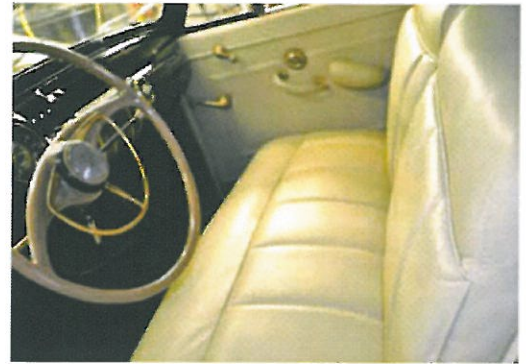
This edition features some of our members' 1941 Lincolns. Mark Chambers returns with his **Lincoln Photo Quiz**, as does Joe Sherlock with a special **AutoSketch** featuring the 1961 Lincoln. We said goodbye to two special Lincoln friends. We have news of the events from this fall.

Finally, a reminder that dues are coming due. And, a second reminder to everyone to put the dates of the Western National Meet at Eagle Crest on your calendars. You won't want to miss it.



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by Ken Deardon, Kirkland, WA

My name is Ken Deardon and I have been a long-time member of LCOC and the Pacific Northwest Region. In February 1986, I purchased a 1941 Lincoln Continental convertible. There were 1250 Continentals built in 1941, only 400 were Cabriolets, the rest were closed club coupes. I brought it home from Spokane in many rusty, greasy pieces. It had to wait patiently while I built another garage to store two other cars so work could begin on this new project.

On November 7, 1987, two guys, Dave and Bill, helped me put this rusted hulk of a car on blocks in my garage. There it languished with sporadic sheet metal work and occasional hunting for parts until 1998 when I retired. Then the work really began in earnest.

This was not my first restoration but it was my biggest and most costly challenge. There were countless moments of frustration and despite skepticism from many quarters, I pursued this labor of love. I did the vast majority of the work on it myself: doing my own body work, painting done in my own and a friend's garage, chasing down of hard-to-find-parts, and finally reassembling the car. It ended with a trip to a top shop for the new convertible top in the spring of 2010.

When asked to describe it, I always say, "It's not perfect, but it's a beauty and it's functional." I am still dealing with some small issues that should shortly be resolved. I want to acknowledge the following people for giving support, assistance and guidance: Alex, Bill, Dave, Dee, Dewey, Dick, Duane, Heinz, Jim, Johnny, Merv, Mike, Peter, Scott, and Will. And, of course, Judy for being there the whole time and not saying too often, "I told you so."



Picture above shows the car as it is being prepared for paint. Below is that same front today.



Left shows the '41's dash at the beginning. The sign hanging on the windshield says "Happy New Year - 1989." Also, note the glass of champagne sitting just outside the windshield. Left picture shows that beautiful dash today.

