

Indiana Lincoln Highway Association

*Preserving & Promoting the 1913 and 1928 Routes
of the Lincoln Highway in Indiana*

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Dear Friends of the Lincoln Highway,

All of us at the Indiana Lincoln Highway Association wish you the happiest of Holidays this season. May both the Christmas and New Year's Day celebrations treat you and your family well and your 2023 be filled with love and fun.

2022 was an eventful year for the INLHA. We placed or replaced 20 more BYWAY signs. We introduced 3 more modern-day Control Stations with 6' tall banners and local celebrations through partnerships with the Ligonier Visitor Center, the Studebaker National and History Museums in South Bend, and the Historical Society Museum in La Porte. We made presentations to several interested groups on the national and Indiana stretches of the LH. We are completing a project in partnership with Indiana Humanities, Indiana Landmarks, and the Elkhart County Convention and Visitors Bureau to identify in detail (and with great photography) the LH through Elkhart County. We have brought two new board members onto our team. And we continue to find great partners for other projects that share our story of historical significance and positive impacts on Indiana. It's great to be a Hoosier!

As a not-for-profit organization, we rely on memberships and gifts to accomplish our mission of education and our support of tourism. So we ask you to renew your membership if you have not already done so, and we seek a donation toward a couple of worthy causes as well. Remittance forms are on page 5.

- We have placed more than 200 Lincoln Highway BYWAY signs along the two alignments in both directions over the past several years, having received support from a variety of sources to get that done. On the other hand, this sign project is never really finished as we annually need more signs for new road alignments at roundabouts or traffic control situations, as well as for replacements due to accidents, theft or other reasons. Our goal to replenish our sign fund is \$2,500.
- In **June of 2024** we are hosting the national Lincoln Highway Association Conference in Elkhart County and welcoming fellow LHA members from all over the country...plus in keeping with our mission, opening up the planned tours and historic presentations to the public here in northern Indiana. We are soliciting sponsorships from a variety of businesses and funding sources to keep the costs affordable for all attendees, with a goal of \$10,000. Sponsorships will go toward paying for busses, meeting room rental, printing costs, and reducing admissions costs to selected museums and venues. Donors contributing \$100 or more will have their names added to our list of sponsors and thanked publicly throughout the Conference. Please save the date: the Conference will be during the week of June 23-29, 2024. You will see more details as we cement our plans and we hope you will join us!

We thank you in advance for your donation of any size to our organization—it is much appreciated! Again, we say THANK YOU for being part of our team. Blessings on your holidays and 2023!

Jeff Blain



Chief Menominee Statue



Restored Mobil Station



Bourbon LH Panels,



Crossroads Center Exhibit, Plymouth

October Outing in Plymouth

Thirteen INLHA members were able to enjoy a crisp fall day in Marshall County. After gathering at the Marshall County Historical Society Museum, we began our driving tour by stopping at the Chief Menominee/Trail of Tears memorial. Winding our way to the 1928 LH alignment we stopped to see the beautiful campus of Marian Ancilla College. We saw the original LH concrete marker in Donaldson before getting a tour of the restored Mobil service station in Plymouth. We passed the LH historical marker and LH barn quilt on our way to Bourbon where we saw their LH panels and downtown park. Returning to the Museum we spent time enjoying the train room with its vast layout of running model trains and the Crossroads Center with the large map showing the routes of the five historic highways that run through Marshall County: Lincoln and Dixie Highways, the Michigan Road, Yellowstone Trail, and Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

Our membership meeting followed lunch at the Museum. We were updated on the progress of signage work, Elkhart County Driving Guide, 2024 national LHA Conference planning, and new Facebook Group. We were pleased to affirm Mike Miley as a Board member. We are proud to be a part of the Indiana-wide initiative to promote tourism in the Hoosier state by joining many others using this identifier:



New Board Member



Mike Miley at the Crossroads Center Display

My name is Mike Miley. I was born on November 28, 1950, in Kirksville, Missouri. In September of 1952, after my father graduated from medical school, we moved to Plymouth, Indiana, where my father set up his practice.

I graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1969, then attended Arizona State University where I studied Political Science. I married my wife, Cindy, in December of 1971. We have two children and two grandchildren.

I worked as a property and casualty insurance broker for 45 years, retiring in 2017. I was involved with our insurance trade association, serving as President of the Independent Insurance Agents of Indiana and as Chairman of the Board of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America.

I have also been involved in many organizations in my community because I feel an extraordinarily strong obligation to give back. Some of the Activities I have been involved in include: coaching youth football and baseball teams; Plymouth Board of Parks and Recreation, serving as President; United Way of Marshall County, serving as President for two years; Marshall County Older Adult Services board member; Plymouth Industrial Development Corporation, serving as President for three years; Plymouth Economic Development Corporation, currently serving as Vice-President; Plymouth Redevelopment Commission, currently serving as President; Marshall County Historical Society, serving as President since 2016.

In my free time I enjoy spending time with my grandchildren, travel, history, playing golf and auto racing-- especially the Indianapolis 500.

You can contact me at mmiley1@outlook.com or Cell Phone: 574-274-5333.



Elkhart 2024!

By Jeff Blair

Have you heard?

- We added a Facebook **GROUP** in addition to our **PAGE!**
- On a **GROUP**, *anyone* can post their Lincoln Highway adventures! (Only *admins* can post on a Page.)
- Click [here](#) to join! (Mostly we post on the **GROUP** now.)

Indiana Lincoln Highway Association ... on the internet
FACEBOOK GROUP:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/indianalincolnhighway>

FACEBOOK PAGE:
<https://www.facebook.com/indianalincolnhighway>

WEBSITE: <https://indianalincolnhighway.org/>

Board member Lou Donkle has set this up for us and encourages all who use Facebook to join the group and post their Lincoln Highway experiences and photos on the Group page and react to others' posts. This is a great way to spread the word about the places the Lincoln Highway can take them!



We encourage you to join the national Lincoln Highway Association using this link or the form on p.5. <https://www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/support/> With that membership you **automatically become a member of the INLHA**, plus you will receive four issues a year of the 36-page full color *The Lincoln Highway Forum*, which contains articles, news, travel features, and new and historic photographs, a membership card, window decal, and an annual membership directory.

An alternative is to renew your Indiana Lincoln Highway Association membership using the form on p. 5. Benefits include three newsletters/year and updates on Indiana Lincoln Association activities.

If you no longer wish to receive mailings from the Indiana Lincoln Highway Association, please notify us and you will be promptly removed.

Last night (11-18) we were approved by the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Highway Association to hold the 2024 LHA National Conference here in Indiana. Specifically we are aiming for Elkhart and using the newly refurbished Hotel Elkhart. Now the fun starts as we begin the planning process to make it a memorable event for all attendees and attract a ton of people from across the US.

Russell Rein, Joyce Chambers, Bev Gillespie and I have all agreed to serve on a Committee to plan the event. The more the merrier, so if you can help, we need it. Our first step will be to confirm the dates of the Conference with the hotel and the CVB in Elkhart, as well as with our own LHA people. Simultaneously, I will be reaching out to the planning team to schedule a ZOOM call and begin a more detailed planning process-- budgeting, meals, speakers, division of labor, publicity, etc. Can you help? Please let us know.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2023 ~ INLHA ANNUAL MEETING –DATE/PLACE TBD

JUNE 12-16, 2023 ~ LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE

-FOLSOM, CA

JUNE 24 - 28, 2024 ~ LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE – ELKHART



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From the Mailbox



Judy at Tama Bridge



JH and LH logos in Colo

October 18, 2022

Dear Beverly and others:

I will miss being with you all next Saturday. I am leaving today for a trip to Baltimore, Maryland. But in case someone didn't see this on my Facebook page, this summer I made it as far west on the Lincoln Highway as Colo, Iowa. I am sorry I didn't think to take a selfie of me to prove it (although I don't like selfies) but I do have pictures.

My original goal was the famous bridge at Tama (I always thought that is as far as I would go). I was just takin' back a minute when I actually drove toward it and realized that I had made it!! And at Colo I happened onto the crossroads of the Lincoln Highway and the Jefferson Highway with traditional utility pole signs to mark them. It was an amazing trip.

I am thinking if I go back to the Iowa Speedway next July for the IndyCar race, I may just have to venture a little more west--at least to the Nebraska east side border cities. We will see.

Have a good meeting. Judy Greeson



Abe "Wanders Indiana"!



"There's more than corn in Indiana"



Schererville



Fort Wayne, Ind. – 10/18/2022

The City of Fort Wayne's Public Works Division and Fort Wayne Public Art Commission today commemorated the new "5 Point Spin" public art sculpture located at the center of the Five Points roundabout at Goshen Avenue and Sherman Boulevard.

The "5 Point Spin" sculpture, designed by artist Susan Zoccola, is a wheel-inspired sculptural "tree" that stands 24-feet tall and 21-feet wide. The sculpture includes three 12-foot branches that contain 15 spoke wheels reminiscent of automobile wheels from the early 1900s. The wheels are brightly colored and of varying sizes. The largest wheels are 6-feet in diameter.

The sculpture serves as a tribute to the historic Lincoln Highway and motorists who have travelled through the intersection over the last 100 years. Goshen Avenue was once part of the Lincoln Highway until 1928.

The "5 Point Spin" public art project is part of the City's recently completed Phase 1 of the Goshen Avenue reconstruction and modernization project. The first phase of the project was completed in October 2020.

The Goshen Avenue project included a conversion of the Five Points intersection, landscaping, improved drainage, new street lights and signalized intersection improvements, and the repair of existing sidewalks and curb ramps. New sidewalks were added in areas that were not previously connected.

John P. Felts

City of Fort Wayne Mayor's Office



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