



## Indiana Lincoln Highway Association

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

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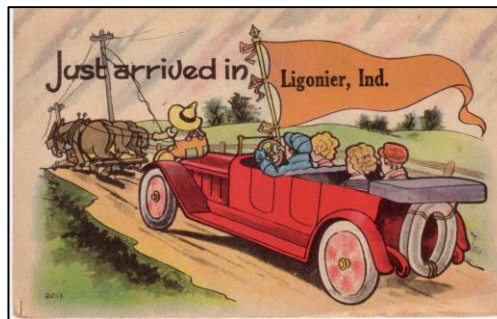
### From the President

Hello everybody...

I have full intentions of fulfilling my responsibilities of being the President of the INLHA – not alone, but with everyone contributing their expertise in your hometowns and the knowledge of your travels on the Lincoln Highway. Jeff Blair has shared a world of knowledge. Impossible to soak it all in.

A big thanks to Cyndi Schlemmer, she calls Ligonier her hometown. Plan on coming **Saturday, May 31 to Ligonier for our Spring Meeting** ... a city known for their numerous murals and art installations, not to mention some historical area favorites. Some of you might remember the drive around the **Kimmell House** where the bus tour took us for the Elkhart Conference. The meeting and lunch will be there.

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### INLHA Spring Event – Ligonier – May 31

Plans are being finalized for our Spring Gathering on Saturday, May 31 in Ligonier. The INLHA Board and I would love to have you join us! We will begin the day at the Ligonier Visitor Center (a Lincoln Highway Control Station) for a welcome and coffee/tea with your guide, Cyndi Schlemmer. Soon after we will travel the 1913 Lincoln Highway to the historic Kimmell House Inn just south of Kimmell where we will hold our meeting, tour the grounds, and experience the history and tradition of Victorian High Tea in their beautiful 1876 Italianate home. After lunch, we will walk the last brick portion of the highway in Indiana and travel back to Ligonier for a driving/walking tour of its extensive public art, including 30+ murals, bronze statues, and fountains. We have a great day planned! We hope you will meet us at 9:30 a.m. EDT at the Ligonier Visitor Center/Heritage Station Museum to kick off this fun event. We will be on the Lincoln Highway all day!

**9:30 – 10:15 EDT Welcome at Ligonier Visitor Center**, 800 Lincolnway S. Coffee & pastries, intro to Ligonier area, time to browse our Heritage Station Museum.

**10:15 – 10:30 Drive to Kimmell House Inn**, 1397 N US 33, Kimmell [www.kimmellhouseinn.com](http://www.kimmellhouseinn.com)

**10:30 - 1:00 Business meeting & High Tea at the Inn.**

**1:00 pm-Head back to Ligonier** (stopping at the last brick section of the Lincoln Highway in Indiana) for a driving/walking tour of Ligonier murals and public art.  
**Optional: Main Street architectural walking tour.**

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How many of you have plans to attend the National LHA Conference in Ogallala, Nebraska June 23-27 and/or the Middle Third Auto Tour June 17-26? The *Winter LH Forum* has registration and details, which can also be found here: <https://www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org> I am going to do my best to attend. There is so much to see along the Lincoln Highway and discovering all the fascinating history that comes with it when crossing the country.

Wishing you all the best ... hoping we can all work together to keep the INLHA forever active in preserving the miles in our state and promoting the entire Lincoln Highway. We can then enjoy road trips coast to coast across the country forever.

## Mishawaka High Alumni LH Talk

By Joyce Chambers



Joyce Chambers



Informational Table

On April 2, Bev Gillespie and I gave a presentation "The Lincoln Highway - NOT Just a Blue Line" for my Mishawaka High School Alumni monthly luncheon which included showing "The Lincoln Highway Story" DVD and PowerPoint scenes of "Then and Now" Mishawaka along Lincolnway. We also had our LHA/INLHA Informational table available. A few of the "older" Alumni stated, "The town scenes brought back so many memories!" Mishawaka High School is on Lincolnway, and recently celebrated its centennial.

## Spring Meeting Site ~ May 31



Kimmell House Inn B & B



Kimmell House Dining Room

## Movin' on Down the Road



Remedy Building - LH post in lower right corner

In 2007, the Lincoln Highway Association established a national headquarters in South Bend in the lower level of the 1895 Remedy Building on Washington Street, then owned by Indiana Landmarks. A dedication ceremony was held, which included erecting a reproduction concrete post.

When the national office was closed in 2008, the Indiana Chapter opted to continue renting the space as our office and archives.



Post slightly damaged during digging; being loaded onto truck.

In 2017, Indiana Landmarks sold the Remedy Building and moved to the carriage house of the Kizer mansion, four blocks west on Washington St. A group of Notre Dame students participating in a Community Service day dug up the marker and brought it to the carriage house garage where it languished for several years.



It was later moved to Deb & Dave Parcell's home in Goshen, when we thought perhaps it could be placed at the nearby Benton Cabins property—although that is on the 1913 alignment of the Lincoln Highway.

Recently we heard of interest for a post in the town of Hanna on the 1928 alignment. Their Lions Club had recently completed painting the bridges east and west of town with Lincoln Highway markings.

On March 17, the post was moved to its appropriate final resting place. It will be placed in front of the Hanna Library where it will be visible to all who drive through town! Thank you, Jim Jessup and Hanna Lions, for providing a good permanent home for the post! We look forward to attending its dedication!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MAY 31, 2025 ~ INLHA SPRING GATHERING – LIGONIER**

**JUNE 6-7, 2025 – INLHA INFORMATIONAL TABLE AT THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB ZONE MEET, SOUTH BEND**

**JUNE 17-26, 2025 ~ LHA MIDDLE THIRD TOUR, DRIVING FROM JOLIET, IL TO CHEYENNE, WY**

**JUNE 23-27, 2025 ~ LHA NATIONAL CONFERENCE – OGALLALA, NEBRASKA**

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## Welcome, New Members!

Charles & Lucia Hughes – Hightown, VA  
John Smith – Carmel, IN

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## THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO OUR YEAR-END FUNDRAISER

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## New LH Panels in the Works

Recent locally-initiated interest in promoting the Lincoln Highway, which goes through their downtowns, was expressed by New Haven, Valparaiso, and Schererville. Needless to say, the INLHA is pleased to partner with them by helping with research and design ideas, and potentially some cost-sharing.



Beacon Planter



LH post and commemorative plaque

In 2024, New Haven marked a Lincoln Highway bridge, and placed several Discovery Sites, depicting their transportation history, in parks and other areas. The Beacon Planter at City Hall commemorates the Lincoln Highway's influence on the town. In addition, City Hall has a plaque and LH post. Now they are envisioning a panel that will contain more detailed information and images. Jeff Blair is working with LH member Mayor Steve McMichael and Zack Washler on this project.



New Lincoln Highway Garage



Original LH bricks

A lot is going on in downtown Valparaiso! Lou Donkle and Debi Oelling are working with city officials to place a panel(s) on the newly constructed Lincoln Highway Garage. Original LH bricks have been relocated to Valparaiso Street.



Debi, Bev, and Nancy



Lincoln Highway bookcase

Shererville is considering a panel to be placed near the LH post on the Town Hall property along the walking trail. Debi Oelling and Bev Gillespie visited Nancy Finley of the Schererville Historical Society to do some research for the project. Much of the LH collection was donated by the late LHA member, Art Schweitzer.



# INLHA Spring 2025 Event Registration Form

Registration deadline: May 24

Please return the form and payment by mail or online by May 24.

INLHA, c/o Debi Oelling, 1080 Linwood Ave., Valparaiso, IN 46383

Online at [www.indianalincolnhighway/](http://www.indianalincolnhighway/) Click on the **Welcome to the Indiana Lincoln Highway tab** and scroll down to the **DONATE** button. Put **Spring Event** for the memo. Please add \$1.00 for processing fee.

Questions? Call Debi: 219-921-4481

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Email or phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (number @ \$35.00/person) **Victorian High Tea**

**The meal includes each person's own assortment of chicken salad and egg salad on croissants, a cucumber sandwich, scones, cupcakes, fresh fruit, other specialty desserts and a drink of your choice.**

All other refreshments and tours will be courtesy of the Ligonier Visitor Center.

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Special instructions: \_\_\_\_\_