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Ed and Kay Shelton Kozak and Jeff Blair unveil LH panels

Schererville Panels Unveiled

On June 13, Schererville held its 2026 Schererville Fest which included a parade through town along the Lincoln Highway and the unveiling of two new LH historical panels in the courtyard in front of their Town Hall near the existing 1928 concrete post and popular walking trail.

Over the prior six months, Bev Gillespie and Jeff Blair worked closely with local historian Nancy Finley and town leaders Andy Hansen and Janice Malinowski reviewing the history of the LHA and Schererville, the path of the LH through town, and its impacts over the years in order to produce these panels.

President Kay Shelton Kozak and "First Gentleman" Ed Kozak joined several INLHA members and Schererville citizens to dedicate the panels and enjoy the parade. We are proud to have similar panels, modern day Control Stations, 1928 posts, and/or monuments in 18 of the 33 towns on the two alignments of the LH in Indiana.



Thomas Marshall Home



Whitley County Historical Museum

Join Us in Columbia City

Set your course for Columbia City on October 10! We will be on or close to the 1928 route for our Fall Gathering. Plan to join us to see local landmarks and hear interesting stories from the area from as far back as the Revolutionary War. Our "home base" will be the Whitley County Historical Museum at the home of Thomas Marshall, former governor of Indiana and Woodrow Wilson's vice president. Cost for the day is \$20 which includes lunch. Come for the tours, lunch and meeting, or both!

9:30 EDT- Meet at the Museum at 801 W Jefferson St.

9:45 - Columbia City downtown architectural walking tour followed by a short driving tour of historical points of interest on the Lincoln Highway. We may also be able to tour the Thomas Marshall home.

11:30 - Membership meeting The meeting agenda will include a financial report, updates on current activities, and more. The agenda and background information will be provided in advance to each registrant to expedite the meeting.

12:30 - Lunch catered by The Square, followed by conclusion of business meeting if necessary. We will finish by 2:00.

Please register by October 7 so we have an accurate count for lunch and can send you meeting materials. Register by mail, phone, or online – see p. 3 for INLHA contact info and p. 4 for registration form.

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1876 Boyd home housed LH travelers

George Rogge Heritage Collection Grand Opening

LHA member George Rogge invites you to his 1876 home on the Lincoln Highway in Merrillville on October 23rd from 4-8 p.m. CDT. Among his collections are Lincoln Highway items. <https://shorturl.at/KFtPp>

Spectacular entertainment, great BBQ, Rogge Racer Beer and a wine bar are awaiting you at the Rogge Boyd Ranch!

There are hundreds of never-before-seen collections, curated over the past 70+ years, on display for the very first time. This is it. Don't miss it! Get your tickets at the link above. For those who have already purchased tickets, thank you! Can't wait to see you! George Rogge

Spring Gathering

On April 18, INLHA members enjoyed a day in South Bend, taking a caravan tour of LH and SB sites including the Military Honor Park & Museum on the grounds of South Bend International Airport, LH remnants, the LH display at the Indiana Dinosaur Museum/South Bend Chocolate Factory, and sites along the Studebaker/Bendix/Oliver Trail. Lunch and spring meeting were at the IN Landmarks office in a historic auto dealership/garage building that also houses Ivy Alley Social House, our caterer for the day.



Military Honor Park IN Landmarks / Ivy Alley Social House



LH Panel at Dinosaur Museum



Old LH remnant at SBN

Summer Scenes



Joyce Chambers at INLHA booth at the Studebaker Meet

Studebaker Drivers Club Show & Swap Meet

On June 5-6, Joyce Chambers and Bev Gillespie had their usual spot for the LHA/INLHA informational table at the annual Studebaker Swap Meet at the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair Grounds in South Bend. This is a good opportunity to educate folks about the Lincoln Highway. Many had stories of their own about living near or traveling on it.



Motorcars of the Lincoln Highway Jeff Blair (L)



Concours d'Elegance at Copshaholm

The 2026 Concours d'Elegance at Copshaholm was "an extraordinary celebration of automotive design, history, and innovation held at the beautiful grounds of the Oliver Mansion – Copshaholm - in South Bend" on July 10 and 11. One of the twelve judging classes was Motorcars of the Lincoln Highway, an open class for 1913-1926 automobiles. Shown above is a 1913 Packard with a Prest-O-Lite cylinder on the running board made by Lincoln Highway founder Carl Fisher and James Allison's company.

New to the Concours this year was *Automotive History Live!*, a full day of presentations by leading automotive historians and authors. Our own Jeff Blair was the Lincoln Highway expert on the panel discussion: *Mother Roads: The Lincoln Highway, Route 66, and the Interstate Highway System.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**OCTOBER 10 ~ 9:30 EDT INLHA FALL GATHERING,
COLUMBIA CITY ~ THE THOMAS MARSHALL
HOUSE/MUSEUM**

**OCTOBER 23 ~ GEORGE ROGGE HERITAGE
COLLECTION OPENING - MERRILLVILLE**

**MAY 2027 ~ INLHA SPRING EVENT – PLACE AND DATE
TBD**

**JUNE 4-5, 2027 ~ STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB
CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY FAIR
GROUNDS, SOUTH BEND. INLHA WILL HAVE AN
INFORMATIONAL TABLE**

**JUNE 21-24, 2027 ~ LINCOLN HIGHWAY
ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE – LIMA, OH**

**AUGUST 12-14, 2027 ~ LINCOLN HIGHWAY
BUY-WAY YARD SALE**

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Byway sign in South Bend



Melissa Hicks with small sign

INLHA Attends the Indiana State Scenic Byways Conference

By Cyndi Schlemmer

The Indiana State Scenic Byways Conference was held Thursday, June 4 in Nashville, Indiana in the Brown County History Center. Representatives from many of the byways were in attendance along with INDOT, IDDC, and Indiana Landmarks. Attendees enjoyed a panel discussion with INDOT's Brandon Burgoa and Allison Gross, a presentation by Noelle Szydyk from Indiana Destination Development Corp., a fascinating "History of Roads in Indiana" talk by Jim Grey, updates from at least eight of the byways, and a discussion of collaboration efforts. The day was capped by a dedication of the Hoosier Hills State Scenic Byway in downtown Nashville, followed by a reception at Moontown Brewing Co.

The Indiana Lincoln Highway Association was represented by Cyndi Schlemmer, our treasurer. During the updates session, Cyndi reported on the over 200 historic byway signs we maintain along the 1913 and 1928 Routes, and the newer 12" x 12" plastic signs that we are distributing to businesses along the routes to display in their windows. She also talked about the several educational panels and kiosks that we have on both routes, including two new panels that were being dedicated June 13 in Schererville. Updates were also given by Ohio River Scenic Byway, Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway, Wabash River Road Scenic Byway, Hoosier Hills Scenic Byway, Indiana Historic Pathways, Historic National Road, and Historic Michigan Road, along with some other ongoing preservation efforts in the state. Several of the other byways remarked that they thought our window sign idea was great and they might "steal" it!

Thank you to Kurt Garner (Michigan Road and Wabash River Scenic Byway) for organizing this gathering, and Matt Rust and Cristina Villani of the Brown County CVB for hosting this event.

York LHA Conference



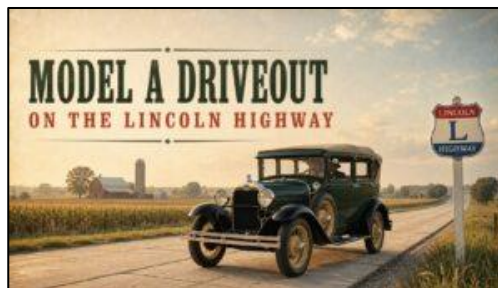
Indiana Chapter Members at the 2026 LHA Conference

Eighteen INLHA members made the trek –several driving the Lincoln Highway—to York, PA, for the 2026 LHA Conference. It was a well-planned celebration of The Road to Independence and offered something for everyone!

The host hotel was the Yorktowne Hotel, very similar in architecture and vintage to Hotel Elkhart.

Bus tours included the Gettysburg Battlefield tour, Chambersburg tour, or the Columbia and Lancaster tour. Speaker Day provided fascinating talks, and local guides led participants to visit sites in downtown York.

An optional Friday all-day tour to Philadelphia rounded out the week. Heartfelt thanks to Tom Davidson and his team for an amazing week in Pennsylvania!



by Ken Foley

On August 22, the Highland Model A Restorer's Club and their guests from the Indiana Lincoln Highway Association set out on a 26-mile trek along the old Lincoln Highway through Porter and Lake Counties to the Dyer Town Hall and Museum. A line of 25 Model A Fords enjoyed the driving trip! Below is a short recap by Ken. Read his entire story at the end of this newsletter. Editor

Regarding the drive-out: Breakfast was tasty and quick. The journey was uneventful – no roadside seminars or lost participants. Town Hall accommodations were wonderful, as was the townsfolk's hospitality. Lunch was delicious. Jeff Blair's presentation was informative and a great cap to the overall event. The Dyer Historical Society Museum exhibits were worth seeing. A drive-out leader could ask for nothing more!

INLHA Fall Event Registration Form

Select the entree/s and return the form and payment by mail or online by October 7.

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_____ (number @ \$20.00/person) –**Lunch** catered by The Square. Please indicate the number of each choice. Descriptions below. Price includes entrée, beverage, tax, and gratuity.

_____ Cobb Salad _____ Surf Sandwich _____ Breaded Pork Loin Sandwich _____ Grilled Turkey Club

Name/s _____ Email/ phone _____

Amount enclosed: _____ Online: [Welcome to the Indiana Chapter – Lincoln Highway Association | Indiana Lincoln Highway Association](#)– scroll down to the DONATE button. **Please add \$1.00 each for processing fee.**

Circle Beverage: Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mist Twist, Lemonade. Special instructions: _____

Sandwiches: All sandwiches are served with French or Waffle Fries (**circle choice**)

Surf: Hand breaded and deep-fried Alaskan Pollock topped with our tartar sauce on a toasted bun;

Breaded Pork Loin served on a bun; **Grilled Turkey Club:** Triple decker sandwich loaded with turkey and bacon, topped with lettuce, tomato, and mayo

Cobb Salad: Grilled chicken, bacon, hardboiled egg, tomatoes, cheese, black olives, onions and croutons on a bed of lettuce. **Circle dressing:** French, House Ranch, Raspberry Vinaigrette, Honey Mustard

For Vegetarian, specify no meats