



# The Lincoln Highway Comes of Age

*A Nationwide Millennium Project*

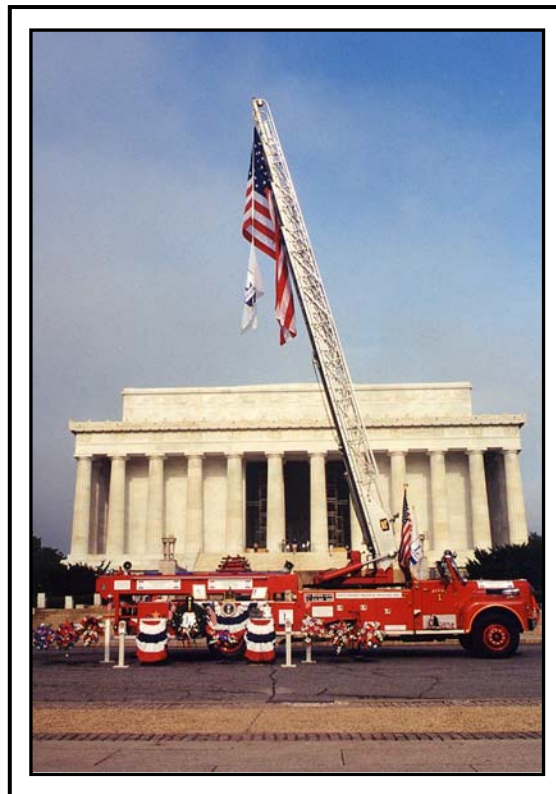


The Lincoln Highway  
National Museum & Archives  
102 Old Lincoln Way West  
Galion, Ohio



**"The Unfinished Journey"**  
*"Celebrating America's Spirit Together"*  
*"Spirit of the Lincoln Way"*

Marietta, Ohio  
Irwin, PA to San Francisco, CA  
July 29, 2001



***Press Kit***

[www.lincoln-highway-museum.org](http://www.lincoln-highway-museum.org)

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## Notable Facts

**"The Unfinished Journey"**

**"Link Across America"**

*Millennium Tour - 2000*

Started July 29, 2000 at Lincoln Memorial  
then on to Times Square and Parts West to  
Commemorate 1915 "Film & Flag Trip" of Lincoln Highway Association.

**Goal is Fourfold:**

- 1. Carry "Sacred Fire of Liberty" Across Nation.*
- 2. Stop in Every Town on The Lincoln Highway  
Raise the American and Lincoln Highway Flag on 100' Ladder.*
- 3. Get 5 Million People to "Put in Their Two Cents"  
to build the World's Largest Penny Statue of Mr. Lincoln.*
- 4. Meet with Civic Leaders Encourage them to  
Nominate their Portion of Highway for  
White House Community Millennium Trail Designation.*

Museum is Largest Sponsor in the White House Program.

Have Visited 88 of 450 Towns so Far.

Beginning again on July 29, 2001.

## Lincoln Highway

**"The World's Greatest Living Memorial"**

First Transcontinental Highway in the United States

**\*\* Object Lesson in Good Road Building the World Over \*\***

Started in 1913 by Carl G. Fisher, Founder of the Indy 500.

*"Let's Build It Before We're too Old to Enjoy It"*

Begins - Times Square, New York City

Ends - Lincoln Park, San Francisco

3400 Miles Across 12 States.

## Fire Truck

**"Spirit of the Lincoln Way"**

1964 Maxim - Open Cab Hook & Ladder, 100' Ladder

Purchased for \$6000 - Paid for in Uncut Sheets of Five Dollar Bills

Taken off the Wall from Display at Museum - "It's all the Money I Had..."

817 Cubic Inch, 300 HP, 6 Cylinder Waukesha Engine, Dual Ignition, 4 MPG

Originally in Service: Marietta, Ohio

GPS Locater onboard - [www.lincoln-highway-museum.org](http://www.lincoln-highway-museum.org)

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## **Notable Facts**

### **"Light Around the World"**

**National Lincoln Highway Day-October 31st**

**"Keep Alive...The Sacred Fire of Liberty"**

On October 31, 1913 the Lincoln Highway was Officially Dedicated.

Over 300 towns across America held Bon Fire Celebrations.

President Clinton petitioned to Declare National Lincoln Highway Day and Form "Light Around the World".

### **"A Nation Pays Tribute"**

**"The Perfect Tribute"**

Museum Sponsoring 10 Year Nationwide Tribute to Abraham Lincoln.

Will Host a Variety of Historic Events on Lincoln Highway and Funeral Train Route Leading up to The Bicentennial Celebration of Mr. Lincoln's Birth in 2009.

Will Present Official Wreath at Lincoln Memorial for Mr. Lincoln's Birthday.

Asks Citizens and Communities Worldwide to Send Wreath to Museum in Honor of Mr. Lincoln for Presentation Around Fire Truck this February 12th.

### **"The Lincoln Highway Comes of Age"**

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Founder & Director, Craig Harmon started "The Lincoln Highway Comes of Age" on January 12, 1999 to Commemorate the 85th Anniversary of the Lincoln Highway in Galion.

The Nationwide kickoff was Held on Mr. Lincoln's Birthday, February 12th  
Special Presentation of "An Evening with Abraham Lincoln"

By Gene Griessman, Nationally know Lincoln Portrayer and Author of the Book,  
The Words Lincoln Lived By - 52 Timeless Principals to Light Your Path.

### **The National Museum & Archives**

The Idea Came in 1998, after a 43 Day Commemorative Photo Trip Across America on The Lincoln Highway in a One Ton Bucket Truck.

Opened in May of 1999 with World Famous White House Exhibition

The White House Exhibition was Recently on Display in Washington for the 200th Anniversary of The White House.

On June 12th Hosted Special 75th Birthday Tribute to Former President George Bush in an "Evening at The White House with Mr. Lincoln"

Played by Gene Griessman, Nationally Known Lincoln Portrayer.

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## Notable Facts

### "All Roads Lead to Galion, Ohio"

In 1917, The Galion Iron Works & Manufacturing Company  
Produced 47 Different Kinds of Road Building Equipment  
That Helped Build The Lincoln Highway and America's Blossoming Road System.  
They were One of the World's Largest Producers of Road Building Equipment.  
Won the Gold Medal for their "Premier Road Grader" at the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition.  
They also made Enamel Road Sign ...One Being  
"All Roads Lead to Galion, Ohio"

### The GALION Destiny Speech

On February 12, 1914  
a Lincoln Birthday Banquet was held at  
The Galion Commercial Club.  
The Rev. A.E. I. Boss was called upon  
to Characterize the Qualities of  
Abraham Lincoln.  
He Chose...  
Grit, Ambition, Loyalty, Industry, Organization, and Nobility.  
GALION

### The Lincoln Highway Hotel

**Central Hotel**  
Built 1851- 54 Rooms  
Public Square in Galion, Ohio  
Across the Street from Lincoln Highway Museum.  
Plans call for the Complete Renovation of Derelict  
Historic Hotel using Lincoln Highway Theme

Suites to be Named for Lincoln Highway Notables  
Carl Fisher Suite-Founder  
Henry B. Joy Suite-Founder  
Frank Seiberling Suite, Founder

Presidential Suite to be Exact Replica of Lincoln Bedroom  
at The White House.

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## Notable Facts

**[www.lincoln-highway-museum.org](http://www.lincoln-highway-museum.org)**

Over 200 Pages of Historical Facts and Information.

Lincoln Highway History

Museum Events

*"Link Across America"* Journal & Photos

Two Flags over America-Photos

"Put in YOUR Two Cents"

World's Largest Penny Statue

Application Forms in PDF Format

Lincoln Highway Press Publications -PDF Format

Hi-Res Photos for Media Publication

E-mail

## Lincoln Highway Press

Provides Accurate Historical Data for  
Historians, Civic Leaders, Libraries, Schools,  
Universities and Other Interested Parties

Features Over 12 Original Publications

By Craig Harmon, Founder & Director.

Reprints of Over 90

Original Historic Lincoln Highway Publications  
are Slated for Publication.

## Lincoln Highway Collectibles

The Lincoln Highway National Museum & Archives  
has Available for Sale:

Lincoln Highway License Plates

Lincoln Highway Pennants

1928 Lincoln Highway Bronze Medallions

Lincoln Highway Press Publications

Norman Rockwell Lincoln Images

Other Assorted Lincoln Books and Material

## Funding

**Send Help...Fast!!**

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## **Notable Facts**

### **Notable Distinctions**

Spirit of the Lincoln Way Fire Truck in 54th Inaugural Parade  
President George W. Bush  
Museum invited to place wreath at Lincoln Memorial  
Presented 39 Wreaths  
"A Nation Pays Tribute"  
Lincoln National Birthday Celebration  
Largest Sponsor in the Nation of White House Community Millennium Trails.  
Article on "Link Across America" Millennium Tour - 2000  
in Nov/Dec Issue of Preservation Magazine,  
Magazine of The National Trust for Historic Preservation.  
Honored by Ohio Congressman Mike Oxley with Tribute  
on Floor of U.S. House of Representatives - October 17, 2000.  
"Spirit of the Lincoln Way" Fire Truck Appeared on **NBC Today Show** at  
Beginning of "Link Across America" Tour.  
Also Appeared on 7 Local Network News Shows, Associated Press Wire Photos  
and Numerous Local and Regional Newspapers Across the Country.

## **Craig Harmon, Founder & Director**

### **The Lincoln Highway National Museum & Archives**

45 Years Old, Eagle Scout, Graphic Artist, Book Publisher, News Photographer  
Computer Technician, Tree Service Owner, Former Coin Dealer & Ranger at Girl Scout Camp.

Graduate, Miami University of Ohio  
Museum Hosts Miami University Lincoln Collection  
Including a Lock of Mr. Lincoln's Hair.

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