

My Pride and Joy

As told by Stef Balis.

My pride and joy is my 1960 Lincoln Premiere 4-Door Landau. The story begins on a warm July afternoon in 1975. I was 20. I was out junkyarding for parts for my first car, a 1955 Cadillac Fleetwood. I was in a small yard off Route 15 in Wharton, NJ where



Two great classics, a McDonald - Douglas DC 7B and a 1960 Lincoln Premiere.

I came across something very unusual: a large luxury car, very wide, very long, with a huge interior, and large wrap-around windshield. I liked the combination of the black moiré fabric and pearlescent white leather, and what was once a glossy black exterior paint, now oxidized to matte finish. "What year was it?" I mused. The brake light lens said "60"--1960. Putting the information together from the brake light lens and other badges, I determined it to be a 1960 Lincoln Premiere. It was mostly complete, missing just some power window switches and the radio, and the right rear tire was flat. It had a broken antenna, one door dent, but not much else wrong that I could see. The odometer read 57,000 miles. The interior, baking in the summer heat, produced a unique aroma that somehow made me think back to the Summer of 1960, when I was 5--an idyllic time in my life.

While on the way out of the junkyard, by coincidence, I ran into it's last owner. I learned from him that the car had been sitting there for about 3 years. He explained that at the time it needed an exhaust system to pass inspection, which he couldn't afford because his wife was in the hospital. The town insisted he either get it repaired and inspected or else get rid of it. So with great reluctance he sold it to the junkyard. "We really enjoyed it," he reminisced, "It was like driving

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down the highway in your living room."

I returned home--about 40 miles away in Fort Lee--in my '55 Cadillac. Over the next couple of months I thought about this '60 Lincoln Premiere, but I had a dilemma: I wanted this car, but I felt that buying it would be "disloyal" to my Cadillac. I equivocated back and forth before finally realizing that I had to have it. Finally, in late November, I decided to rescue the Lincoln from the junkyard and so drove the 40 miles back to Wharton.

It was gone!! "What happened to the '60 Lincoln?" I asked of the junkyard owner. "I had it crushed a couple of weeks ago," said the old fool. "Why?!" I asked. "Nobody was buying any parts from it" came the reply. I could hardly believe it; such a waste, too.

My new "love" was crushed--and so was I. I drove back home and broke the sad news to my parents. My dad said philosophically, "He who hesitates, loses." He was right. It was one of the major lessons I would learn in life. I vowed, however, to some day find one just like it!

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I went on to college, then got into my first career, aviation. In 1978, I moved to Florida, where amongst

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Trivia from the Internet

New Years Traditions



The most commonly sung song for English-speakers on New Year's eve, "Auld Lang Syne" is an old Scottish song that was first published by the poet Robert Burns in the 1796 edition of the book, *Scots Musical Museum*. Burns transcribed it (and made some refinements to the lyrics) after he heard it sung by an old man from the Ayrshire area of Scotland, Burns's homeland.

It is often remarked that "Auld Lang Syne" is one of the most popular songs that nobody knows the lyrics to. "Auld Lang Syne" literally translates as "old long since" and means "times gone by." The song asks whether old friends and times will be forgotten and promises to remember people of the past with fondness, "For auld lang

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Editors Message

Christmas Day evening. Marion, Faithie and I have spent a very quiet Christmas holiday at home, watching television, which included two hours of the "Christmas Story", which was the subject of last month's trivia column. While watching one of many unremarkable movies, I was working away on the January issue of the newsletter, which we hope to be able to finish and mail this coming Monday.

2008 was a good year for the Northstar Region. We had a year full of events that really encouraged our membership to attend en-masse. We had a lot of new members attend events for the first time and that was good. So much of the information about the club flows one way, from us to you, and that doesn't always provide us with the best perspective on how the club is really doing. It is always nice to get to meet our members and visit one-on-one and get a feel for what they like about our club and what changes we should make down the road. We have a fine schedule of activities for 2009, but there is always room for change. Please let us know where you want the Northstar Region to go. Call or email any of your board members today.

Several of the auto blogs have had pictures of Lincoln's new MKT, poorly disguised, running around the streets of Dearborn, presumably doing some pre-

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production shakeout testing. It will be formally announced at the Detroit Auto Show, in January, if there are any car manufacturers still in business by then. Ford appears to be in the best shape financially, with plenty of new product coming out the door soon and



Faithie is ready for the January cold weather with her new booties and her warm scarf. Let the cold winds blow.

may weather the great financial storm ok. The MKT appears to be larger than the MKS and most likely will be the replacement for the venerable Town Car, which will be journeying off into the sunset in another year or two. That is a shame too, as the Town Car was a terrific value and the quality and dependability of the current ones was really quite good. And they are a genuine six passenger sedan. V6 engines are back in vogue and a twin-turbo version will be

available in the MKT and MKS, making about 340 horses, which should enable them to pull away from the stoplights with great vigor. A far cry from the 3.8 liter V6's installed in the Continental's of the early '90's.

January lies ahead. One of the coldest months and what seems to be one of the longest also. But with nicer weather only 12 weeks or so in the future, we can easily endure this wintery month.

Till next month, David, Marion and Sweet Faithie, the Samoyed.

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syne, we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet."

The lesser known verses continue this theme, lamenting how friends who once used to "run about the braes, / And pou'd the gowans fine" (run about the hills and pulled up the daisies) and "paidl'd in the burn / Frae morning sun till dine" (paddled in the stream from morning to dusk) have become divided by time and distance—"seas between us braid hae roar'd" (broad seas have roared between us). Yet there is always time for old friends to get together—if not in person then in memory—and "tak a right guid-willie waught" (a good-will drink).

But it was bandleader Guy Lombardo, and not Robert Burns, who popularized the song and turned it into a New Year's tradition. Lombardo first heard "Auld Lang Syne" in his hometown of London, Ontario, where it was sung by Scottish immigrants. When he and his brothers formed the famous dance band, Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians, the song became one of their standards. Lombardo played the song at midnight at a New Year's eve party at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City in 1929, and a tradition was born. After that, Lombardo's version of the

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Directors Message by Bob Johnson

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Mary and I hope that you all had a joyous Christmas, and will have a great new year ahead. We had a very special Christmas present at Thanksgiving when our daughter Lori and family surprised us by driving up from Lafayette, Indiana. Having the whole family together is what makes this time of year very special.

What a great year 2008 was for our North Star Region, the high light being the Mid America National Meet in Duluth. But who can forget all the other great events we had: Frank Warner's Car Show, Annual Picnic at Morries, and Year End Sunday Brunch at Al Bakers just to name a few of our activities. On behalf of our North Star Board of Directors, we thank everyone for making 2008 such a special year, we hope that you had fun and made many new friends. You, the members, are the North Star Region and your efforts have made this such a wonderful organization. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help or host our activities. We thank all long time members for your continuing support; new members we welcome you to the Lincoln hobby, hope that you have had a fun time at our events and hope you will make new friendships that will last a life time. Please volunteer to help at our activities, remember this North Star Region is what you have made it.

Our first activity for 2008 will be a Sunday Brunch, Tinucci's, 396 21st Street, Newport, January 4th, 11:30 AM. We will have a private room that we want to fill, so please attend, come and join us for fun and fine food. RSVP to Bob Johnson, 651-257-1715 by Thursday, January 2nd. A RSVP is a courtesy for the restaurant so they know how many to expect, if you can't RSVP you still can attend as there should be plenty of room.

Dave Gustafson will be sending out Region Membership renewals the middle of January, please help him with this task by promptly returning your renewal form and dues of \$20.00, for 2009. Please update your personal information, with current list of Lincolns, phone numbers and email address. We had 21 new members in 2008 and we are now mailing 158 newsletters each month.

It is AGAIN time for our annual appeal, not money but your time to write a "My Pride and Joy Article" about your favorite Lincoln. Please take a moment or two to tell everyone about your Lincoln/s and what you enjoy about them. Your articles are so special that many of them have been reprinted in our national club magazine, Lincoln and Continental Comments. The North Star region is the only Region that has a MONTHLY newsletter and your car articles are its cornerstone.

As always, keep the journey continuing in our marvelous Lincolns.

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song was played every New Year's eve from the 1930s until 1976 at the Waldorf Astoria. In the first years it was broadcast on radio, and then on television. The song became such a New Year's tradition that "Life magazine wrote that if Lombardo failed to play 'Auld Lang Syne,' the American public would not believe that the New Year had really arrived."

The birthplace of "Auld Lang Syne" is also the home of Hogmanay (hog-mah-NAY), the rousing Scottish New Year's celebration (the origins of the name are obscure). One of the traditions is "first-footing." Shortly after midnight on New Year's eve, neighbors pay visits to each other and impart New Year's wishes. Traditionally, First foots used to bring along a gift of coal for the fire, or shortbread. It is considered especially lucky if a tall, dark, and handsome man is the first to enter your house after the new year is rung in. The Edinburgh Hogmanay celebration is the largest in the country, and consists of an all-night street party.

The new year is the most important holiday

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other occupations, I was a co-pilot and a flight engineer on cargo planes. Most of my flight time was flying classic propliners such as the Douglas DC-6, DC-7, and the Lockheed Super Constellation--planes I had yearned to fly since age 12.

In 1988, I finally was in a financial position to go after another 1960 Lincoln Premiere. I placed want-ads in Hemming's Motor News, Cars & Parts, and Old Cars Weekly. It had to match the first car exactly: Presidential Black exterior, black moiré fabric and pearlescent white leather, all the desirable accessories--including air-conditioning. After some false starts, I got a call from a guy in New York City, Robert Mannino, a collector, who had seen an ad in a Mid-western paper (Deals on Wheels) and got in touch with me. We disagreed on the mechanism of this transaction. Mannino wanted me to give him \$5400.00 for a car he didn't actually own. "No dice," said I. I finally went into Manhattan, met him at his apartment with a cashier's check for \$1000.00, got the owner on the phone and we all agreed on the terms. I paid Mannino his \$1000.00 finders fee, then flew out to Omaha to see the actual owner, Roger Moritz, to whom I paid \$4400.00. Finally I got to see it in person. I was thrilled to find that it was practically identical to the first '60 Lincoln Premiere. The date was November 14th, 1988--thirteen years after losing the opportunity to buy the first '60 Lincoln.

It's now 2008 and I've now owned my Lincoln for exactly 20 years. With only 67,110 miles on the odometer, the car had been very well cared for during her previous 28 years. My Lincoln Premiere, serial number OY74H41630, was built in February 1960 at the Wixom Plant, and delivered to William H. "Bill" Cote of Chicago (the car came with a plaque on the dash bearing his name). When he died in the late 1960's, his daughter drove it to college for a while, then the family stored it in a garage for 7 years. She met a car dealer in Council Bluffs, Iowa and they dated for a while. He bought it from her, drove it to Iowa, and kept it for his own occasional use. The dealer, trading as Regency Motors, kept it for about 6 months until an old car enthusiast, Roger Mohr, bought it in 1977 for \$2000.00. He drove it very little, putting on just 1000 miles in the 11 years he owned it. The next guy to buy it in 1988, was Roger Moritz, who paid \$3300.00 for it--mainly as an investment. I drove the car back to New Jersey without any problems. Then in the Spring of 1989, I moved to Minnesota, where I joined Sun Country Airlines in maintenance management. My Lincoln has been parked in the same garage at Village Park Apts. (formerly Versailles) for the last 19 years.

The car has been very reliable. It has needed few repairs and restoration work over the years. As was true for the gentleman who had to reluctantly send his

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in Japan, and is a symbol of renewal. In December, various *Bonenkai* or "forget-the-year parties" are held to bid farewell to the problems and concerns of the past year and prepare for a new beginning. Misunderstandings and grudges are forgiven and houses are scrubbed. At midnight on Dec. 31, Buddhist temples strike their gongs 108 times, in a effort to expel 108 types of human weakness. New Year's day itself is a day of joy and no work is to be done. Children receive *otoshidamas*, small gifts with money inside. Sending New Year's cards is a popular tradition—if post-marked by a certain date, the Japanese post office guarantees delivery of all New Year's cards on Jan. 1.

The Spanish ritual on New Year's eve is to eat twelve grapes at midnight. The tradition is meant to secure twelve happy months in the coming year.

The Dutch burn bonfires of Christmas trees on the street and launch fireworks. The fires are meant to purge the old and welcome the new.

In Greece, New Year's day is also the Festival of St. Basil, one of the founders of the Greek Orthodox Church. One of the traditional foods served is *Vasilopitta*, or St Basil's cake.

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Lincoln to the junkyard, the most expensive repair project was replacement of the exhaust system. There are small repairs to be made--repaint the hood, repair some minor rust, replace the foam rubber, replace the sun warped dashboard, re-charge the a/c--but nothing major.

Driving a 58-60 Lincoln is, indeed, like "driving in your living room." The view of the scenery through that large wrap-around windshield is unsurpassed. The momentum of 5400 lbs. doing 60 miles an hour provides for a stable ride. This car is rare in that it has a Speed Control ("cruise control" in GM parlance), which is a nice feature for long-distance driving. It is, with few exceptions, very authentic. The tires are the correct 9.50 x 14 size, with 2 1/2 whitewalls, inflated to the recommended 24 psi. Not the best when going around corners, this tire and inflation is necessary to give it a good, soft ride. At 28-32 psi, small road imperfections are transmitted too easily. Remember this is a unibody design.

I mainly enjoy the car for the memories it evokes in me: my early childhood, and of the day I discovered that first '60 Lincoln. On a hot summer's day, the interior sometimes produces a faint aroma like the first car. I like to play period music while driving; "Theme from a Summer's Place" by Percy Faith in 1960 is a favorite. I love it when neighbors or even guests from the nearby Days Inn come by to admire it. Like all collector cars, it is a "good will ambassador." I'm not an "Admire, but please don't touch" type of collector. I obtain joy from allowing admirers it to sit in it. If I know them well, I'll even let them drive it a short distance (Some day I'd like our North Star chapter to host a car sharing event, in which we all get to drive each other's car in a safe, controlled setting).

Having returned in 2001 to the university to seek first an MA, then a Psy.D. (Doctor of Psychology), I haven't had the time or a lot of spare money to drive it much lately. I'm hoping once I get my Psy.D. degree, I'll have more time and money to enjoy it again. It currently has 87,299 miles on it--only 1000 miles a year in the 20 years I've owned it. I figure that I may need to do some major engine work after it reaches 125,000 miles. At the rate I drive it, I'll then be 90. So, you can expect to see my 1960 Lincoln Premiere--my pride and joy--at Northstar events for at least the next 37 years!

Editors note: We thank Stef Balis very much for the very nice article on his 1960 Premiere. The 1958 through 1960 Lincolns were very unique cars, and are now gaining greater popularity with the collectors. And how they drive, just like taking your big, soft leather sofa out for a cruise down the freeway. We are especially glad that Stef is about to get his Psy D degree; we hope to see more of him at our Northstar events in 2009.

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A silver or gold coin is baked inside the cake. Whoever finds the coin in their piece of cake will be especially lucky during the coming year.

Probably the most famous tradition in the United States is the dropping of the New Year ball in Times Square, New York City, at 11:59 P.M. Thousands gather to watch the ball make its one-minute descent, arriving exactly at midnight. The tradition first began in 1907. The original ball was made of iron and wood; the current ball is made of Waterford Crystal, weighs 1,070 pounds, and is six feet in diameter.

A traditional southern New Year's dish is Hoppin' John—black eyed peas and ham hocks. An old saying goes, "Eat peas on New Year's day to have plenty of everything the rest of the year."

Another American tradition is the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. The Tournament of Roses parade that precedes the football game on New Year's day is made up of elaborate and inventive floats. The first parade was held in 1886.

Widely Observed New Year Symbols and Tra-

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Lincoln Presidential Limousines

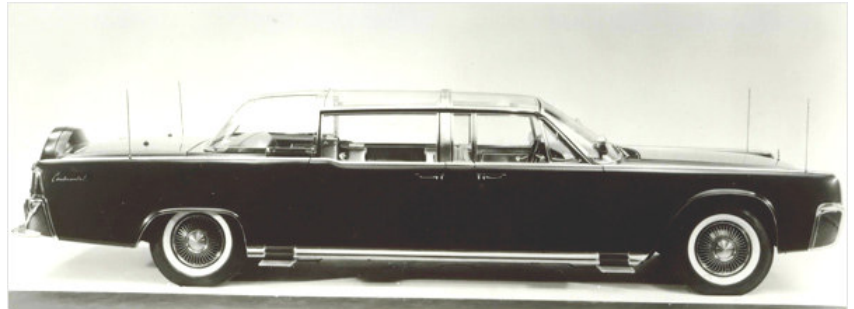
William Howard Taft had the first presidential automotive fleet, and they were stock cars. But ever since someone tried to kill Franklin D. Roosevelt while he was in an open Buick, presidential limousines have been stretched, reinforced and armored. Left, President Harry S. Truman in the Lincoln that had been made for Roosevelt.



A 1950 Lincoln Cosmopolitan was modified at Raymond Dietrich's design shop in Grand Rapids, Mich., to introduce the bubble top in 1954. Ford claimed that President Eisenhower had conceived the idea dur-

ing a rainy trip to Richmond, Va., where the convertible roof had been raised and the people lining the road could not see him.

The X-100, adapted from a 1961 Continental, was built by Hess & Eisenhardt, a custom and professional car



builder in Ohio. Even without armor, the car weighed almost four tons and cost \$200,000 to make. After President Kennedy was killed in the car in Dallas, the limo was equipped with a permanent bullet-resistant roof using five to eight layers of polycarbonate-reinforced glass.



This 1972 Lincoln was used by Presidents Nixon, Carter, Ford and Reagan. It had its protective capabilities tested in the field, helping to shield President Ford from Sara Jane Moore's 1975

assassination attempt in San Francisco and taking a bullet in a right side window during John Hinckley's 1981 attack on Ronald Reagan.

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Resolutions: It is believed that the Babylonians were the first to make New Year's resolutions, and people all over the world have been breaking them ever since. The early Christians believed the first day of the new year should be spent reflecting on past mistakes and resolving to improve oneself in the new year.

Fireworks: Noisemaking and fireworks on New Year's eve is believed to have originated in ancient times, when noise and fire were thought to dispel evil spirits and bring good luck. The Chinese are credited with inventing fireworks and use them to spectacular effect in their New Year's celebrations.

The celebration of the new year on January 1st is a relatively new phenomenon. The earliest recording of a new year celebration is believed to have been in Mesopotamia, c. 2000 B.C. and was celebrated around the time of the vernal equinox, in mid-March. A variety of other dates tied to the seasons were also used by various ancient cultures. The Egyptians, Phoenicians, and Persians began their new year with the fall equinox, and the Greeks celebrated it on the winter solstice.

The early Roman calendar

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Our Pride and Joy Contributors

January, Steve Young, Hudson, 1969 mark III.

February, Gaye Purvis, Cottage Grove, 1940 Cabriolet/Mark VII Resurrection

March, Phil Schaefer, Indianapolis, IN, 1956 Lincoln Pioneere, Stationwagon creation

April, Paul and Deb Andahl, Bismark, ND, 1963 Continental Sedan

May, Bruce Frieburg, Buffalo, 1953 Cosmopolitan Sedan

June, Chuck and LuAnn Chaplinski, Middle River, 2005 F350 6x6 Diesel

July, Robert and Evelyn Gray, Duluth, 1947 Lincoln Sedan

August, 2008 Mid America Meet, Duluth

September, Brian Carlson, Oakdale, 1942 Ford Jeep

October, Bill and Elizabeth Reese, Orono, 1956 Mark II

November, John and Dorothy Palmer, Barnum, 1946 Lincoln Sedan and 1956 Mark II

December, John Trandem, Fargo, ND, 1972 Mark IV, Michigan Proving Grounds

Annual North Star Region Picnic

Sunday September 16th, Morrie Wagener's, training/meeting center, Long Lake, hosted by Roger and Barb Wothe, who cooked a wonderful meal with all the fixings, and we thank them for all their efforts. We had just short of one-hundred Northstar members and their guests attending our annual fall picnic. A very special treat was the open door to Morrie's car collection, which includes some of the most significant cars from past decades. Roger Wothe, long time friend of Morrie, was responsible for securing this special invitation to see this unique collection. Ed Myhre's auctioneering skill, and humor helped us gross over \$1300 which covered the cost of the meal and added to our club treasury. Fred Syrdal won our door prize, a Ford, Lincoln and Mercury flag. It truly was a great day. The weather was just right, the food excellent and better yet we had many beautiful Lincolns in the parking lot, and we were able to spend time with friends.

Sunday Brunch, Time to renew friendships and enjoy fine food, our second passion after Lincolns

January 20th, Tinucci's Restaurant, Newport, 32 members braved the -15 degree temperature to attend our first activity for 2008. We had a nice private room and great selection of fine food. Frank Warner and Nannette Roth won our door prizes, 2008 Lincoln Calendars.

February 9th, Potluck and auction with CCCA at Dick Pellow's garage in St. Paul, 30 people braved the cold and blowing snow and still had a great time. Again Ed Myhre did a great job auctioning all the great treasures bought by members to help our clubs coffers.

March 9th, Sunday Brunch, at Krouy's, Inver Grove Heights. We had 30 members attend, the food and conversation was very good. Our attendance was very good when you figure that we were in the middle of a flu outbreak, at least 10 members were unable to attend due to illness.

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designated March 1 as the new year. The calendar had just ten months, beginning with March. That the new year once began with the month of March is still reflected in some of the names of the months. September through December, our ninth through twelfth months, were originally positioned as the seventh through tenth months (septem is Latin for "seven," octo is "eight," novem is "nine," and decem is "ten.")

The first time the new year was celebrated on January 1st was in Rome in 153 B.C. (In fact, the month of January did not even exist until around 700 B.C., when the second king of Rome, Numa Pontilius, added the months of January and February.) The new year was moved from March to January because that was the beginning of the civil year, the month that the two newly elected Roman consuls—the highest officials in the Roman republic—began their one-year tenure. But this new year date was not always strictly and widely observed, and the new year was still sometimes celebrated on March 1.

In 46 B.C. Julius Caesar introduced a new, solar-based calendar that was a vast improvement on the ancient Roman calendar, which was a lunar system

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April 20th, Spring finally sprung for our outing at Paradise Landing in Balsam Lake, for a family style breakfast. We had 26 members attend and when the sun came out it turned out to be just a great day. We ate in the main room; it was a good experience but not what we remember from past experiences. Our door prize, a Lincoln wrist watch was won by Dick Serwat.

July 20th, Our July activity was a Chinese buffet catered by Fong's Chinese Cuisine at the Lakefront Park in Prior Lake. We had the main shelter so the humid weather was not a problem. The meal was really good and no one went away hungry. We had 30 members attend who were very impressed with both the parks facilities and Fong's Chinese fare, plus we were able to see some member's new Lincolns. We need to find more places/parks like Prior Lake; this was just a fantastic summer venue and great place to spend an afternoon with our Lincoln friends. We want to thank Bill O'Rourke, the Prior Lake Police Chief, for his personal touch and helping us make it another great North Star event. Frank Warner was responsible for making the first contact that found us this great place.

November 16th, Our final activity for 2008, Sunday Brunch, at Al Bakers, Eagan, was just great; we packed our private room with 50 members. As usual the buffet was very tasty with all sorts of choices and the price was very reasonable. Our top door prize, a Lincoln Wrist Watch was won by Roald Storvick. Everybody went home with some very nice buttons featuring the LCOC Crest, compliments of Marion Gustafson and her button maker. This Brunch was a fitting end to all the events that we did during 2008, it was very nice to see all the smiles and visiting being done amongst our members.

North Star Region Lincoln Car Shows

Saturday, May 10th, Our 9th Annual Classic Lincoln Car Show at Whitaker Lincoln Mercury in Inver Grove Heights was a success despite forecasted rain all week for our car show day. We had 21 cars and rain held off till about 1:00 PM, then we finished up in the Customer Service area of Chuck Whitaker's dealership. Our top door prizes; a Black Lincoln flag was won by Paul and Deb Andahl and a Lincoln wall clock was won by Dick Serwat. We want to thank Chuck Whitaker for a great lunch, door prizes and for hosting this event at his dealership for the past 9 years as this car show was the last one in Inver Grove because of selling his dealership due to the current economy.

- People's Choice Awards for Best of Show:
- First Place – went to a Black 1947 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet, Bob Gavrilesco, St Paul
- Second Place – went to a Black 1939 Lincoln Zephyr two door Sedan, Karl and Sharon Flick, Apple Valley
- Third Place – went to a Triple White 1994 Lincoln Town Car, Paul and Deb Andahl, Bismark, North Dakota

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that had become wildly inaccurate over the years. The Julian calendar decreed that the new year would occur with January 1, and within the Roman world, January 1 became the consistently observed start of the new year.

In medieval Europe, however, the celebrations accompanying the new year were considered pagan and unchristian like, and in 567 the Council of Tours abolished January 1 as the beginning of the year. At various times and in various places throughout medieval Christian Europe, the new year was celebrated on Dec. 25, the birth of Jesus; March 1; March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation; and Easter.

In 1582, the Gregorian calendar reform restored January 1 as new year's day. Although most Catholic countries adopted the Gregorian calendar almost immediately, it was only gradually adopted among Protestant countries. The British, for example, did not adopt the reformed calendar until 1752. Until then, the British Empire—and their American colonies—still celebrated the new year in March.

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- Long Distance – went to a Triple White 1994 Lincoln Town Car, Paul and Deb Andahl, Bismark, North Dakota

Saturday, August 9th, 6th Annual Out State Classic Lincoln Car Show at Frank Warner's, Classic Cars of Yesteryear, Centuria, WI. What a great turnout with 30 beautiful Lincoln's attending and seven members that came with out their collectaboe Lincolns. A great day with beautiful cars was enjoyed by over 60 people. We all were able to enjoy friends and fun at Franks. Thank you, Frank, for the great meal. Ten North Star Region hats were given away as Door prizes.

People's Choice Awards for Best of Show:

- First Place – went to a Maroon 1942 Lincoln Cabriolet, Roger and Barb Wothe, Wayzata,
- Second Place – went to a Pearl White 1954 Capri Convertible, Ed and Linda Haedtke, Andover
- Third Place – went to a Light green 1974 Mark IV, Dick Serwat, West St Paul
- Long Distance Award – went to Paul and Deb Andahl, driving a 1978 Mark V, Bismark, ND, over 500 miles one way.

Saturday, October 6th, We had 24 great Lincolns come to our 2nd Lincoln Car Show, at Luther North Country Ford, Lincoln Mercury, Coon Rapids. The weather was clear and cool, like a normal October day, which was just great for visiting with old and new friends plus seeing beautiful Lincolns. Thank you; Mark Beithon and Mike Swoboda, for providing so many door prizes and inviting to us to a great lunch. Our top door prizes Lincoln flags were won by Bob Roth and Floyd Homstad.

People's Choice Awards for Best of Show:

- First Place – went to a Light Green 1960 Continental Mark V, Howard and Myra Hermel, St Peter.
- Second Place – went to a Jersey Grey 1941 Continental Cabriolet, Harvey and Faye Oberg, Woodbury
- Third Place – went to a Pearl White 1954 Capri convertible, Ed and Linda Haedtke, Andover.
- Long Distance Award – went to a 1989 Lincoln Limo, Francis Kalvoda, Willmar.

2008 Car of the year, Last spring your Board of Directors decided to honor Tim Purvis's passing with a Tim Purvis Award for the Best Lincoln of the year. The People's Choice 1st place Award from each of our three Region Cars Shows was eligible for this award. The Best Car of 2008 was selected by your Directors at the November 1st, Board Meeting. Gaye Purvis presented Bob Gavrilescu with the Tim Purvis Award for Best Lincoln of the Year - 2008. Bob's Black 1947 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet was one of the last cars Tim worked on before his passing.

For Sale



This beautiful 1941 Lincoln Continental Coupe was re-stored and modified by long-time North Star LCOC member, the late Tim Purvis. Tim found the car in Syracuse NY in 1986 and spent the next two and a half years restoring and modifying the car.

Modifications: 460 c.i. balanced and blueprinted Lincoln V8 with over 400 horsepower with a Lincoln C6 auto-

matic transmission, Air Ride Technology front and rear suspension, power disc front and drum rear brakes, original 16" wheels and hubcaps with new Diamond Back Classic wide whitewall radial tires, air conditioning, tilt column, cruise control, Sony four speaker AM/FM stereo, power antenna, power windows and keyless entry. The interior is cinnamon velour cord with Mercedes Benz wool carpet. The exterior is two-tone polyurethane paint. The body is French pastel vanilla with roof and fenders medium sand beige.



A list of many more options is available. The asking price is \$36,000, but the owner, Sandra Bjorndahl is open to offers. Please contact Roger Wothe for more details: 952-933-9981 days, 952-473-3038 evenings and weekends or rwothe@mchsi.com.



For Sale - 1947 Continental Coupe'

Solid driver with good starting and running original V12 and overdrive.

Green exterior, older presentable paint. All chrome good to excellent condition.

Green Leather and whipcord interior, mostly original.

Recent work includes rebuilt: front suspension, brakes and new brake lines, carburetor, water pumps, power windows, and installation of PCV system. New battery, tires, hoses and thermostats. NOS steering wheel. I have most of the history of the car. It was owned by the Towe Ford museum in Montana where it was on display and not driven for thirty years.

Fairly priced at \$24,500. Photos available. Please call Byron Olsen at 651-646-5534 email: byronolsen@comcast.net

For Sale....



1949 Lincoln 9EL Black Sport Sedan. Like new factory paint. New carpeting. Chrome is in excellent condition. Front seat upholstery needs some attention. Engine runs perfect and doesn't use any oil. Car has Hydramatic automatic four speed drive. Radial whitewall tires.

I am the second owner of this fine Lincoln, which I purchased in 1990 with 28,266 original miles. It had been stored in a heated garage for its first 40 years. The Mileage is now 43,500. Fairly priced at \$20,000.

Call Larry Trusty at 507.645.6799.
Northfield, MN

Wanted

1956 or 1957 Mark II in number two condition.

Prefer an Air Conditioned car.

Silver with Red Interior, with White or Maroon a second choice. Mileage to 70,000 acceptable.

Will pay fair market price or better depending on condition and documented history.

Call John W. McDowall 320-251-8640
email: johnmc@mcdowallco.com

For Sale: 1995 Mark VIII. Black with tan interior, sun roof, new front brakes, Bridgestone tires, mag wheels. Former California car, looks and runs like a new car. Stored over winter months. Call Bob Steiger, 1022 Losey Blvd South, La Crosse, WI, 54601
Phone 608-788-3033, Cell 608-317-2706

For Sale Mark II



In last stages of restoration, this Mark II, remains unfinished due to the passing of it's owner, Bill Reese.

Elizabeth Reese would now like to sell this "Gem in the Rough", to someone in the Lincoln Club who will complete the small amount of the work necessary to restore it to it's once proud beauty.

Elizabeth is open to offers and may be reached at 952-471-9467 until late November, when she may be reached in Tucson, AZ at 502-818-1222.

Great Automotive Buys...

For Sale

1979 Mark V Cartier Edition

Light Champagne, Matching Interior
Equipped with 400 CID engine and all the
usual equipment found on a Mark V.

Low Mileage - 38,300 Miles
Good Looking, Inside and Out
\$10,500/Best Offer
Call Ray at 612-722-9966

For Sale

1979 Mark V, Bill Blass Edition. This Mark features a blue exterior, offset by a white carriage top and white leather interior with blue piping. Second owner since 1991. Originally purchased at North Hollywood Lincoln Mercury in the Los Angeles area. This is a very pristine California Mark, with only 58,000 miles. Pre-primary trophy winner, with only 5,000 miles on tires and brakes. Realistically priced at \$10,000.

Contact Richard Gray, 415-435-3539,
email: grayr@sutterhealth.org.

Wanted - For Sale

Continental Wheel Hump Style Trunk Lid for
1977 Lincoln. (some limo's had these)

For Sale: Very nice 1987 Lincoln Town Car,
America's Cup Edition, White with dark blue
sail cloth top, white & blue leather, wire
spoke wheels, no winters, 118K miles,
\$2787/offer

For Sale: 1988 Beige Town Car, leather interior,
109K, \$1900. 320-587-4415
(Hutchinson)

Call Francis Kalvoda, Willmar 320-235-5777

For Sale

1988 Town Car, with 45,000 miles. Has new tires
and battery, and looks like new. Gray with gray
soft half-top, rectangular opera windows and side
lights.

Call Don Peterson at 507-454-3010, 507-429-0476
or 507-454-5231, Winona, MN Fairly priced.
Email: donp@mwsco.com.

For Sale

1947 Continental Coupe

All Original V-12 Good Looking
and Good Running
Same owner for 35 years. Always stored in a
warm, heated garage.

Call 507-567-2256 after 6 PM

FOR SALE

1967 CONTINENTAL CONVERTIBLE

Dark Green, very nice condition inside
and out.

In good condition mechanically

Priced right to sell now
\$10,000

Please call Richard Serwat 651-554-0716

For Sale

1972 Lincoln Mark IV
38,000 Miles, All Original, Trophy Winner
Gold with Dark Brown Top and Leather
As new condition. \$10K or fair offer.
Call Don Pennock 651-488-1596
Cell 651-253-5516

Great Cars For Sale..... Other Stuff too....



For Sale

1989 Lincoln Town Car 8-9 passenger Limo. Silver with dark blue leather interior. 63,000 actual miles. Always privately owned, not a rental. Hess-Eisenhart conversion, 56 inch stretch, 4 door + 2 hidden doors for easy entry/exit - unique! Just serviced, drive anywhere. Very nice classy car for only \$4989. Francis Kalvoda, 320-235-5777.

For Sale: 1989 Lincoln Town Car, white with tan cloth interior. Good work or school car. \$800. 320-599-5130

For Sale

Very low mileage 1948 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet. 26,000 Miles on this totally restored, mint condition Lincoln.

V12, Radio, Overdrive all work as they should. New tan top installed. Burgundy with Burgundy leather interior. 6/12 battery for easy starting. California cover, nice white sidewall tires. Recently appraised as a 98 point car. Ready for show and next years driving season. \$65,000

Contact Douglas Gracey 507-282-5554

For Sale

1939 Lincoln Zephyr 4 door sedan sheet metal only! This car has been completely disassembled and stored for over 35 years and left in a small garage in South Minneapolis. This car was sanded and primed years ago and was the unfinished dream of a fellow Zephyr admirer. I would like to sell Fords first unit-body car with sub-frame, four doors, hood, deck and fenders. I have many other parts. After January 1, 2009, I will offer all above parts and many more Zephyr parts not listed above, individually at a fair market price. If you are restoring a Zephyr or building a Zephyr street rod and need this sheet metal, please call or email:

Karl Flick, Cell 612-961-9705 or email: kflick@frontiernet.net

150 - LINCOLNS - 150

I have over 150 1960's Lincolns now, mostly parts cars. More than I will ever use. I have now decided to sell my extra parts; sheet metal, trim, whatever...

If you are restoring a Lincoln of this era and need parts, please contact me now. I may have what you need.

Just Arrived! New windshields that fit 1961 through 1963 Continentals. "64-65" windshields available now.

Please call Gordy Jensen at 952-851-2721

STORAGE AVAILABLE

Safe, Secure Storage for your classic now available Southwest Metro Location

Contact Connie **952-835-4148**

Preview of Coming Events

The following include scheduled club events

- January Sunday, January 4th, Brunch at Tinucci's, Newport 11:30AM See map on page 16
- February Pot Luck with CCCA. Date to be determined
- March Saturday, March 14th, Detailing session 9:30 Am to 11:30 AM at Ken Sampson's Showcase Auto Brokers, 26643 Fallbrook Ave, Wyoming, MN 55092. At 1:00PM we will tour JR Custom Chrome Plating, 1391 11th Ave SW, Forest Lake MN. Sunday Brunch, to be determined
- April Mid America National Meet, Salado, Texas, April 23-26
Sunday Brunch, April 12th. At 11:30 AM. Jake O'Conner's, Public House, Excelsior MN. We will order off the menu.
- May 1st Annual Lincoln Car Show, Morries. Minnetonka, Saturday, May 23rd. 10 AM to 3 PM
- June Western National Meet – Reno, NV. June 11-14
Woody's, Sunday Brunch, Woodys, Plymouth, Sunday June 21st at 11:30 AM
- July Prior Lake, Lake Front Park, summer pot luck picnic.
Date and time to be announced.
- August Tour to Jack Fletcher's. Popular Grove IL. Friday – Sunday, 4th or 5th weekend in August. 7th Annual Out State Lincoln Car Show, Southern Minnesota

This is your Last Chance

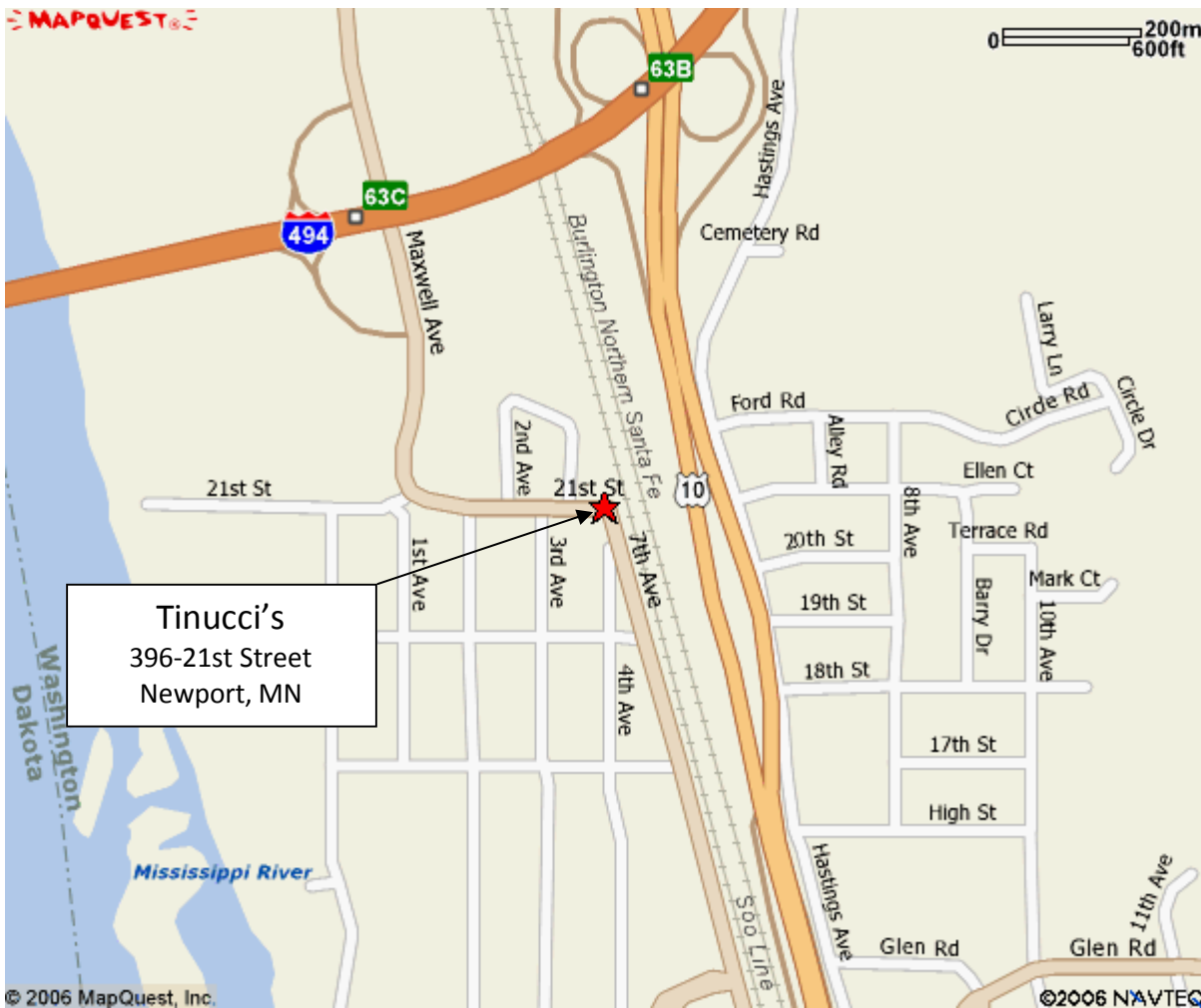
For every story about a member's favorite Lincoln (the Pride and Joy front cover article), we will send out a 2009 Northstar LCOC Club Calendar. This twelve month calendar will feature pictures of our members fine cars in color, and is now available. We need your stories and you can always use a 2009 calendar. Please send your story today to NSLCOC, 308 Brandywine Drive, Burnsville, MN 55337.

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January Brunch at Tinucci's



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Our January event will be at Tinucci's, in beautiful downtown Newport. Be there at 11:30AM, Sunday, January 4th.

Set your GPS for 396 -21st Street, Newport, MN 55055, or get out your AAA map and plan the quickest route to Tinucci's as you won't want to miss any of the good food and good friends.

A great way to start the new year and start the full schedule of North-star activities for 2009.

Carved round of beef, pit ham, eggs Benedict, scrambled or baked eggs, French Toast, baked chicken, barbecue ribs, hash browns, muffins, orange juice, desert bar, fresh fruit, and much more await the eager eaters from the Lincoln Club! Best brunch value in town. Great way to start your Sunday!

RSVP Bob Johnson, 651-257-1715, (email: arborbob41@aol.com by January 2nd.