

My Pride and Joy



Paul Denter's 1951 Cosmopolitan

The New Post-war Lincoln, The Cosmopolitans

by J. Paul Denter, U.E.

The second world-war over, Lincoln benefited from the buyers' market as did all other auto makers. Still the Company knew the day would come when their cars would be greeted with raised buyer expectations and stiffer competition. To this point, since the demise of the big 'K' series cars, the Lincoln Continental and Lincoln Custom excepted, Lincoln had been competing in the upper medium rather than the full luxury price market.

Nineteen forty-nine would see this situation rectified with the introduction of the two series of Lincoln motorcars - the upper medium priced Mercury based Lincoln and the luxury priced Lincoln Cosmopolitan.

These were the very last cars to reflect the influence of Edsel Ford. The styling and engineering were seven years old when the first car rolled off the production line. Against policy perhaps, it mattered not to Edsel Ford and E.T. (Bob) Gregorie who spent time in their hidden private studio designing post-war cars instead of

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Welcome to the Northstar News, the monthly publication of the Northstar Region of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. We value your opinions and appreciate your input concerning this newsletter and the operation of the club. This is your club.

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Members and guests are welcome to attend the Board Meetings which are held the *first* Thursday of every month except December at 7:00 PM at Culvers Restaurant, (dine with friends at 6:00PM) I-94 AND RUTH STREET, St. Paul.

Articles and other information for the newsletter should be sent to David Gustafson, Editor, at 308 Brandywine Drive, Burnsville, MN 55337.

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developing camouflage patterns and other war work.

Had the war not intervened these Lincolns would have hit the market in 1946 or '47. It may not be unfair, the foregoing understood, to describe the cars, as some have, as dated when compared to the new Cadillac's fresh post-war styling and up-to-date engineering. Still, it must also be kept in mind that Packard's upper level Custom eight also used the slab-sided "inverted bathtub" design, as did Nash 1949 through 1951.

Nineteen forty-nine would prove to be Lincoln's best sales year to date, 73,507. It would be 1972 before that record was broken.

Mild styling modifications came in 1950 and again in 1951, which brings us to our featured car.



The '51 Lincoln Cosmopolitan Sport Sedan pictured here is a very early production car, as evidenced by the chrome and gold wings sitting atop the stainless steel side moulding - these wings were a running deletion about March of '51. In point of fact, this is car number 30 (of 12,229) off the line - completed about 7:20 on the morning of Monday, October 9th, 1950. While this car was being completed in the Warren Avenue

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Trivia from the Internet

*Lester Lanin
Band Leader of
High Society*



Mr. Lanin and his band in 1946; his first big break in New York came 16 years earlier, when he played at Barbara Hutton's coming-out party.

Lester Lanin, who, from the White House to Buckingham Palace, from the Plaza Hotel to the grand ballrooms of the Vanderbilts and the Rockefellers, epitomized a rarefied and perhaps fading species - the society bandleader. Most of you who are above the age of sixty five may have probably heard the music of this bandleader, but undoubtedly have forgotten his name. His renditions were most often found on

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Editors Message

Shortly after the 2008 Continental Comments Mid America meet issue came out, I received an email from Paul Denter, from Canada, our neighbor from the North. I found out that Paul also is the happy owner of a 1951 Cosmopolitan, and that he was surprised to learn that I had two of these interesting vehicles. After an exchange of emails, Paul agreed to send over an article and a few pictures for an article about his Cosmo that I could run in our newsletter. We did get a nice story from him and it is featured in this issue. Our thanks to Paul for this fine contribution to our newsletter. Every Lincoln has a story and I have enjoyed reading everyone of them so far.

By the way, if any of you out there own newer Lincolns (Continentals, LS's, Town Cars, Navigators, Marks), we would like to hear about those too. What you like best about the brand and what was the motivation for a Lincoln over one of the other competing brands. Lincoln made some really great driving cars in the 1980's, '90's and 2000's, most of which are used as daily transportation. While the focus of the club tends to be on the older, more collectable models, let us not forget that the newer ones deserve some attention too. After all, they will be sought after as collectables in ten to twenty years, and a 10-15 year old Lincoln makes a great tour car, if you don't want to take your 60 year old



Ch. Faithie, who was born on St. Patrick's day is getting ready to celebrate. Like most girls, she is a bit sensitive about her age.

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V12 on a long trip.

Our everyday cars are parked directly behind our two Cosmopolitans. I think, they too, are getting a bit weary of winter and as I, eagerly awaiting the nice days of April and going out for a drive on the dry highways. Only about four weeks of winter left. And with daylight savings time kicking in shortly, the remaining winter will be soon gone.

We will be having two events back-to-back this March. Ken Sampson, who knows more tricks than Harry Houdini, at least as far as making cars really look good, will be hosting a detailing seminar, Saturday, March 14th, at his Wyoming store. Unlike Houdini, you can go home knowing just what these tricks really are. Now if I could teach Faithie how to polish the car. Sunday, March 15th, we will be going to the Victory Grill in Brooklyn Park. Tom St. Martin has been known to frequent this particular establishment from time to time and really does recommend it to the rest of the club. They have a winning combination of good food, good service and reasonable prices. More information on page 16 of the newsletter about these two events.

We hope to see you soon at these upcoming March events.

Till next month,

David, Marion and Sweet Faithie...

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the "good music" stations of the 1950's, but disappeared as those stations left the air after the British invasion, Rock and Roll and talk radio.

Mr. Lanin brought smooth tones, swift changes and a casually elegant style to a continuous stream of dance music, from Dixieland to swing to very, very tasteful rock 'n' roll. He supplied danceable happiness to several generations of the richest and most beautiful people on earth, at events ranging from Queen Elizabeth's 60th birthday party to the wedding of Christie Brinkley and Billy Joel to the private parties of the duPonts, Chryslers and Mellons.

He made music for Grace Kelly's engagement party, and at the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer. He wrote "My Lady Love" in honor of their marriage. The kings of Norway, Spain, Greece, Denmark and Sweden hired him.

He played every presidential inauguration since Eisenhower's, ex-

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Directors Message by Bob Johnson

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Mary and I attended the LCOC's Annual Winter Board Meeting in Houston, Texas, held this past January 15th through the 17th. We returned in time for another cold spell. Details about the Board Meeting are located elsewhere in this newsletter. Our trip was much better than Jack and Marilyn Fletcher's trip that was featured in last month's newsletter, we didn't even see a dead steer along the road, just deer.

Our potluck with the CCCA on Saturday, February 21st. at the Auto MotorPlex in Chanhassen was very interesting, those car condo's cost more than I can afford... Condo's for cars or other motor sport vehicles is a new idea that seems to be catching on. We had 57 people attend on a cold and windy afternoon. Our club thanks the CCCA for inviting us to this pot luck. As usual, Ed Myhre did his best to entertain and to secure top dollar for many items of unverifiable value which have found temporary homes among fellow club members. Many of these items will reside there for a year or two and then return to another auction, seeking new homes once again.

March 14th and 15th will be a busy weekend that should have something for everyone; we even have a hotel reserved for our long distance drivers. We have rooms reserved at the Country Inn & Suites, 1954 West Broadway Avenue, Forest Lake MN 55025. Room rate is \$99 for Friday 3/14 and/or Saturday night 3/15. This hotel is very close to Saturday's activities. Rooms must be reserved by Saturday March 7th. To get this room rate, call 651-982-9799 and ask for North Star Lincoln room rate

Saturday begins with a 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 begins with Brunch, on March 15th, Victory Grill, 9690 Colorado Lane North, Brooklyn Park, 11:30 AM. This restaurant is highly recommended by Tom St Martin. Please RSVP by calling Bob Johnson at 651-257-1715 or email arborbob41@aol.com before Friday March 14th.

There are still a few folks that have not sent in your dues for this year. Please avoid missing out on all the fun and send back your renewal form with your check today. If you delay you will miss our great newsletter.

We will try something new this year which is a "Classis Car Night" close to Centerville and Hugo on I35. This will be held **monthly on the 2nd Wednesday night**, starting May 15th till September 9th at 6:30 PM at Jason's, Bobby and Steve's Auto World, Classic Cadillac Dinner and Mobil station. (That is a name that you will want to remember) Other single marque car clubs will also be participating so bring your classic car and enjoy burgers and better in the Classic Cadillac diner. No awards given out, come to enjoy the great cars and visit with the friendly people.

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

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cept two. Jimmy Carter thought he was too expensive, and George W. Bush didn't invite him. (Ms. Shulman said he may have been disappointed that Mr. Bush didn't ask, particularly since he had long been a favorite of Mr. Bush's father and grandfather.)

His fast, two-beat dance tempo - what is called the businessman's bounce - became a standard by which society bands are measured. He and his bands (he sometimes had more than a dozen on the road at once) by 1992 had played 20,000 wedding receptions, 7,500 parties and 4,500 proms.

Mothers would book him for coming-out parties as soon as their daughters were born. His "Pink Petal Waltz," which he wrote for the New York Junior League in 1948, was a time-honored fixture at debutante balls.

Mr. Lanin, along with bandleaders like Ben Cutler, Meyer

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plant (Detroit, Michigan) we Canadians were waking to celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

Interestingly this was only the fourth '51 model that this shift of assemblers had seen since they started work at 7:00 a.m. So, you can imagine assembly was a little slower on these cars than it would become as workers grew more slower, but not necessarily more careful. Jerry Northam; of Milford, Ontario; who did the cosmetic restoration of this car, reports that the assembler working on the driver's side had been attentive to his task while the fellow working on the passenger side was not. How do we know? Seems the assembler on the passenger side missed installing every other retaining bolt on the chassis. We can only speculate what the malady may have been, but can imagine all manner of amusing explanations.

When I purchased the car, in the fall of 1990, it had been driven a mere 40,150 miles. The original owners, an Oregon ranch family, no doubt did most of their driving in pick-up trucks leaving the car for the formal family occasions - wedding, funerals, church Sunday and the like.

The car, having come from a very dry region of the state was rust-free, almost, when I acquired it. The only corrosion was a patch - on the inside of each rear fender - of surface rust no doubt caused by condensation. A little elbow grease and rust remover remedied the situation. That the car came from a ranch is attested to by, what Jerry referred to as 'ranch undercoating' - a combination of clay, straw and manure. It's so hard - like concrete - that it took a hammer and cold chisel to remove a chunk. The remainder is still there.

My understanding of the car's history is as follows. The car was finished on October 9th and shipped to an Oregon dealer where it rested undercover until November 15th, 1950. That was the date that all Lincolns were unveiled across North America. So the car had been incommunicado for thirty-four days before being sprung on the world. It was purchased soon afterward.

It must be remembered that the Korean conflict (police action, war) had started in July and many in the United States feared a return to car rationing. So, just about every car that was available was scooped up. I suspect that this was the motivation for the purchase of this car.

Options were not a forte of this car. A heater was it. There were plenty of standard equipment features though - Hydra-Matic transmission, hydro-electric power windows and front bench seat, vacuum powered antenna, wheel covers, full wheel shields (skirts) covering 8.20 X 15 four inch wide white wall tyres. Painted Kent Grey Blue, a colour that to some appears light blue and to others (myself included) light green, the car didn't have a great deal of presence in my

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Davis and Bill Harrington, provided the musical accompaniment for high society as it glided from fox trots to cha-chas to the frug and beyond.

At the time of his death in 2004, at the age of 97, he had only two bands on the circuit, and he himself had put down his baton three years before. But the residual love and steady, if diminished demand for music that made some feel like they were bouncing on clouds seemed truly endless.

"For generations of the rich and famous, a society party isn't a society party unless Lanin is there with his back to the tuxedoed crowd," USA Today said in 1992.

Inducted into the Big Band Hall of Fame in Palm Beach, Fla., in 1993, Mr. Lanin built a legacy that The New York Times that year called "an elaborate construct built from scratch each night." The Times said Mr. Lanin claimed to invent the concept of playing continuous music at a

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eyes. At delivery the dealer had installed dual exterior rearview mirrors.

After years of watching for one of these cars to come available I came across a notice, in *Continental Comments*, for this one. A brief phone call to the then owner in Tacoma, Washington, was followed immediately by a call to the travel agent. I'd made the decision to purchase the car based on a couple of photographs and a verbal description.

The idea was to fly to Washington State and drive the car home. Thirty-five hundred miles, over the Great Divide, across prairies, through a drenching rain storm, along side roads and down highways. Nothing proved too difficult for this marvelous highway locomotive - but that's a story for another day.

I've used the term rare in describing this car. Indeed, after considerable research I've discovered that this is the oldest known '51 Lincoln Cosmopolitan, of any body style, extant and one of only a very few '51 Cosmopolitan Sport Sedans registered with any of the Lincoln specific clubs. As an aside, let me relate that one such Cosmopolitan Sport Sedan exists in Australia, a right-hand drive unit that, we think, is the car that originally belonged to a Hong Kong mafia (Tong) don.

Over the course of ownership we've added a number of options that were available for this car - road lamps, rear window wiper, vanity mirror/lamp, gas door lock and emergency brake warning light. Reversing lamps and spot-light are next on the list.

Two-toning was a must what with the slab-sided styling. Sheffield Green was applied to the top to compliment the Kent Grey that was retained on the body. The two-toning, a combination not offered by the Company but both authentic '51 Lincoln colours, greatly improves the car's appearance. It now has presence.

The rides astride a 125 inch wheelbase, powered by a 336.7 cubic inch flat-head "Invincible" V type eight cylinder engine developing one hundred, fifty-four horsepower propelling the car to a top speed of 105.5 m.p.h. A full one and one half mile per hour faster than the overhead valve Cadillac competition.

This Lincoln was acquired for go rather than show. That said, it must be admitted that the restoration has given us a beautiful car that has been displayed in several Toronto area malls. It represented it's era at the 'Glass House' reception during the 75th Anniversary of Lincoln celebration in 1995, won its class at the Lincoln Experience staged at the CCCA-Gilmore Classic Car Museum and the Edsel Bryant Ford Award at the Great North American Land Yacht

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party, and he is legendary for never leaving the bandstand during a dance.

(President John F. Kennedy could not help asking Mr. Lanin when he went to the bathroom, according to many reports, all of which seem to neglect to give the answer.)

Mr. Lanin was famous for giving away multicolored cotton hats, 50,000 a year, with "Lester Lanin" emblazoned in script behind the brim. He liked to say he was in "the happiness business."

"Serve the public!" he said in an interview with *The Times* in 1987. "Whoever you play for, try and make sure you were part and parcel of something happy, so if the woman whose party it was sees you on the street 15 years from now, she'll say, 'Lester, you made my party.'"

Nathaniel Lester Lanin was born in Philadelphia on Aug. 26, 1907, the youngest of 10 boys. His grand-

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Regatta (Cobourg, Ontario).

Of these cars, Paul Woudenberg has written, "There is no question that these splendid 1949-51 Lincolns will continue to gain in value during the nineties, but only a select few will be able to savor their quality and charm."* Grandson, Terin (age 10) and I'm privilege to be amongst that privileged few, as is editor David Gustafson.

"It's a Packard!" "No, it's a Nash, or maybe a Hudson!" Seldom do we hear, "It's a Lincoln!", and no one seems to know it's a Cosmopolitan. We get a great kick out of its uniqueness. All those thumbs-up along the highway are fun too.

*The Lincoln Buyers' Guide', Paul R. Woudenberg, Motorbooks International, 1990, page 43.

February Potluck with CCCA

The venue, the new "Autoplex" out in Chanhassen was new this year and a good place for our annual potluck dinner with the CCCA, this past Saturday, February 21st. A new development geared for the auto enthusiast, it consists of a number of buildings which can be divided to match up with a collectors needs. The spaces or units are purchased like condo property and may be finished off as elegantly as desired. The common grounds and "club house" are run by an association controlled by the individual owners.

A bit on the pricey side, but for those who have a few bucks and vehicles that need to be stored, it could work out to be a good deal.



Bob Johnson with Byron and Alis Olsen



Tom Brace having a garage sale

Our host was Dick Bury, CCCA member, who with his son, owns one of the "condo units". We had use of the clubhouse for our dinner and auction. It worked well for our purpose, providing ample opportunity for moving from table to table to visit with other folks attending. The weather was a bit on the cold side, with snow ending early in the day, strong winds North of the city, resulted in some drifting which may have kept a few more folks at home. We did have a good group of 57

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father was a Philadelphia bandleader who traveled to jobs in a horse-drawn carriage. His father, Benjamin Lanin, was a bandleader, and so were at least six of his brothers. Brother Sam, the most famous in his day, was called the Toscanini of the dance orchestra.

Lester began playing piano and drums at 5, and first wanted to be a lawyer. He dropped out of school at 15 to play with his brothers' bands and book musicians for them and himself. Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Louis Armstrong and Doc Severinsen were among those he employed.

One of his first jobs as a leader in his own right was the Boca Raton Club in Florida. His first big break in New York came in 1930, when he played at Barbara Hutton's coming-out party. Things quickly snowballed.

"You play one day, and it's like a mustard seed - it grows," he said to The Times in 1995. "Someone says, 'I heard you play at such and such a party,' then someone

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Northstar LCOC Welcome Wagon

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When I was assigned this column, never did I imagine that Lincoln would actually build a wagon just for me. But there it was at the Detroit Auto Show, and the Lincoln MKT will be in dealer showrooms later this year.

Actually it would be hard to bring myself to drive that shiny new 2010 MKT on the salty winter roads to welcome this month's new members.

The first stop was a nice visit with **DAVE KOTZ** (pronounced COATS) 4113 France Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55416, 612-925-5120, office 612-384-0566, davekotz@msn.com. Dave has an interest in vintage cars, and for many years has been a member of the Cadillac-LaSalle Club, the Antique Automobile Club of America, and the Classic Car Club of America. Dave's collection includes a 1931 Cadillac V8 Town Sedan and a 1951 Cadillac Convertible. On summer days when it is not quite nice enough to drive those gorgeous Cadillacs, Dave thoroughly enjoys his 1993 Lincoln Town Car. Dave attended a couple of our club events, liked what he saw, and found we have lots of fun and fellowship for everyone. Dave deals in Real Estate, so if you need his services, call him, but don't be surprised if the conversation drifts to great vintage cars.

The next stop was at **ROGER & PAT NELSON'S** in North Branch, MN. I called them at 651-308-3811. They have a remarkable collection of vehicles. Lincolns include a silver-gray 1900 mile '76 Cartier Mark IV, a silver '66 Continental Convertible, and a white '58 Premiere 4dr HT. But wait, there is more – about 15 more vehicles! Mid sixties Thunderbirds, Cadillacs ('58 Sixty Special, 20000 mile '69 Eldorado – Roger bought it new, an Allante, a Seville), and perhaps the lowest mile '76 Ford Pinto on the planet – 700 miles! Roger says our club is welcome to stop in – just call first.

My third stop was at the home of **HARVEY & JUDY BURSKI** 3353 Midway Road, Duluth, MN 55810, 218-624-7157, hburski@q.com. Harvey and Judy are no strangers to our newsletter crew, David and Marion Gustafson. Marion is Harvey's sister! Harvey likes the Lincolns of the early to mid '50's and has helped David work on the Gustafson Lincolns, but Harvey is more of a dedicated Corvette enthusiast. I'm not sure how often Harvey wears a bowtie, but it seems he and Judy drive and enjoy bowties. Their collection includes a 1961 Corvette, a 1962 Corvette, a 1990 Corvette, a 1969 Chevelle, and a 1972 Chevrolet low rider pickup. David and Marion are just going to have to try a little harder to get Harvey and Judy to start THINKIN' LIN-

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else says it, and before you know it, you're playing lots of parties."

Mr. Lanin was a tiny man who demanded that his musicians neither drink nor use drugs. He never addressed clients by their first names. It was "Mr. Rockefeller" or "Your Highness."

He said he took cues from the dancers, and adjusted his music accordingly.

"I watch their feet," he said in an interview with The Christian Science Monitor in 1980. "If they're out of meter, something's wrong."

Mr. Lanin once loved a very young dancer named Dottie Littlefield, who died tragically at 23, he said in an interview with the London Sunday Mail in 1985. Her favorite song was "Night and Day." He started every evening with that song for 30 years.

He was married once, to an actress and former Miss Texas, but he told The Times that the marriage fell apart because she "spent more time on the road than I

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COLN! LCOC members, help Harvey and Judy find a likable Lincoln; maybe a hot rod Lincoln with a Chevy V8!

My first car was a Chevy, and I still own a Chevy that was given to me. I like just about anything with a steering wheel (or tiller) and a motor; but my preference has become the products of Ford Motor Company. I prefer to buy vehicles built in America by a company which helped build America. If more people would have done that for the last few decades I don't think our economy would be in the trouble it is in today. As long as I am up on my soapbox, I encourage each of you to ask other Lincoln enthusiasts to join the LCOC as we start another year of fun activities. Call our newest members listed above and encourage them to join you as you participate in our 2009 activities. I do not want to become one of the newly unemployed. No new LCOC members, no Welcome Wagon, no Lincoln MKT. So bail-in those new members! They will thank you for your consideration. Spring is coming. Have your Lincolns ready!

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attending, enjoying the ample amount of good food and fellowship which are always found at these gatherings.

Once again, Colonel Ed Myhre served as the auctioneer, ably assisted by Bob Gavrilesu and Tom Brace. Ed kept up the pace for the remainder of the evening, facilitating the quick transfer of money for the club and neat stuff going to the new



Barb Wothe and Joan St. Martin



owners. That's what it is all about.

Our thanks to the Upper Midwest Region of the CCCA for all their work to organize this fine annual event. It is a great way to break up the winter and get us all looking forward to the great driving season ahead. By the way, check out the very busy Northstar region schedule on page 15.

February Northstar Board Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 5, 2009

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Culver's Restaurant in Maplewood. Board members present were, Bob Johnson, Harvey Oberg, Dave Gustafson, Bob Gavrilescu, Tom Brace, Bob Roth and Roger Wothe. Other members present were Mary Johnson and Faye Oberg. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson distributed the Member Call List of those members, who do not have email, to the Nelsons, Obergs and Roths. Bob reported on the LCOC Winter Board Meeting. The National did not have a profitable year and has increased the yearly dues and looked for other ways to decrease the operating costs. Roger moved and Bob G. seconded the motion to donate \$200.00 to LCOC to improve and update the website. The motion passed unanimously. The decision has not been made to charge for the annual roster or to provide it on disc. Art Whitmire has updated the Meet Guide and it will be available at www.lcoc.org. Bob will include his report of the LCOC Winter Board Meeting in the newsletter.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported the treasury balance to be \$3,774.43 with all bills paid.

Membership and Publications director Dave Gustafson commented on the large number of North Star member's cars that were presented in the current *Continental Comments*. Our total membership is approximately one hundred fifty. He has "My Pride and Joy" for the next issue, but would like to have more.

Projects: Bob Roth displayed a battery charger, the Energizer, which could be a club project to sell. He will get further details and prices.

Activities: There will be an Activities Schedule elsewhere in the newsletter. A discussion followed with a suggestion of having a mid-week event with another club. Roger will contact the Early Ford V8 Club to see if they are interested. We would start in May with events schedules for the second Wednesday of the month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next meeting will be at Culver's Restaurant in Maplewood on Thursday 5 March at 7:00. All members and guests are welcome to join us for supper around 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

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did." He left no immediate survivors.

Mr. Lanin made at least three dozen records, including one of Christmas carols he spiced up with his trademark lively tempo. The album cover featured a youthful Lester Lanin wearing a Santa suit and a demure woman peaking over his shoulder.

An oft-told story, repeated in *Forbes* magazine in 1987 and elsewhere, related the night Mr. Lanin was playing a debutante ball attended by Charles Tandy, the founder of the Tandy Corporation. The businessman did not want the evening to end, so he kept pressing large wads of cash into the bandleader's palm each hour to keep the music going.

The music finally stopped when Mr. Tandy collapsed on the dance floor. He died the next day.

Send us an idea for the Trivia column. We will research and publish it...

For Sale



This beautiful 1941 Lincoln Continental Coupe was restored 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

46-48 Lincoln V12 Transmission with overdrive 26 tooth cluster, in very good condition \$650 exchange.

2 front fenders for 46-48 Lincoln Right and Left
56 Lincoln fender skirts good condition
56 Lincoln hood ornament

Call Ted Anderson at 763-561-8143

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 520-818-1222.

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

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

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

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.

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 James Crowley
507-567-2256 after 6 PM

\$20,000/Offer

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

For Sale \$850.00 OBO

1939 Lincoln Zephyr 4 door sedan sheet metal only! This car has been completely disassembled and stored for over 50 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

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, March 15th, Victory Grill, Brooklyn Park, 11:30 AM
Please RSVP by calling Bob Johnson at 651-257-1715 or email arborbob41@aol.com before Friday March 14th.

For our out of town guests, we have rooms reserved at the Country Inn & Suites, 1954 West Broadway Ave, Forest Lake MN 55025. Room rate is \$99 for Friday 3/14 and/or Saturday night 3/15. This hotel is very close to Saturday's activities. Rooms must be reserved by Saturday March 7th to get this room rate, call 651-982-9799 and ask for North Star Lincoln room rate.

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.
Saturday, April 25 - Annual Spring Garage Tour with the CCCA. This is a major event each year, with the first shot at getting the Classic Cars out for a run. Each year there seems to be more cars, more fun and just plain more of everything we look forward to each Classic Car season. More details in the next issue.

May 1st Annual Lincoln Car Show, Morrie's. 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 7th Annual Out State Lincoln Car Show, **Saturday, July 18th**, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Location, Sugarloaf Ford Lincoln Mercury, Winona, MN, Hosted by Mike Puetz We are looking at a overnight on Friday/Saturday, more information to follow.

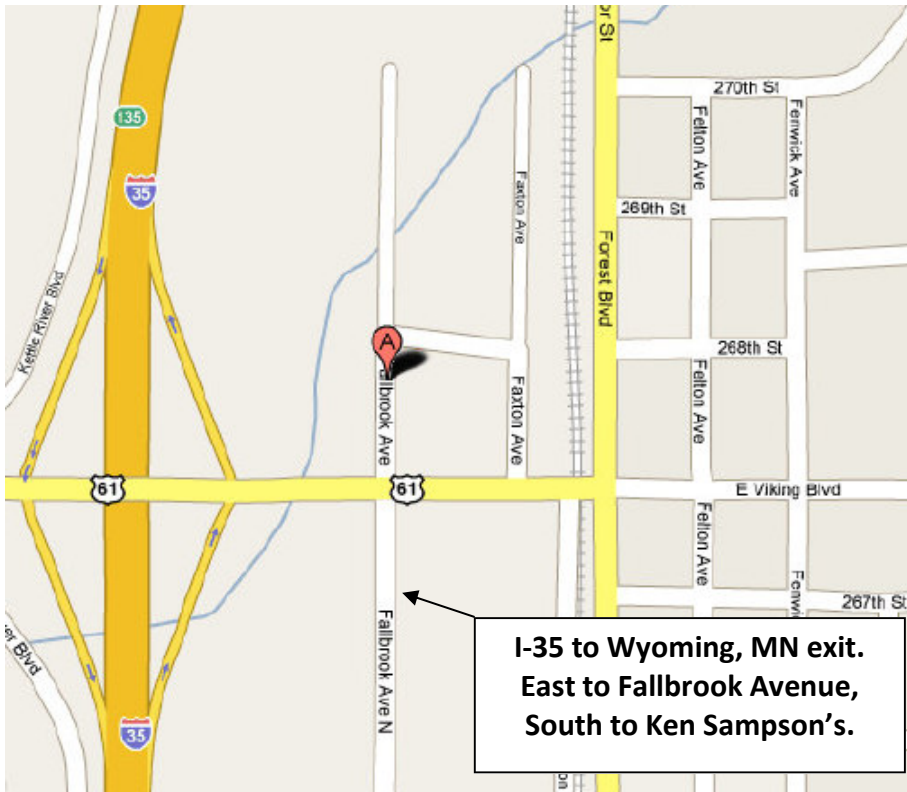
August Prior Lake, Lake Front Park, Summer Pot Luck/BBQ picnic, **Sunday, August 9th**, 11:00 AM to 3 PM. Invite your Lincoln friends.
Tour to Jack Fletcher's. Popular Grove IL. Friday – Sunday, 4th or 5th weekend in August. More information in future issues.

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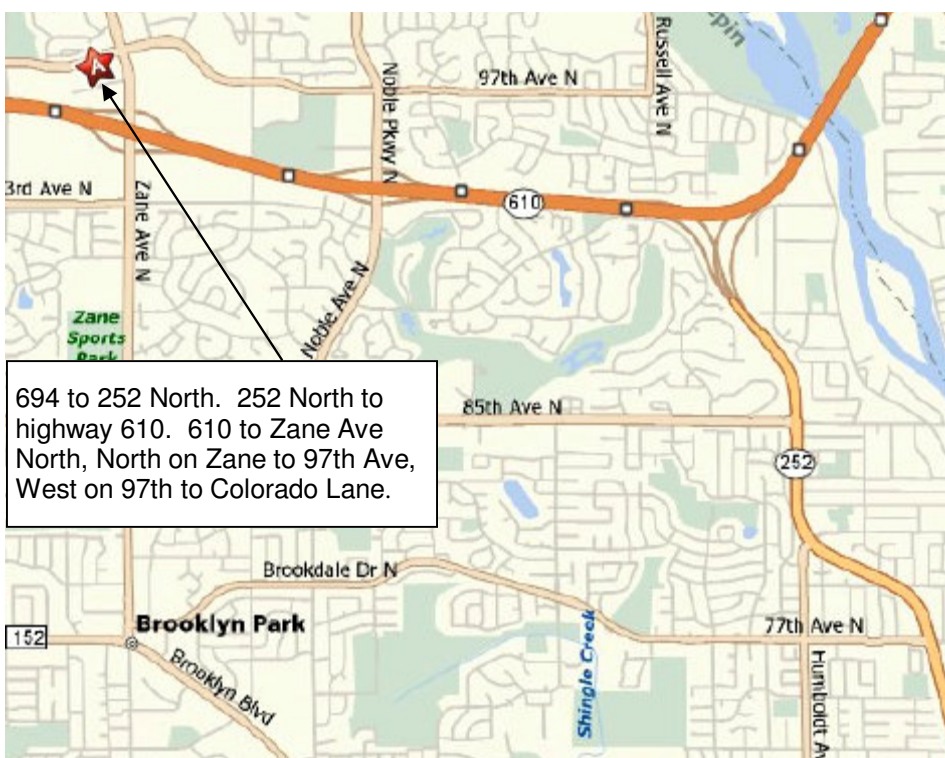
Saturday, March 14th, 2009 Learn how to detail your classic Lincoln
Sunday, March 15th, Brunch at the Victory Grill



Meet at Ken Sampson's Showcase Auto Brokers, 26643 Fallbrook Avenue, Wyoming, MN. 9:30AM to 11:30AM.

Get the scoop on how to make your nice car look great. Learn from one of the pro's, Ken Sampson, who will reveal all of his secrets. At 11:30 we will break for lunch and at 1:30PM we will tour JR Custom Chrome Plating, 1391 11th Ave SW, in Forest Lake. We will learn just how the experts do chrome and what it takes to get the job done.

If you wish to make it a weekend, a small block of rooms have been reserved at the Country Inn & Suites, 1954 West Broadway Ave., Forest Lake, MN. Rate is \$99 per night for Friday and/or Saturday night (3/14 - 3/15). Reservations must be made by March 7th. Call 651-982-9799 and ask for the Northstar Lincoln room rate. Rooms are fairly close to Saturday's activities.



Sunday, March 15th.
 Brunch at the Victory Grill,
 9690 Colorado Lane N,
 Brooklyn Park, MN.

Be there at 11:30 AM.

Call or email Bob Johnson
 by Friday, March 14th to re-
 serve your place at the ta-
 ble. 651-275-1715 or email:
 arborbob41@aol.com

Highly recommended by ex-
 pert epicurean Tom St. Mar-
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HOLD THOSE PRESSES... THERE IS STILL MORE NEWS!

Bob Johnson reporting on the January, 2009 LCOC winter board meeting.

Committee meetings were held on Thursday, January 15th and Friday, January 16th to develop action plans to solve our financial deficit due to our membership drop and the current recession. During all committee meetings every cost item was discussed in detail, from postage increases, trophy costs, printing costs and interest income.

2008 had a loss of \$15,275 with a loss of 164 members with year ending total of 3404 members. Jack Shea, our Treasurer reported; "Where the general economy has an impact on the financial results, it appears that our lack of aggressiveness in many areas has a great impact. Expenses continue to rise and with the loss of membership, the fixed cost drives up the cost of servicing each member". Our planned dues increase of \$6.00 a year was implemented. This increase and the expense reductions should provide more financial stability for the LCOC.

Of course, it's always much better to increase membership than to decrease services, so the main focus for 2009 will be member retention on a state by state basis. What works in each state was discussed at length in both Membership and Regions committee meetings to share ideas that work with other regions to improve our communications, member recruitment, and retention, what type of activities our members enjoy and have fun at. Our member recruiting plans will be emphasized with a goal of every member recruiting at least one new member for LCOC in 2009. LCOC had positive membership growth in only 9 states and 11 states had a loss of 8 or more members in 2008. For 2009, we need your help to increase the positive growth that we have had in some states and reverse the losses that we have had in other states. As an interesting note, our International membership grew by 19 members in 2009; the Norway region by itself grew by 25 members.

This board meeting was very up beat, even with many difficult decisions made with input from all directors in attendance. The Club's focus for all Club decisions is to improve how our members are serviced, communicated to, treated and enjoyment of Club activities.

Our motto for 2009 is "Members are the back bone of the LCOC and will be treated as our most important asset". The Club will make every attempt to promote fun, fellowship and enjoyment of the Lincoln marque at every club activity that our members and guests attend.

We will continue the five free LCOC memberships given to each Region and National Director to entice new members never belonging to LCOC, with the hopes that once they see all the fun and benefits of belonging, they will renew year after year. Regions were asked to give the first year region membership free to new LCOC members to increase participation at both regional and national events. We will continue our Member a Month program where a member will get one free month of membership for every new member they recruit. If you know of a Lincoln owner that you can't get to join LCOC, and you feel he might be a good long term asset, contact your nearest Region or National Director for further assistance.

The point I'm making is we really need every member to make an effort to help by recruiting new members and getting involved in our regions and in our national club. Please remember, this is your Club and we need your help to recruit new members and improve our retention of current members by welcoming them to all our events. Working together, we will enjoy success.

LCOC needs you to recruit at least one new member in 2009, more would be even better, and the best part is you may make a friend for life. Please help!!!

Great stuff for sale....

Bargain priced Diecast Lincolns

All are the large 1/18 scale except the Presidential Limos which are 1/24 scale

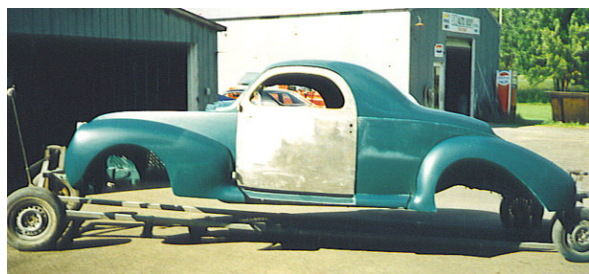
1937 Touring 4 door blue	\$29.00
1939 Zephyr Convertible red or white	\$29.00
1952 Lincoln Capri hardtop green or white	\$35.00
1956 Premier Convertible green, black or yellow	\$49.00
1956 Premier hardtop red or green	\$49.00
1956 Continental Mark II maroon	\$49.00
1958 Continental Mark III Convertible rose or white	\$49.00
1958 Continental Convertible top up yellow	\$49.00
1961 Continental 4 door Convertible blue	\$39.00
1961 Continental 4 door Convertible green	\$49.00
1963 Continental 4 door Convertible yellow	\$39.00
Presidential cars 1950 Lincoln bubble top	\$19.00
Presidential cars 72 Lincoln	\$19.00
All other Presidential cars	\$19.00

All shipping by priority mail is \$6.00 per item

Contact Don Swenson 651-647-9433 or 651-283-1099
Near Midway area, St. Paul, MN

For Sale

Scott Kenyon is offering a 1937 Zephyr three window coupe for sale.



Restoration has been started, but not completed. All of the parts are there. 507-934-1916 or 507-995-0265 (cell).
He is open to reasonable offers.

Wanted

1942 - 1948

**Lincoln Continental
Cabriolet**

**Contact Noel Bayne
2804 Western Avenue N
Roseville, MN 55113**

612.306.0355