

Our Pride and Joy



2015 Lincoln MKC owned by John and Mary McCarthy

John and Mary McCarthy are no strangers to Lincolns. They have been members of LCOC for a number of years and also hold membership in the LZOC. John truly loves older Lincolns and has always had several in his garage at any one time.

This past summer, their son became car needy and it was decided that he could get the best deal from “Honest John McCarthy” for Mary’s Murano. The Murano still had a lot of miles left in it, but it was now time for something newer and it should be a Ford product.

With all due deliberation, John sat down at his trusty computer, connected to the internet, the window to the world. In short order, a Google search revealed all types of gently used, lovingly cared for American sport utility vehicles. The chase was now on in earnest. There were a few out there that were very interesting and John came within minutes of buying a 2015 Ford Escape. It was a very nice car, well cared for, but there was just something missing.

On the way home from the “just something missing Escape,” Mary said, “You know the car that I just can’t get out of my mind *is that Lincoln MKC* that we test drove a few days ago. The gorgeous blue color, the supple black leather seats, the most incredible sound system, and the way it moved out so smartly when you stepped on the gas.” Well, life is short and to make a long story very short, John and Mary went back to the dealership and bought it the following day. It is a very lightly used 2015 model with only 7,000 miles. Brand-new, hardly broken in and it still smells new.

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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. Our meeting location, unless otherwise specified, will be held at Morrie's Minnetonka Ford Lincoln in their conference room. Meeting time will be 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month, except December.

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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Now as most car people know from a structural standpoint, the MKC and the Ford Escape are the same car, but let me clearly write that these are truly different cars. Not only do they have distinct body lines, but the interiors are also totally separate and the Lincoln just "feels and sounds" dissimilar from the Ford. It has the 2.0 Liter Eco-Boost engine. It has almost every bell and whistle except the moon-roof; which she did not want. It does not go very far, but so far in the two months she's owned it — she just loves it!!

And, of course, how could it be anything else???? It IS a Lincoln after all!

Continuing on with this trilogy of happy North Star Lincoln owners, we hear from member Bob Roth and his experience with a Lincoln MKC.

I purchased my MKC in February 2015. It was the first year for this newly added mid-size SUV. You wonder about the "first" year offered as it is usually thought to wait for the second year to let them get the "bugs" out. I couldn't wait as I liked the design and after driving the demo said, "This is the one." I did my homework on the internet and the "basic" model had everything I needed, except I chose the 2.3Turbo and color Black with Black Interior. I think the 20 would be satisfactory for most, but I have a heavy foot.

Morrie's Ford Lincoln didn't have what I wanted, but they found one at another dealer in the region. The only dif-

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Trivia from the Internet



**Lawrence Peter
"Yogi" Berra
1925 - 2015**

Lawrence Peter "Yogi" Berra (May 12, 1925 - September 22, 2015) was an American professional baseball catcher, who later took on the roles of manager and coach. He played 19 seasons in Major League Baseball (MLB) (1946-63, 1965), all but the last for the New York Yankees. He was an 18-time All-Star, and won 10 World Series championships as a player—more than any other player in MLB history. Berra had a career batting average of .285, while hitting 358 home runs and 1,430 runs batted in. He is one of only five players to win the American League Most Valuable Player

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Editors Message

Gentle Readers.... Any day now, winter will arrive and stay for three to four months. So far, we have been fairly lucky, with even the last week of November not too hard to take. The first part seemed below normal, but the last part was decent, with only a light jacket for comfort against the cold.

December just seems to go by so terribly fast. All of the excitement of the holiday season and the parties and events normally associated with the period between Thanksgiving and New Years day. The seasonal madness, with everything we ever wanted (not necessarily needed) on sale, just waiting for us to hand over our gold cards to complete the purchase and take those wondrous, never failing to amaze us items

home. Where are the Lincoln Logs and the Tinker Toys when we really need them? They're in our dreams of Christmas past, never to be forgotten, but never to appear in real life again. But for many of us, the memories of Christmas past will have to be good enough, because that is all we have.

As we hurtle toward the 2017 finish line, you will take note of the fact that in about three short weeks, we will once again cross the line and the days will start getting longer. Not noticeably at first, only a minute or two each day, but that really is each and every day. Yes, it will probably take until February before we really start to notice, but you do have to start somewhere. These small daily gifts of a minute or two of daylight are indeed a blessing.

This past year has been challenging for me. As most of you know, I lost my beloved Marion to pancreatic cancer this past June. This single event has changed my life

greatly and things will never be the same. I was truly blessed to have her in my life as long as I did and for that I will be forever grateful. I am fortunate to have many friends that stay in touch on a regular basis,

and I do have a bunch of stuff, including this newsletter and other Lincoln club activities and affairs that keep me occupied.

2018 will be a good year for all of us. Your board has been looking at a lot of different activities for 2018 and they will be a lot of fun. The big item will be the LCOC Mid-America; which the North Star Region will be hosting. We are hoping for around 100 classic

Lincolns of all vintages to come to the show to be held at the Marriott West, just off 394 in St. Louis Park. Start making your plans now to



As of December 1, there is no snow or bitterly cold weather here in Burnsville. Sweet Olga is taking no chances and had her dad dig out her warm winter scarf. A girl has to be prepared for whatever weather lies ahead.

attend.

We want to wish all of you the very best for the holiday season and the new year. Hopefully, 2018 will be one of opportunity and good fortune for you and those close to you. Take some time and check in with your longtime friends. It costs nothing to call these days, and I am sure that there are a few people that would really enjoy hearing from you. Reach out to those folks now while you still have the opportunity to do so. You will be glad you did.

And, if you have a few extra dollars leftover from your holiday shopping, please consider donating to one of the animal shelters near you. Our four-legged friends can always use some help — and if you can spare a little for a good cause, it will be greatly appreciated.

Till next month, David and Sweet Olga the Samoyed.

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Award three times. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest catchers in baseball history and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1972.

Berra was a native of St. Louis and signed with the Yankees in 1943 before serving in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He made his major-league debut at age 21 in 1946 and was a mainstay in the Yankees' lineup during the team's championship years beginning in 1949 and continuing through 1962. Despite his short stature (he was 5' 7" tall), Berra was a power hitter and strong defensive catcher. He caught Don Larsen's perfect game in Game 5 of the 1956 World Series.

Berra played 18 seasons with the Yankees and retired following the 1963 season. He spent the next season as their manager and then joined the New York Mets in 1965 as coach (and briefly a player again). Berra remained with the Mets for the next decade, serving the last four years as their manager. He returned to the Yankees in 1976, coaching them for eight seasons and managing for two before coaching the Houston Astros. He

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Directors Message by Bob Johnson December 2017



Mary and I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope that you have many reasons to be thankful for this past year. Again, Mary and I were blessed to remain healthy and be able to enjoy family and fellowship with all our Lincoln friends. It is really a pleasure to have you call us your friends. Please find the time to spend this holiday season with your family and loved ones, as our time passes so fast.

Our year-end Sunday Brunch at Dangerfield's in Shakopee on November 12 had 40 members attend on a cool, but nice day. We were honored with two new members attending their first North Star Activity, Lyle Stratton, Farmington and Bjorn Anderson, Robbinsdale. We awarded Bob Johnson of Tyler, Minnesota, the 2017 Tim Purvis Car of the Year Award for his 1964 red Continental sedan. The food was the best and our members enjoyed visiting with friends for this last club event for 2017.

Our 2018 schedule begins Sunday, January 7 and we will have a brunch at the Roasted Pear, in Brooklyn Park, 9690 Colorado Lane, at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Jay White by Thursday, January 4.

We have almost completed our schedule for 2018 — see our activities calendar toward the back of the Newsletter. We are planning a detailing/judging session in April for preparation for our Mid-America Meet in July. We still have openings for scheduling events — please call Jay White or any one of our broad members with your ideas. As in prior years, there are no North Star events scheduled for December. We encourage you to enjoy this time with your family and friends.

Our premiere event for 2018 will be the LCOC Mid-America national meet; which the North Star Region will be hosting at the Marriott West in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. It will begin Wednesday, July 11 and run through Sunday, July 15. There is a special room rate of \$129 per night, with a small number of special king suites available for \$159. Breakfast for two is included in the cost of the room. Reserve your room now by calling 952.544.4400 and ask for reservations and request the special "North Star LCOC" room rate. Featured activities will include driving tours to three major classic car collection; Morrie's Classic Cars, Viet Automotive Museum and McDowall Collector Cars. North Star sponsored dining will be available every evening at the Marriott West.

At our November Board Meeting, I was once again elected your Region Director for 2018. I want to thank the North Star Board of Managers for their continuing confidence in my leadership abilities. Roger Wothe was elected Secretary; Matt Foley elected Treasurer and Jay White Assistant Director for 2018. It has been a pleasure for me to serve as your Region Director these past 16 years. Dave Gustafson again volunteered to produce the best newsletter in the LCOC and also handle membership duties — these are the two most important tasks in our region. I also want to thank Tom Brace, Bob Roth, and Bill Holaday for serving as Directors and making this such a great management team.

We are adding one new member to our Board of Managers — we want to welcome Larry Sasse; who is a Lincoln car guy. Over these past years, the success of our region is because of the work done by Dave Gustafson and Roger Wothe; who have been region managers for over 20 years. During the past year, as your North Star Region Director, I realize how many great and wonderful people there are in our region. It is because of every one of you as members participating in our events that make this job fun.

As always, keeps the journey continuing in our marvelous Lincolns. See you all in 2018.

Bob and Mary Johnson...

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was one of seven managers to lead both American and National League teams to the World Series.

Berra appeared as a player, coach or manager in every one of the 13 World Series that New York baseball teams competed in from 1947 through 1981. In all, he appeared in 22 World Series, 13 on the winning side.

The Yankees retired his uniform number 8 in 1972; in an unusual twist, Bill Dickey also wore number 8 and both catchers had that number retired by the Yankees. The club honored him with a plaque in Monument Park in 1988. Berra was named to the MLB All-Century Team in a vote by fans in 1999. For the remainder of his life, he was closely involved with the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center; which he opened on the campus of Montclair State University in 1998.

Berra quit school after the eighth grade. He was known for his malapropisms, as well as, pithy and paradoxical statements,

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Northstar Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 2, 2017

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. at Bloomington Lincoln. Board members present were Bob Johnson, Dave Gustafson, Tom Brace, Bob Roth, Jay White, Matt Foley and Bill Holaday. Roger Wothe joined the group later. Other Regional members present were Mary Johnson, Dave Sandels and Olga. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson opened the election for officers for next year. Dave Gustafson made a motion to re-elect the current officers. The motion was unanimously approved the motion.

Treasurer Matt Foley announced that the treasury balance was \$3,308.42 with all bills paid.

Membership and publications Director Dave Gustafson asked current Board members Roger Wothe, Matt Foley and Larry Sasse to submit "My Pride and Joy" articles for 2018. An article announcing the 2018 Mid-America Meet will be submitted for publication in *Continental Comments*.

Activities Director Jay White reported that the next (January 2018) Sunday brunch will be at the Roasted Pear on January 7 at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Jay by Thursday, January 4, 2018. The 2018 Mid America Meet activities were discussed. Bob estimated that one hundred fifty to one hundred eighty persons with seventy-five to ninety Lincolns would be attending. The cruise to Morrie's Classic Cars Museum will be the main attraction.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. There will be no Board meeting in December so the next Board meeting will be January 4 at 7 p.m. at Bloomington Lincoln.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe from notes supplied by Regional Director Bob Johnson.



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such as "It ain't over 'til it's over", while speaking to reporters. He once simultaneously denied and confirmed his reputation by stating, "I really didn't say everything I said."

Yogi Berra was born Lorenzo Pietro Berra in a primarily Italian neighborhood of St. Louis called "The Hill" to Italian immigrants Pietro and Paolina (née Longoni) Berra. Pietro was originally from Malvaglio near Milan in northern Italy; he arrived at Ellis Island on October 18, 1909 at the age of 23. In a 2005 interview for the Baseball Hall of Fame, Berra said, "My father came over first. He came from the old country and he didn't know what baseball was. He was ready to go to work. And then I had three other brothers and a sister. My brother and my mother came over later on. My two oldest brothers, they were born there—Mike and Tony. John and I and my sister, Josie, were born in St. Louis."

Berra's parents originally gave him

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ference was it had heated steering wheel and mirrors. Probably one of the best decisions I made.

I ordered the car February 5, 2015, and my wife passed away February 10. Morries were great and said they would hold the car till I was ready and if I wanted to cancel, they would return my down payment. (This was Morries as we knew them).

Since I bought this car, I have driven 57,000 miles and I have used my last free oil change.

I will admit most of my miles are highway miles. I have driven to Montana, 1,000 miles each way, three times. My first trip was straight through in 10 hours — never again. The only stops were for gas; which was also a "pit stop." I was not that tired as I went and sat through a "recital" for another two hours when I arrived. Since then, I stay one night out each way, usually at Bismarck, North Dakota; which gives me a chance to visit and have dinner with the Andahls.

I also drove last February to Scottsdale, AZ with only one night out. I can't really say enough about how comfortable a ride you get with this vehicle. I contemplated on updating to 2018, but there really are no significant differences between the 2015 models and the 2018 models. I have now decided to see what changes will be in the 2019's. The only real motivation for change would be the relatively high mileage that I would have on this vehicle late next year when the 2019 models become available.

My only other concern is that the Michelin tires had to be replaced at 40,000 miles. I understand that this is similar to all vehicles today. Not like the "old days" when the original tires went 60,000 miles or more.

Being 84 years of age and driving the long distances I do, and in comfort, what else can I say? Lincoln does it in perfect style and comfort.

All good things come in three's and MKC's are no exception. Besides John and Mary McCarthy, Bob Roth, our good

friends and members to the North, John and Dorothy Palmer also own a MKC.

While John and Dorothy have more than a few Lincolns in their garage, a space closest to the door is reserved for their everyday driver, a Lincoln MKC; which is used mostly by Dorothy in her frequent treks from their home in Barnum over to Moose Lake to the South, Cloquet to the North and the bustling metropolis of Duluth.

The Palmers previously had a Ford Escape, the Titanium model; which is about the nicest level of trim that Escape offers. They decided that it was time to take the next step upward and take a good look at the MKC. Both Dorothy and John liked what they saw, the Lincoln level of trim, interior layout and options really made the difference and they eventually went home from the dealership in Duluth with a new MKC.

Dorothy drives it most of the time. She really likes the all-wheel drive. It is a great feature for wintertime driving, especially when you live in the northern part of the state and so very close to the North Pole. Dorothy also likes both the heated steering wheel and the heated seats. With below zero temperatures common place, from the middle of December through much of February, it is nice to have those creature comforts available with just the flick of a switch. With the 2.3 liter, turbocharged engine, it has plenty of pep to keep up with all kinds of traffic, and can easily exceed posted speed limits. It is very quiet, whether at a stoplight idling or at freeway speeds, you can hardly hear the engine working. Dorothy reports that with most of her driving, she averages between 24 and 25 miles per gallon. A lot of that driving is done over short distances, but over longer distances, with steady speeds, the mileage does get better.

All in all, Dorothy likes their MKC, John who is a big fellow, wishes the front seats were just a tad larger for greater comfort on long trips.

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the nickname "Lawdie"; which was derived from his mother's difficulty pronouncing "Lawrence" or "Larry" correctly. He grew up on Elizabeth Avenue, across the street from boyhood friend and later competitor Joe Garagiola. That block was also home to Jack Buck early in his Cardinals broadcasting career and it was later renamed "Hall of Fame Place". Berra was a Roman Catholic, and he attended South Side Catholic, now called St. Mary's High School, in south St. Louis with Garagiola. Berra has been inducted into the St. Louis Walk of Fame.

He began playing baseball in local American Legion leagues where he learned the basics of catching while playing outfield and infield positions, as well. He also played for a Cranston, Rhode Island team under an assumed name. While playing in American Legion baseball, he received his famous nickname from his friend Jack Maguire, who, after seeing a newsreel about India, said that he resembled a Hindu yogi whenever he sat around with arms and legs crossed waiting to bat or while looking sad after a losing game.

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2019 Lincoln MKC goes for the heart of the market



A fresh grill and some new tech could bring over more converts for the hot-selling MKC

Lincoln is updating the vehicle that it says draws the most customers from rival brands in hopes of further accelerating growth in a stalling luxury market.

The freshened 2019 MKC compact crossover features new infotainment and safety technology and the mesh grille found on Lincoln's newest products, including the Continental and MKZ sedans and the Navigator SUV. The 2019 MKC is due in showrooms next summer.

Even as overall U.S. sales of luxury cars and light trucks are roughly flat through October, Lincoln deliveries have edged up 2.4 percent and MKC sales are up 8.7 percent to 22,507. The MKC is also Lincoln's best-seller in China — a market it expects eventually will surpass the United States in overall volume.

Since the MKC's introduction in 2014, Lincoln executives say almost half of the crossover's sales have come from customers switching from other brands. "We recognize it takes a lot to attract a buyer from other luxury competitors, but the Lincoln MKC has that kind of appeal and we believe that the new MKC will capture even more luxury clients," Lincoln President Kumar Galhotra said in a statement.

The new MKC was formally introduced to the public at the Los Angeles Auto Show.

Besides the change to the front end, the 2019 MKC undergoes a few other exterior tweaks, including new colors, wheel choices, LED lights and chrome accents on the back end.

Inside, the crossover will offer Ford's Sync 3 infotainment system with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. It will also add driver-assist features including pre-collision assist with pedestrian detection with automatic braking. Active park assist, lane-keeping alert and blind spot information system with cross-traffic alert can be added as options. Ford will also offer three new Black Label trim options.

The 2019 MKC will carry over the standard turbocharged 2.0-liter engine and twin-scroll turbocharged 2.3-liter engine available on the current model.

The 2.0-liter makes 245 hp and 275 pound-feet of torque; while the 2.3-liter makes 285 hp and 305 pound-feet of torque.



Each powertrain comes in a two- or all-wheel-drive option.

The MKC is included in Lincoln's pickup and delivery service; which is standard on all models. It can be accessed through the Lincoln Way app; which also allows customers to start, lock, unlock and locate their vehicle.

The 2019 Lincoln MKC will be available third quarter 2018. Pricing hasn't been announced, but considering current prices, it should start at around \$35,000 and go up from there.

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In 1942, the St. Louis Cardinals overlooked Berra in favor of his boyhood best friend, Joe Garagiola. On the surface, the Cardinals seemed to think that Garagiola was the superior prospect, but team president Branch Rickey actually had an ulterior motive: Knowing he was soon to leave St. Louis to take over the operation of the Brooklyn Dodgers and more impressed with Berra than he let on, Rickey apparently planned to hold Berra off until he could sign him for the Dodgers. However, the Yankees signed Berra for the same \$500 bonus (\$7,329 in current dollar terms) the Cardinals offered Garagiola before Rickey could sign Berra to the Dodgers.

During World War II, Berra served in the U.S. Navy as a gunner's mate on the attack transport USS *Bayfield* during the D-Day invasion of France. A Second Class Seaman, Berra was one of a six-man crew on a Navy rocket boat, firing machine guns and launching rockets at the German defenses at Omaha Beach. He was fired upon, but was not hit and later received several commendations for

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First Drive; 2018 Lincoln Navigator

Courtesy Detroit Free Press
Mark Phelan



I recently tested a top of the line Navigator Black Label loaded with those goodies. Here's what I found.

Owning a luxury car is not about how fast you go or how much you spend. It's about how special you feel — how many stories you can tell about your car.

Against all odds, Lincoln appears to have figured that out. The new 2018 Lincoln Navigator SUV is steeped in the knowledge, full of details you initially miss, only to find them delightful upon discovery.

I recently tested a top of the line Navigator Black Label loaded with those goodies.

Lincoln completely reworked the Navigator this year. It's new from stem to stern, from a high-strength steel frame to 30-way seats, Apple CarPlay and aluminum body panels.

Really, 30-way seats? Lincoln counts fore and aft for each cushion as two ways (misleading, perhaps), but even being able to adjust 15 things on a seat is crazy.

Those are big changes, but the things that will help most as the Navigator tries to claw back to the top of the luxury-SUV market are smaller touches an owner may not notice till they've had the big SUV for a few weeks. This includes diamond stitching on the inner side of a grab handle; laser-burned pinpricks in the Khaya wood trim. Khaya wood? Oh, that's African mahogany, don't you know, old chap? And if you don't, you just made the day of an owner who will be delighted to tell you all

about it.

The 2018 Navigator is also big, quiet and powerful. There are two models, the 210-inch-long Navigator and 221.9-inch long-wheelbase Navigator L. Prices start at \$72,055 and \$80,750, respectively.

Long-wheelbase models typically account for about 30 percent of Navigator sales. Black Label is Lincoln's top trim level. Black label vehicles come with special, high-end interiors and loaded with features like 20-speaker Revel audio.



I tested an all-wheel-drive regular-wheelbase Navigator Black Label with burgundy paint and interior trim. It stickered at \$95,375.

The 2018 model is the first all-new Navigator in more than a decade. It uses a high-strength steel frame similar to that of the Ford F-150 pickup, but adds an independent rear suspension — Lincoln's hallmark in this segment.

The suspension creates extra legroom for passengers in the third row of seats.

The Navigator is one of the rare SUVs that can accommodate adults in all three rows. The new one is a couple of inches longer than the 2017 model, but avoids looking oversized thanks to several horizontal lines running along its sides. Aluminum body panels are new and help reduce weight about 200 pounds from the outgoing model.

The Navigator is remarkably quiet for such a large SUV, thanks to active noise cancellation and suspension tuning that also delivers a smooth, cushioned ride.

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his bravery. During an interview on the 65th Anniversary of D-Day, Berra confirmed that he was sent to Utah Beach during the D-Day invasion, as well.

Following his military service, Berra played minor-league baseball with the New-ark Bears, surprising the team's manager with his talent despite his short stature. He was mentored by Hall of Famer Bill Dickey, whose uniform number Berra took. He later said, "I owe everything I did in baseball to Bill Dickey."

Berra was called up to the Yankees and played his first game on September 22, 1946 — he played seven games that season and 83 games in 1947. He played in more than a hundred games in each of the following fourteen years. Berra appeared in fourteen World Series, including 10 World Series championships, both of which are records.

Berra was an All-Star for 15 seasons and was selected to 18 All-Star Games (MLB held two All-Star Games in 1959 through 1962.) He won the American League (AL) MVP award in 1951, 1954, and 1955; Berra never fin-

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More 2018 Navigator

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Other mechanical features include a 450-hp 3.5L twin-turbo V6 that delivers an amazing 510 pound-feet of torque at just 3,000 rpm for smooth acceleration. A 10-speed transmission shifts quickly and seamlessly. The shifter is controlled by horizontal "piano key" switches placed low in the center stack.



The Black Label package on my test vehicle included deep red "burgundy velvet" paint and a matching interior. The leather seats and trim have contrasting stitching. Even the inner side of the front-door grab-handles have the same pattern stitches on their seams.

That's what designers call a "third read" feature. You're not likely to notice it in the showroom or the first week you own the car, but it catches your eye later, you'll nod and appreciate Lincoln's attention to detail.



Another feature that gets better the more you know about it are the highlights

in the deep red Khaya mahogany. As in all other cars, the wood is a thin veneer over a piece of metal. The highlights are created by using a laser to burn tiny holes in the wood. The holes get bigger, and the color of the underlying metal changes the longer the laser is focused on a single spot. The size and color of the dots change progressively as they move from one end of the piece of trim to the other.

The center console is exceptionally wide and accommodating, but it's covered in a single strip of wood from the large Khaya trees, so the grain flows uninterrupted from front to back.

The headliner is a suede-like material that looks and feels like the Alcantara luxury brands have used before, but it's Dynamica, from a new supplier because Alcantara doesn't make rolls of material wide enough to cover the roof of a Navigator.



A wide head-up display changes automatically when the driver adjusts the gauges below it, so as to not duplicate what you see on the instrument panel. While only the driver can see the HUD, another special feature is visible only to people outside the Navigator. The Lincoln badge on the grille lights up a soft blue-white when the car is running.

Features like that can become a laughing stock if they're associated with a dull, average vehicle, but Lincoln's attention to detail makes the 2018 Navigator anything but that. It announces itself as it arrives and lives up to the fanfare.

The 2018 Navigator will be available this December at your local Lincoln

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ished lower than fourth in the MVP voting from 1950 to 1957. He received MVP votes in fifteen consecutive seasons, tied with Barry Bonds and second only to Hank Aaron's nineteen straight seasons with MVP support. From 1949 to 1955, on a team filled with stars such as Mickey Mantle and Joe DiMaggio, it was Berra who led the Yankees in RBI for seven consecutive seasons.

At age 37 in June 1962, Berra showed his superb physical endurance by catching an entire 22-inning, seven-hour game against the Detroit Tigers. Casey Stengel, Berra's manager during most of his playing career with the Yankees and with the Mets in 1965, once said, "I never play a game without my man".

In 1972, Berra was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The No. 8 was retired in 1972 by the Yankees, jointly honoring Berra and Bill Dickey, his predecessor as the Yankees' star catcher.

On August 22, 1988, Berra and Dickey were honored with plaques to be hung in Monument Park at Yankee Stadium. Berra's plaque calls him "A legendary

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Testing the 2015 Lincoln MKC EcoBoost

**First Drive Report from Motor Trend
October 2014 by Ron Kiino**



Well, If Matthew McConaughey drives one...

By now, you've probably seen the TV spots of movie star Matthew McConaughey promoting the all-new Lincoln MKC crossover. Whether you believe McConaughey would actually drive a Lincoln — he says he's been driving one "long before anybody paid me to drive one" or for that matter, an MKC. It's easier to envision the Longhorn alum in a Navigator is beside the point. Clearly, the newly dubbed "Lincoln Motor Company" is attempting to attract Gen X and Y buyers, those 30- and 40-somethings who not only relate to McConaughey and his films, but also have healthy incomes and, most likely, a family that necessitates a small luxury crossover, one of the fastest-growing segments in the auto biz. In other words, let's get non-traditional Lincoln buyers into this non-traditional Lincoln.

I must admit, seeing McConaughey behind the wheel of a Lincoln crossover just feels weird. To me, he'll always be Wooderson from "Dazed and Confused." I mean, who can forget him talking about his prized Chevy Chevelle. Good news for Lincoln is the MKC's got some muscle of its own, thanks to the new EcoBoost borrowed from the 2015 Ford Mustang.

Displacing 2.3 liters, the single turbo I-4 develops 285 horsepower and 305 lb-ft in the MKC, slight drops from the Mustang's version of 310 horsepower and 320 lb-ft. Our all-wheel-drive MKC

2.3, weighing in at 4,045 pounds, zipped from 0 to 60 mph in 6.5 seconds, on its way to a quarter-mile time of 15.0 seconds at 91.1 mph — the same quarter-mile time put down by the BMW X4 xDrive28i. Wooderson's ol' 390-horsepower Melba Toast likely would have been about a second quicker to the quarter, given that a 450-horse Chevelle SS that Hot Rod magazine tested back in May 1970 needed 13.4 seconds at 108.2 mph. Per Motor Trend associate editor Christian Seabaugh, "This 2.3 motor is potent as hell. The AWD MKC is really quick, really torquey and real confidence-inspiring. Feels more Focus ST than Escape Titanium." Alas, we found its six-speed automatic underwhelming, making us wish for a more intuitive gearbox with a couple more gears. Per senior features editor Jonny Lieberman, "The transmission feels lazy; which is too bad because the 2.3-liter with a great transmission could be a very compelling product."



Speaking of compelling, the less powerful 2.0-liter MKC; which we tested in front-drive guise, proved less so. With 240 horsepower and 270 lb-ft motivating 3,866 pounds, it returned runs of 7.6 seconds to 60 and 15.9 seconds at 87.4 mph in the quarter — respectable, but not nearly as engaging or fun as the 2.3. In our handling and braking tests, the 2.0 again proved respectable — 0.80 g max lateral acceleration, a 27.9-second figure-eight run, and 60 to 0 in 123 feet — but not as stout as the 2.3; which recorded 0.84 g, 26.7 seconds, and 118 feet, respectively. While editor-in-chief Ed Loh

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Yankee" and cites his most frequent quote, "It ain't over till it's over".

In 1996, Berra received an honorary doctorate from Montclair State University; which also named its own campus stadium Yogi Berra Stadium, opened in 1998, in his honor. The stadium is also used by the New Jersey Jackals, an independent professional baseball team.

On November 24, 2015, Berra was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously by President Barack Obama in a ceremony at the White House attended by members of Berra's family; who accepted the award on his behalf. At the ceremony, the President said, "Today we celebrate some extraordinary people. Innovators, artists and leaders who contribute to America's strength as a nation." Celebrating Berra's military service and remarkable baseball career, Obama used one of Berra's famous 'Yogiisms', saying, "One thing we know for sure: If you can't imitate him, don't copy him."

Based on his style of speaking, Yogi was named "Wisest Fool of the Past 50 Years" by The Economist maga-

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viewed the FWD 2.0 as "tight and well-damped, with a surprising mix of smooth and sporty," the AWD 2.3 was rated higher and is the way to go if you're looking for the utmost performance from your Lincoln crossover, especially off the pavement. As editor at large, Angus MacKenzie noted, "The continuously variable torque split, all-wheel-drive system works extremely well on the dirt. The AWD MKC strolled up the dirt hill from a standing start, and proved fast and flickable through the dusty turns."



The MKC's exterior design, a blend of Lincoln heritage up front, Audi Q5 in the back, and Ford Escape in profile, received mostly rave reviews. According to MacKenzie, "Exterior styling is mature and pleasant. The wing-grille stays the right side of parody and the Audi Q5-style rear hatch (same style of cutlines to the side) gives the rear end graphic a broad, expansive stance." Loh had this to add, "Exterior is stunning. Best modern Lincoln styling to date."

From behind the wheel, the MKC was deemed a legitimate luxury player. Our editors were impressed with the quality of the wood, leather, and plastics, as well as, the clean, appealing and uncluttered design. Per MacKenzie, "The interior is extremely well executed, with acres of soft-touch leather — including a modern take on quilted door panels — nicely restrained open-pore wood, and soft-sheen aluminum. It looks refined and upscale."

In terms of value, our FWD 2.0

started at \$33,995, but thanks to a \$6,935 Reserve 102A Package (leather/heated/cooled seats, 10-way power front passenger seat, auto-folding side-view mirrors, panoramic roof, navigation, hands-free liftgate, blind-spot system and 18-inch polished wheels among other items), a \$2,235 Technology Package (adaptive cruise control, active park assist, forward sensing system and lane-keep assist), a \$995 THX audio system, and a few other options, the as-tested price swelled to \$45,785. That's a lot of dough for a fancy Escape, but there's no denying that it includes a ton of kit, much of it useful and appreciated. Associate road test editor, Carlos Lago, observed, "I like the lane-keep assist philosophy: Doesn't alert everyone in the car; it just vibrates the wheel and subtly pulls in the right direction." Not surprisingly, the AWD 2.3 came with a steeper sticker price — \$37,630 to start and with similar options as the 2.0, \$49,265 as tested. For context, the 2015 Q5 3.0T starts at \$45,825.



Whether McConaughey's advertisements work magic for the MKC remains to be seen — certainly given the crossover just went on sale. But in August alone, the MKC found 1,760 takers, not that far off the 2,023 folks who bought a BMW X3. Clearly, the MKC is off to a good start. To that, I've got to think Wooderson would've said, "All right, all right, all right."



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zine in January 2005.

Berra married Carmen Short on January 26, 1949. They had three sons and were longtime residents of Montclair, New Jersey until his wife's declining health caused them to move into a nearby assisted living facility. Carmen Berra died on March 6, 2014, of complications from a stroke, the couple having recently celebrated their 65th anniversary. Following Carmen's death, the house in Montclair was listed for sale at \$888,000, a reference to Yogi's uniform number.

"A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore."
- Yogi Berra

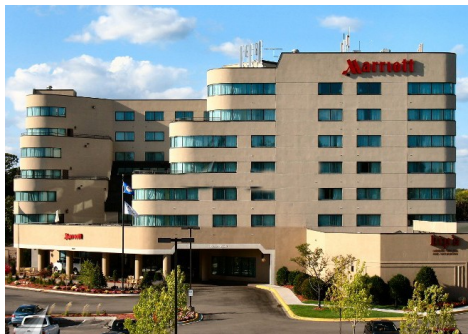
Berra died at age 90 of natural causes in his sleep in West Caldwell, New Jersey, on September 22, 2015 - 69 years to the day after his MLB debut.

Berra's funeral services were held on September 29 and were broadcast by the YES Network. He was interred at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover, New Jersey.

From the internet..

North Star Region Hosts Mid America

The North Star Region is excited to host the 2018 Mid America National Meet in the Twin Cities area, July 11-15.



Our host hotel is the Marriott Minneapolis West, at 9950 Wayzata Boulevard, St. Louis Park, Minnesota. It is conveniently located only minutes from popular area attractions; including the Mall of America, Target Field, US Bank Stadium and many more area attractions.

The Marriott is an exceptional hotel with all of the amenities including free WiFi, indoor pool, a fitness center, Starbucks, Kip's Irish Pub and much more! The room rate is \$129 per night or if you prefer, there are a small number of King Suites for \$159. Breakfast for two is included in the room rate. To reserve your room, call 952.544.4400, ask for reservations and mention that you want the "North Star LCOC" special rate.

This year's theme is "North Star Touring at its Best," and that says it all! We've arranged driving tours to three great car collections.

In addition to the Saturday judged show, driving tours are planned over Thursday and Friday; which will take us to Morris Car Collection in Long Lake, the Veit Automobile Museum and John McDowalls car collection.

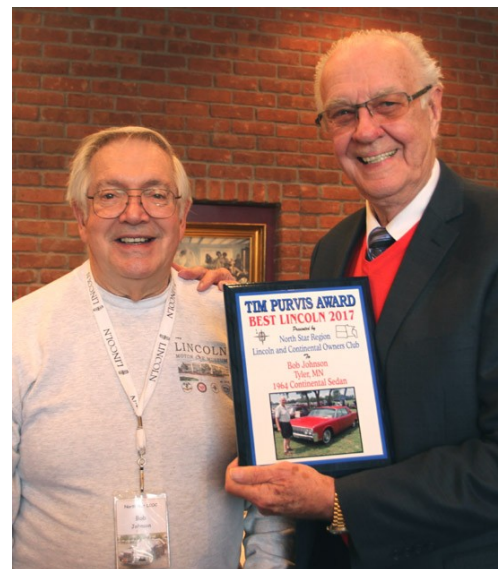
For more information and to download a meet registration form, go to the LCOC website: www.lcoc.org and click on Mid-America National Meet.

Please contact Matt Foley, Meet Registration Chairman, at 612.910.8057 or email mcfoley@earthlink.net if you are considering attending our 2018 Mid-America National Meet in Minneapolis,

(St. Louis Park) Minnesota. Matt Foley will send you a meet packet via email or USPS mail if you need a printed copy. You may download PDF forms from www.lcoc.org. This is the only website that will have the official registration packet for you to download. Register early to ensure getting the tour and day that you want.

Meet registration will close June 22, 2018. Help us by registering before this date. For more information please contact either Matt Foley or North Star Region Director, Bob Johnson, 651.257.1715, email arborbob41@aol.com

Bob Johnson Wins!



Regional Director Bob Johnson is shown presenting the Tim Purvis Award for the best Lincoln displayed at one of the three North Star car shows held annually. The award was presented to Robert Johnson of Tyler, Minnesota for "Big Red" his very nice 1964 Lincoln Continental sedan; which has been beautifully restored to like new condition. It is a quite a car and Bob Johnson looks good behind the wheel.

The award is presented annually to an outstanding Lincoln shown at North Star LCOC sponsored shows and it is dedicated to the memory of Tim Purvis; who was an avid Lincoln collector and restorer until his untimely passing in 2007.

For Sale — All Good Lincolns



FOR SALE: 1997 Lincoln Town Car - Signature Series. Show Car - 1st Place 2012 LCOC Mid-America National Meet. Pearl White exterior and Light Gray interior. Absolutely looks and drives like new. 76,000 miles. In heated storage and rust free. \$9,450 Call Rolland Toenges 952-938-6200 or email: rptoenges@aol.com



Travel in comfort — Arrive in style!

FOR SALE: 2011 45 ft Tiffin Zephyr, one owner, non-smoker, \$249,500 with 36,000 miles. All serviced ready to get out of MN for the winter.

Call or text Roger 218-966-7640 for more information and more photos.



FOR SALE: 1937 Lincoln K 2 window sedan. This car is one of three known and has been a show winner and a very reliable tour car. It has a high speed rear end and has been completely restored to a very high standard. It has won the Edsel Ford trophy and has been a runner up to the Bell award. I am offering the car at \$59,500 and am looking for good home with someone who will enjoy it as much as I have. If you are interested, please call Tom Brace at 651-644-1716 or email trbrace@comcast.net



FOR SALE: 1978 Mark V. White with blue, full padded top. Blue leather interior. Excellent condition, both inside and out. Smooth running 460 makes it a pleasure to drive. Air blows very cold. Truly would be a joy to own. 54K miles, it just don't get much better. Fairly offered at \$9,950.

Call Dennis Owens at 612-269-6482 to talk more about this Mark and the price.

You May Be Interested in these Items for Sale

Wanted.... Car club badges and patches. New and Used. Call Harvey Oberg, 651-739-9754

Wanted... NOS exhaust resonator for a 1974 Lincoln Town Car. Part Number D4VA5E272AA
Call Vaughn Ebbighausen at 218-736-4049 or email vemsp294@gmail.com

For Sale - 1965 Lincoln Continental Convertible



This beautiful, fully-restored, 100-point car (Lincoln show standards) is now available. Equipped with the whisper-quiet, smooth 430 V8, rare silver blue bucket seats and steel belted radial tires. Stainless exhaust system and detailed engine bay and undercarriage. Drives perfectly. Call John Palmer at 218-389-6189 or 218-380-3239.



1994 Lincoln Town Car Executive loaded with options. The car has two air bags, key-less entry, air suspension, moon roof, four wheel disk brakes, cassette tape player and 1-1/8" white wall tires. Second owner since 1999. Car gone over by Lincoln dealer. Rare gold color with matching interior. Must see to appreciate. Asking \$9,500.

Call Richard at 651-351-2855.



Northstar Region grille badges are now available. To obtain yours, contact Bob Johnson at 651.257.1715.

Now Available - Lincoln Caps and Shirts

Mens shirts with pockets, Ladies without pockets.
All Sizes, one price \$25, Caps, \$10.



Call now, operators standing by: Bob Johnson
651-257-1715 or email: arborbob41@aol.com

Preview of Coming Events

January **Sunday, January 7th, Sunday Brunch at the Roasted Pear** in Brooklyn Park, 9690 Colorado Lane, at 11:30AM.

February CCCA Potluck/Auction, Firefighters Museum, 664 22 Avenue NE, in Minneapolis on **Saturday, February (date to be determined in January) at 5:00 PM.**

Know some other event that may be of interest to members of the North Star Region? Let us know and perhaps we can work it into our event schedule for this year. Do you have a special burger place that we can cruise to some evening? Tell us about it — maybe we can do it. Good friends and nice Lincolns make for some fun times.

The all new 2018 Lincoln Navigator, available shortly at your nearby Lincoln dealer.



The all new Lincoln Continental, now at your local Lincoln dealer.



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North Star Activities



Get 2018 off to a good start and join your North Star family for the first brunch of the New Year on Sunday, January 7, 2018, at the Roasted Pear, 9690 Colorado Lane, Brooklyn Park.

Be there at 11:30 AM, don't miss out on all the fun!
Door prizes for those who attend. Please RSVP by
January 5th to Jay White at 952-432-5939
or email: jay@jwhiteandassoc.com



Upper Midwest Region of the Classic Car Club of America

POT LUCK DINNER AND AUCTION Planned for February, 2018

To be held at the Firefighter's Museum
664 22nd Avenue NE, Minneapolis
Details in the February 2018 Newsletter
North Star LCOC members are invited.



March Sunday Brunch

**Machine Shed, Highway 94, exit 250
North on Inwood Drive 11:30AM**

Full details in our February newsletter