

NORTHSTAR NEWS

My Pride and Joy

As told by Richard Magner.

I purchased this vintage Continental MKV on February 14th, 1990, with 61,340 actual miles. The original owners, told to me, by fellow LCOC member Milt Peterson, were a home building contractor and his wife. This MKV was her car and her husband owned a Cadillac of similar age. Milt told me he was in the landscaping business and worked together with this builder. Milt says he even got to ride in this car on several occasions. The Contractor told his wife to sell this car, because the brakes were no good and needed shoes. The "For Sale" sign on the window, parked out in a gas station, caught the eye



1960 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL

buying up many properties to rent out, I was short on cash, and had to pass on the purchase. I lost track of this car until I received a call from Dave Gustafson, in the early part of February 1990. He said an aqua MKV was for sale by a Ford dealership in Farmington, which was going bankrupt, and needed to sell some of his collector cars. Oddly, I just purchased a white MKV four door from a seller in Washington State. It needed a lot

of work and a new transmission. Dave gave me a description of this MKV and several telephone calls later the car arrived in front of my home here on Lake McCarrons Boulevard. One test drive, and I knew this MKV was Milts and it drove like a dream. I wrote out the check there and then without another thought. Along the way, the rear bumper received a hit, which required removal, straightening by experts, and then it was replated, along with the bumper ends.

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of Milt. He then bought the MKV and was the second owner for about 18 years. In the early 80s, Milt drove this car to Indianapolis, for a LCOC regional meet and received 98 points in competition. Milt was always impressed by the way the car drove at speed. 85 miles per hour seemed to be a good cruising speed.

I first saw this MKV at the State Fair grounds in about 1985, at a car show being held there. Milt showed me the car and all the fine points. He later called me about a possible purchase of this car, but being in the apartment rental business

Finally spring arrived in April of 1990 and I was out, new bumper and all, driving my new toy. The next thing to do was to repaint this car, but Mary, my wife said absolutely NO and stated the car must stay all-original. It never got the new paint job I longed for. Rubbing compound, wax and a lot of polishing restored the finish fairly well and today, it still looks good. Over the years, maintenance needed to be done, starter and the Bendix spring were replaced, as well as a new radiator, all new brakes and related components, battery and heavy

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Welcome to the new 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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Facts and Figures - 1960

The 1960 Lincoln was a continuation and improvement of the new styling that was introduced in 1958. The biggest changes for 1960 were a full length mid-body chrome spear; larger tailfins wrapped in chrome; new instrument panel; altered horizontal grill; more conventional style front bumper and Ford like square roofline. All 1960 Lincolns came with power brakes, power steering, heater and defroster, undercoating, whitewall tires, clock, radio, windshield washer, padded dash, center rear arm rest and dual exhaust.

All Lincoln Continentals were powered by a V8 engine, 430.0 cubic inch, with a bore of 4.30 inches and a stroke of 3.70 inches. Horsepower rating of 315. Compression ratio 10.00:1

1960 Lincolns were really big cars. Overall length of 227.2, made it the longest American car this year. And they were wide too, 80.3 inches. Factory weight of the lightest model, a Lincoln (base model) was 4,929 lbs, and the MKV Executive sedan weighed in

at 5,495 lbs. Tire size was 9.50 x 14.

Production

Lincoln		production nrs
4dr sedan	\$5,441	1,093
4dr HT	\$5,441	4,397
2dr HT	\$5,253	1,670

Premiere

4dr sedan	\$5,945	1,010
4dr HT	\$5,945	4,200
2dr HT	\$5,696	1,364

Continental MKV

4dr Executive	\$10,230	34
4dr Town sdn	\$9,207	136
4dr sedan	\$6,854	807
2dr HT	\$6,598	1,461
2dr Conv	\$7,056	2,044
4dr HT	\$6,845	6,604

The Year - 1960

In world events: American U-2 spy plane, piloted by Francis Gary Powers, was shot down over Russia. The US is thus forced to admit to spying on the Soviet Union. Khrushchev kills Paris summit conference because of U-2. There are 900 US military advisers in South Vietnam.

In the US: Dwight D. Eisenhower was President, Richard M. Nixon was Vice President. Later in the year, John F. Kennedy defeats Richard Nixon in a closely fought race. Television may have given Senator Kennedy the edge he needed to defeat Nixon in the first televised presidential debate. Kennedy wins by a margin of 113,000 votes (out of 69 million votes cast). Xerox introduces the first production paper copier machine. The U.S. launches Echo 1, the world's first communication satellite. Another important invention this year, the Japanese introduce the first felt-tip pen. Outgoing-President Eisenhower warns against the "military-industrial-

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Editors Message

The first day of spring has come and gone. Winter is still having a bit more fun with us before he/she takes leave for the rest of the season. Hopefully, April will bring us some spring showers, and sweet flowers, and great weather for taking the Lincolns out for the first run.

Our March brunch at Kozlak's was a great success by any measure. With bad weather the preceding day, I was guessing that attendance would be iffy. We did have about 40 eager eaters there for the excellent food and fine company, which I am sure resulted from the swell job the calling committee did prior to the Sunday brunch. There were a number of members that we have not seen for a while, and it was fun to see and visit with them again.

Our next event is a brunch at Toby's by the Lake, just off highway 94, North on Century Avenue. We have been going there every year for sometime, and it seems to be a long time favorite among the members for the food, service and reasonable prices. We will see you there on April 28th at 11:00. Be sure to check the back page of the newsletter for our other events coming up in the near future. Please do not miss out on all the fun.

Last week, I brought my Continental over to Whitaker L/M for routine servicing. The car is new, and we have not had any problems to date, other than the oil changes and lubrication. The service at Whitaker is prompt and effi-

cient, the staff courteous and anxious to help. Alexander, our Samoyed went with. He also enjoyed all of the attention that is usually given out to a large (80 lb) overly friendly white dog. He got to see a lot of the Whitaker staff, and visit with some of the customers that also were in the waiting area. He too, endorses the warm reception that Whitaker provides all of their customers, canines included. If you need service on your L/M vehicle or are interested in purchasing a new or late model Lincoln, give them a try. You will find that you will like doing business with Whitaker Lincoln Mercury. Good people with good cars and they are nice to large white dogs too.

This month we are featuring Dick Magner's fine original 1960 Continental. With the exception of the Mark II, Lincolns from the 1949 through 1960 period are frequently overlooked by collectors. These are great cars, and the later models from this period offered almost as many options and conveniences that are found on the new models. Very drivable cars, for the most part trouble free, and with distinctive styling. As Dick says, these are a real joy to drive at highway speeds and one can easily exceed the speed limits. And the best part is that most of these cars are still fairly affordable. Call up a friend, and get them to buy one of these today, then sign them up with the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. It is win-win for all. Till next month....

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Directors Message

It's past the middle of March and now we are getting our long lost winter, and had to postpone our monthly meeting one week due to a snowstorm. Since my last message, we have two major events, Ellingson's and Kozlak's. What great turn outs. Jay Whites efforts with e-mails and phone committees has doubled member turnout in the three events this year. With Jay's efforts we may have to look at larger restaurants for further gatherings.

Sunday, March 10th, proved how Minnesotan we are, ice and snow will not keep us away from an event that we want to go to. Thom Thill even drove his 1960 Lincoln two-door hardtop to Kozlak's. Brian Owens had pictures of his

1964 Lincoln Continental Sedan, restoration underway at Lance McDonald's, Paradise Motorsport.

Along with the April newsletter, you will receive the Red Wing Mid-America Meet Registration information packets. During the bad weather the first week of March, I figured I could print and assemble 350 meet packs. Stupid move, this is where team effort can really get the job done a lot faster. Per National LCOC suggestion, we have mailed out 116 packs to LCOC National members in neighboring states.

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 complex” that attempts to maintain high levels of defense spending. 95% of soft drinks sold in the US are furnished in reusable bottles. But in 1960 aluminum cans are used for the first time. In 1960 Howard Johnson had 607 independently owned restaurants, making it the largest private food distributor in the country. Thomas S. Monaghan, borrows \$500 to buy a pizza parlor in Detroit, and renames it “Domino’s.” 2,000 computers are delivered in the US. Cost of a first-class stamp: 4 cents. Unemployment was at 5.5% and the Federal debt was at \$290.5 billion.

Entertainment: Chubby Checker introduces *The Twist* at the Peppermint Lounge in New York. John Coltrane forms his own quartet and becomes the voice of jazz’s New Wave movement. Ninety percent of US homes now have a television set. A Pulitzer Prize was awarded to Allen Drury for his fictional novel “Advise and Consent”. Other notable books included *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, and John Updike’s *Rab-*

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 duty cables, carburetor rebuild and a some other minor items which were fixed by Jim French in his shop.

Today, 42 years later, the spare tire has not hit the road yet, but is full of air and ready. The unitized body construction makes this car very rattle free and quiet. The breezeway, retracting rear window, which works very well and all the power windows and vents are a natural air conditioner and work well to move air through the car. This car is very heavy and rides very well, and the 430 cubic inch engine with the smooth automatic drive really moves this car down the freeways with the best of today’s cars. The large wrap a round windshield gives you visibility not found in most vehicles of the era. Options abound, including remote view mirrors, signal seeking town and country radio, power steering and brakes, windows, seats and traction control, limited slip differential. Not many of these models survive today, and I am fortunate to have one in top condition, inside and out.

For Your Information

If you have access to the Internet, you might find these web sites useful. There is some good technical information on the internet..

- Michigan Region www.michiganlcoc.org
- Southern Region www.southernregionlcoc.homestead.com
- Western Region www.lcocwestern.org
- Pacific Northwest Region www.lincoln-club.org
- National LCOC www.lcoc.org

Directors Meeting Minutes

Due to the monthly meeting moved from the second week of March to the third week of March, the Northstar LCOC meeting minutes were not available in time to be printed in this month’s issue. They will be printed in their entirety in the May issue.

The Competition 1960

Lincoln was at the end of a three year style cycle. The 1961 models would be totally new in all respects, and would take the market place by storm, and would be the envy of the other auto manufacturers. However, the 1960 Lincoln was a quality product and much refined over the first year (1958) model in many respects. Let us take a brief look at the marketplace and check out the other offerings.

Cadillac, the sales leader in the market place was also undergoing changes in it’s own styling. Gone were the large fins that everyone remembers from the 1959 cars. Large and wide, but still two inches shorter than the Lincoln, it was still a imposing sight to see cruising down a boulevard or at speed on the highways. Interiors were tastefully done in either leather or various types of cloth and leather combinations.

Cadillac, to it’s credit out produced both Lincoln and Imperial by very large numbers. They offered 5 different series in their production lineup, which included the following:

Series 62, two models of the four door hardtop style, a four window and a six window, a 2 door hardtop, and a convertible. Cost at factory \$5,080-\$5,455.

Deville, which also included a four window and six window hardtop, and a two door hardtop, a Coupe de Ville. Cost \$5,252-\$5,498.

Series 60, a “Fleetwood” four door hardtop, six window sedan. Cost \$6,233

Series 64, which included the Eldorado Seville, a two door hardtop, and the Biarritz, a convertible. Cost \$7,401.

Series 69, the Eldorado Brougham, a four door hardtop sedan, very limited production run of 101. Custom all the way, with a price of \$13,075 was one of the most expensive American cars produced.

Series 75, the true nine passenger sedans, in both sedan and limousine styles. About 1500 of this style were produced in 1960. Cost \$9,533-\$9,748.

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bit, Run. Best picture of the year: Ben Hur. Other movies included Psycho, The Apartment, The Sundowners, and Sons and Lovers. Record of the Year; "Mack the Knife," by Bobby Darin, Album of the Year; "Come Dance with Me," Frank Sinatra. The title of Miss America went to Lynda Lee Mead from Mississippi.

In Sports: World Series, Pittsburg over the NY Yankees (4-3), NBA Championship had Boston over St. Louis Hawks (4-3). Stanley Cup: Montreal defeated Toronto (4-0). NCAA Football Champions Minnesota (8-2-0) and Mississippi (10-0-1). Venetian Way took the Kentucky Derby Champion.

Born this year: Included Meg Tilly, Prince Andrew, Jennifer Grey, Valerie Bertinelli, David Duchovny, John Elway, Cal Ripken, Hugh Grant, Joan Jett, Scott Baio, John F. Kennedy Jr, and Daryl Hannah.

Those who left us included: Eddie Cochran, John D. Rockefeller Jr, Boris Pasternak, Oscar Hammerstein, Emily Post, Ward Bond, and Clark Gable

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If you want to see beautiful Lincolns in one place, Red Wing will be the place to go in August. I urge you to attend our meet and participate by entering your Lincoln. Call Treasure Island Hotel and Resort for reservations ASAP. National LCOC has us charging the same amount for a car to be judged as exhibited, \$35.00 each. The one advantage to having your car judged is then you know how it stands against other cars. LCOC uses a 100 point system that would equal what a car would be when it is brand new. All of the Meet Rules are contained in the Continental Comment Directory. The new directory will be out next month, and if you want rule information now, please give me a call.

Elsewhere in this issue is information about great Lincoln Web Sites. If you have a PC, take a look.

Our next event at Toby's by the Lake is on April 28th. I hope the weather is hot, and that we can all drive our Classic Lincolns to Toby's.

Keep the Journey continuing in our marvelous Lincolns.

Bob Johnson

In Memoriam Mary Koop

We are saddened to report the passing of Mary Koop, beloved wife of Tom Koop, charter members of the Northstar LCOC. In past years, Mary and Tom were regulars at most of the club events, and enjoyed visiting with the other members at our brunches and dinners. Mary, I believe, enjoyed their 1963 Continental Convertible as much as Tom.

Long time resident of New Richmond, Wisconsin, Mary is survived by her husband of 57 years Tom, six children, including Richard (also a long time member of the Northstar LCOC), Elizabeth, Thomas S, Mark, Mary, Anne, their husbands and wives, and thirteen grandchildren. A quiet and gentle soul, she will be missed by her many friends in the Northstar LCOC.

The Competition 1960 continued.....

All 1960 Cadillacs were powered by a 390 cubic inch engine, with a 4.0 x 3.875 inch bore and stroke. Standard horsepower was 325, and in the Eldorado series with three dual throat carburetors, 345 hp.

Imperial was a changed car for 1960. Virtually all Chrysler products from the era 1957 through 1959 suffered from rust and other body integrity problems. 1960 brought new bodies and other construction techniques which help solve most of the structural deficiencies. Imperials were offered in four series, the Custom, Crown, Le Baron and Crown Imperial. All models featured headlights that were recesses under the overhanging front fenders. The grille had a clean, fine vertical and horizontal pieces treatment. Circular signal light pods were mounted on the lower half of the stylized wing bumpers. Side trim started above the headlights and ran at a slightly downward angle, almost to the end of the rear fender. Chrome trimmed taillights once again protruded from the tailfins. Some 17,707 Imperials were manufactured this model year.

The Custom series included a 2 dr ht, priced at \$4,923, a 4 dr ht, priced at \$5,029, and a 4 dr sedan, also priced at \$5,029. The Crown series featured the same models as above, with prices ranging from \$5,403 to \$5,647. Also in this series was a convertible, at \$5,774. The Le Baron models featured a 4 dr sedan, and a 4 dr hardtop. Both were priced at \$6,318. About 1,700 Le Barons were sold this year. The Crown Imperial model was the 4 door limousine and priced at \$16,000. Truly a custom model, only 16 were sold this year.

All Imperials were powered by the same engine, 413 cubic inches, 350 hp. Bore and stroke, 4.18 x 3.75 inches. The carburetor was a Carter four barrel. Torqueflite was the automatic transmission, a three speed unit which was controlled by pushbutton on the left side of the dash. Wheelbase was 129 inches for the standard models and 149 inches for the Crown Imperial. 44.7% were delivered with air conditioning and 92.9 had power windows. Like Lincoln and Cadillac, there was a long list of optional equipment to order from.

Preview of Coming Attractions

The following are the scheduled club events, please call Jay White at (952) 432-5939 for information and directions.

- April 28 Sunday Brunch at Toby's by the Lake. Please call Faythe Oberg to confirm 651-739-9754. 11:00 AM eat at 11:30 AM. Highway 94 to Century Avenue, North to Toby's.
- April 28 Camp Tanadoona Car show, sponsored by our friends in the Cadillac-LaSalle Club. See separate flyer.
- May 11 Saturday 9:00 AM to Noon. "Launching the Lincolns" Spend the morning cleaning up your Lincoln for the Big Whitaker show the following weekend. Meet at Roger Wothe's Environments heated garage and tidy up the Lincoln. Roger has a lift we can use, and we will be able to check the engines on an analyzer. Knowledgeable Lincoln experts will be on hand to help you with your "car issues". Food will be served. See you there!
- May 11-12 31st Annual First Fifty Auto Show & Swap Meet
6:00 am - 5:00 pm Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN
- May 18 Third Annual Car Show at Whitaker Lincoln Mercury 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Whitaker Lincoln Mercury, Hwy 110 at South Robert, Inver Grove Heights, MN
All years of Lincolns, Continentals and Zephyrs welcome. No entry fee. Prize drawings. Free lunch. Call Jay White to volunteer for some needed help.
- June 2 Tour the Frank Warner car collection in Centuria, Wisconsin. Frank has 20-30 old Lincolns along with some classic boats he has restored. Meet for brunch at Piccadilly's in Mahtomedi and caravan to Warner's. More to follow, along with a map in the May issue of the Northstar News.
- June 21-23 Back to the 50's car show at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds.
- August 22-25 Mid America National Lincoln and Continental Owners Club Meet at Treasure Island hotel and casino, near Red Wing, MN. This event will bring out some of the finest Lincolns that you will ever want to see. We still need some help on this project. Please call Bob Johnson at 651-257-1717 to volunteer.
- September 22 Annual Northstar LCOC Picnic at Environments.