

## My Pride and Joy

As told by Bob Johnson.....

For a long time I have been chasing the great and elusive Lincolns out there, hoping that even with my modest budget, I would eventually be successful in securing a truly memorial one for my collection. Possibly one as fine as Harvey Oberg's 1941 Continental or Tim Purvis's 1937 big yellow K Cabriolet.



*Northstar Director Bob Johnson*

As most of you know, and much to Mary's dismay, I spend many hours of otherwise productive time on the Internet looking for cars and communicating with other Lincoln aficionados all over the world. Bargains abound on the Internet, and it is the source of valuable information on quality collector cars and also a good reason for not doing anything constructive.

Some time ago, I learned from one of my Internet sources, that during the late 60's or early 70's, the Lincoln Division of the Ford Motor Company commissioned the development of an automobile that was supposed to be

be one of the finest designed and constructed vehicles since the Continental Mark II. Like the original Marks and the Mark II, it was to feature a pleasing and timeless design and only the finest of materials and interior appointments. To be seen driving one, the owner would be instantly identified as a person on the cutting edge of fashion, but with a tie to the past, the era of power, quality and elegance. I managed to learn that Lincoln had a special chassis constructed and shipped over to one of the great European coachbuilders for the installation of the custom body. Virtually nothing exists in print about this remarkable conveyance. From time to time, rumors would surface, and people would claim that the car had been seen either in France, Germany, Belgium or England during its extensive test period. The intent was definitely a vehicle of European flavor. And at the time, much smaller than the current American offerings, it was to be a forerunner to the Granada based Versailles, or perhaps a worthy competitor to the first generation Cadillac Seville of the 1976-7 period.

Much to my amazement, during one recent late night, while cruising the electronic highway, I stumbled across what might be the find of the century. The one of a kind, the covered like new classic in the barn, the low mileage classic envied by all. The long forgotten special Lincoln, the car I had dreamed about for years had finally surfaced once again. I quickly contacted the present owner, who indicated that he had acquired the vehicle from the estate of a somewhat reclusive gentleman by the name of John Beresford Tipton, who apparently had a great deal of money at one time and was in the habit of giving it away to strangers. It is also believed that he also went by the names of Paul Frees and Boris Badanov at various times in his life.

Money quickly changed hands, arrangements

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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 second Thursday of every month except December at 7:00 PM at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury on South Robert Street just north of Highways 110 and 1494 in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.

## *My Pride and Joy Continued.....*

were made to have this beautiful machine brought to my door.

Shown below, in all its splendor is my new pride and joy. A dream realized.

Delivery is expected shortly, on the first of April, fools day.



## *Armored Lincoln Debuts.....*

Lincoln is entering the rapidly growing armored vehicle market with the introduction of the Lincoln Town Car Ballistic Protection Series (BPS). Schedule for production this year, the Lincoln BPS will provide a high level of armored protection with, with high quality, at a competitive price. "For more than 80 years, Lincoln has symbolized American luxury and elegance." Said Al Kammerer, executive director, Lincoln Mercury Product Development. "Now, those who travel well can travel well protected in Lincoln's first armored vehicle, the Town Car BPS".

A key goal of the Town Car BPS development process was to build a vehicle that sets a new industry benchmark in the areas of protection, affordability, driving dynamics, and noise, vibration and harshness. The vehicle is designed, engineered and tested by Lincoln to provide protection from powerful handgun and high power rifle rounds. Historically, the top OEM competitors in the U.S. commercial armored vehicle industry have only offered handgun-level protection.

About 300 tests will be performed on the Town Car, including crash tests, which will make it one of the most thoroughly tested armored vehicles in the world. Additionally, Lincoln

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Trivia...from the Internet.

*In 1902, only one year after Willis Haviland Carrier graduated from Cornell University with a Masters in Engineering, the first air conditioning was in operation, making one Brooklyn printing plant owner very happy. Fluctuations in heat and humidity in his plant had caused the dimensions of the printing paper to keep altering slightly, enough to ensure a misalignment of the colored inks. The new air conditioning machine created a stable environment and aligned four-color printing became possible. All thanks to the new employee at the Buffalo Forge Company, who started on a salary of only \$10.00 per week.*

*The "Apparatus for Treating Air" granted in 1906, was the first of several patents awarded to Willis Haviland Carrier. The recognized "father of air conditioning" is Carrier, but the term "air*

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## Editors Message

March is drawing to a close, days are much longer, and we have had our first taste of nice weather. Within a few days, I will be able to turn on our outside water, and get the cars out and wash the winter dust off. While the winter was not particularly harsh, as compared to prior years, it was still five months, from November through March. It will felt more like spring, once we raise the garage door and take the old cars out for their first run of the year.

We have two events in April, on the 26th and 27th. We have been invited the CCCA to join them in their spring garage tour. Some of us have done this tour in past years, and it has always been a lot of fun. Also doing this tour will be our many friends from the Cadillac and Packard clubs. We get to see some nice collections, plus some solutions to the age old problem of how to store our cars. We will meet at Peter Hustad's Classic Limousine Service on North 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue at 8:00 AM on Saturday, April 26. We are scheduled to leave there at 9:00 AM for the first leg of the journey, with subsequent stops at several different garages, with the eventual destination, the fine collection of Roy and Colleen Bernick. Lunch will be served. There will be a side tour to Brooten, MN to view John Bohmer's collection, if you have the time.

Sunday, April 27th. is our annual pilgrimage to Toby's by the Lake, Century Avenue and Highway 94 in Oakdale. Their brunch is very good and the prices modest. This should be a very good opportunity to take your older Lincoln out for the day. Please note the details on the last page, and call Faythe Oberg if you plan to attend.

In May we have our annual (the 4<sup>th</sup>) all Lincoln car show at Whitaker Lincoln Mercury, in beautiful downtown Inver Grove Heights, just North of Highway 494 on South Robert street. There will be dash plaques, prizes and food courtesy of our fine friends at Whitaker L/M. Every year, we have 20-30 fine Lincolns presented for viewing. Lets try to improve on that number this year. If you know anyone that has an older Lincoln tucked away in the corner of their garage, get them to take it out and bring it over to the show. It is good opportunity for the club to build their membership. Also, if you are looking for a Lincoln, either new or used, Chuck Whitaker or Wade Zwick will be on hand to help you find something that will fit your needs. They care about our club, and are

great car people.

We still have a few members that have not renewed their membership. We believe that we have tried to provide a good product at a reasonable price. Our dues are very modest compared to other clubs, but we do need them to continue to remain viable. We all have enjoyed your company over the years and we will miss you as a member. If you plan to renew, please do it today.

Enjoy the great weather ....Till next month  
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## For Sale....

### Books.....

Large collection of 132 books covering 25 years of collecting. Classic car books and general car books for sale as one unit. Many are now out of print and rare. No manuals. Priced at 2,495.00 plus shipping. Send \$2.00 for a seven page list. Contact Harvey Oberg, 6738 Buckingham Bay, Woodbury, MN 55125. Phone 651-739-9754. Here is your chance to build a fine library.

1977 Lincoln Continental Town Coupe  
All electrics in working condition. Air Conditioner works excellent. Leather interior in good condition. Rebuild 400 cu inch long block, with about 10,000 miles on motor. You will enjoy driving this car. Fairly priced at \$6,600, but open to offers. Call Robert Kilman, Jr., at 320-982-3088 for more information.

1983 Lincoln Mark VI four door.  
White with white top and white leather interior. All options except a sunroof. 302 cubic inch engine with automatic. The car was purchased in Florida in 1995 with 105,000 miles and has been driven only 3,000 miles in the last seven years. The car is in excellent condition. Please call Paul Pedersen at 952-473-1386 or cell phone 612-670-3547. A chance to own tomorrow's collectable at today's prices.

WANTED: wheel opening molding for rear drivers side for a Mark VII. If anyone has this item or other Mark VII parts please call Jerry Loberg at 651-224-6612, mornings or after 8PM evenings.

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conditioning" actually originated with textile engineer, Stuart H. Cramer. Cramer used the phrase "air conditioning" in a 1906 patent claim filed for a device that added water vapor to the air in textile plants—to condition the yarn.

In 1911, Carrier disclosed his basic Rational Psychrometric Formulae to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The formula still stands today as the basis for the air conditioning industry. Carrier said he received his "flash of genius" while waiting for a train. It was a foggy night and he was going over in his mind the problem of temperature and humidity control. By the time the train arrived, Carrier had an understanding of the relationship between temperature, humidity and dew point.

Willis Carrier and six other engineers formed the Carrier Engineering Corporation in 1915 with a

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## Monthly Director's Meeting

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 13, 2003

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury. Board members present were Harvey Oberg, Bob Johnson, Dave Gustafson, Bob Gavrilesu, Jay White and Tim Purvis. Other members present were Gaye Purvis, Faye Oberg and Jim Jacobsen. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

### DIRECTORS REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson reported that the region emblem has been completed, but he would like it approved before badges were ordered. Eight region jackets have been ordered. The Mills Motors car show in Brainerd is set for Saturday, 23 August from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. He would like to approach the L.C.O.C. National and request that the North Star Region boundaries be expanded to include western Wisconsin, northern Iowa, North and South Dakota.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported the treasury balance to be \$5,075.88 with all bills paid. We are selling the bronze Mark II to the L.C.O.C. National for a raffle, but Doug Mattix would like a better picture.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson reported that the club website is up and operating. The address is [www.northstarlcc.org](http://www.northstarlcc.org). Dave will be contacting twenty-two members who have not renewed for 2003. He also needs more "Pride and Joy" articles and pictures.

Projects Director Bob Gavrilesu has sold one pair of weather strips and has verified the ad for weather strips and Mark II transmission linkage cover in *Continental Comments* with Carol Mattix.

Activities Director Jay White reported the next club event will be brunch at Piccadilly's on Sunday 30 March at 12:30 PM. Come early for some tire-kicking. After that the next event will be brunch at Toby's in April followed by the show at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury in May. It was

suggested that a list of those attending the Ford Centennial Celebration at Dearborn MI be compiled.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM. The next meeting will be at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury at 7:00 PM on 10 April 2003.

Respectfully submitted By Secretary Roger Wothe from notes provided by Bob Gavrilesu. submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

## New Lincoln Continued.....

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conducted extensive ballistic testing at independent labs to validate the ballistic performance of their materials. "Town Car customers can be assured they are getting a high-quality product which is proudly backed by Lincoln," said John Jraiche, operations manager, Lincoln Special Engineering Operations. "We've developed this product with the right blend of luxury, security and discretion." It's expected that the vehicle will introduce new customers to the Lincoln brand. "We believe the Town Car BPS will bring a whole new set of clientele to Lincoln that most likely would not have purchased a Lincoln before," said Mark Bentley, marketing manager, Lincoln Special Engineering Operations.

This vehicle has been under development for nearly two years and addresses the growing global demand for armored protection products. With its body-on-frame construction and higher gross vehicle weight capabilities, the Town Car was a natural first choice for Ford Motor Company.

The Lincoln Town Car BPS delivers a high standard level of ballistic protection. With this protection comes the ability to neutralize bigger, faster heavier rounds. There is more power behind such shells, and they impact with more energy. With this class of ballistic threat are two main categories: bigger bullets that travel fast and smaller, piercing bullets that travel even faster. The Lincoln Town Car BPS is equipped to stop them both, in addition to the many handgun levels that other armoring companies address.



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starting capital of \$35,000. The company was dedicated to improving air conditioning technology.

Cooling for human comfort began in 1924, noted the three Carrier centrifugal chillers installed in J.L. Hudson Department Store in Detroit. Shoppers flocked to the "air conditioned" store. The boom in human cooling spread from the department stores to the movie theaters, most notably the Rivoli Theater in New York, whose summer film business skyrocketed when it heavily advertised the cool comfort.

In 1928, Willis Carrier developed the first residential "Weathermaker", an air conditioner for private home use. The Great Depression and then WW2 slowed the non-industrial use of Air conditioning. After the war, consumer sales started to grow again. The rest is history, cool and comfortable history.

## Directors Message

By Bob Johnson

Spring is finally here, now is the time to get our Lincolns ready for this years driving season. Where I store my cars, I have to wait until it dries up to get them out, too much soft ground in the back yard. That is one of rituals of spring, waiting for the yard to dry up and then the process of keeping it cut the rest of the summer.

Dave Gustafson has completed our web site, [www.northstarlcoc.org](http://www.northstarlcoc.org). Please check it out, Dave did a fantastic job. There still is a lot of work to be done, but what is done is first class. The History and Feature Car sections are great.

I want to remind members that have not renewed your Northstar Region Membership, please send in your dues for 2003. You wouldn't want to miss out on the exciting events in 2003, would you. If you know of a person that is interested in joining our region, you now can get a membership application from our web site for them.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Out State Classic Lincoln Car Show will be at Mill Motors Inc, Baxter MN (Brainerd), on Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003, 10:00AM to 3:00PM. If you want to stay in Baxter, rooms are being held (Friday & Saturday) for us at Country Inn & Suites, just across street from Mills Motors. Call 1-218-828-2161 for reservations; tell them you are with the Northstar Lincoln club. These rooms will be held for us till July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The cutoff for registering for Dearborn Mid-America National Meet, June 11 & 12 is the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LCOC, and then the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ford continues for the next five days. This is an event that is worth attending.

We need members to write *My Pride and Joy* articles about your classic Lincoln. Everyone has a story about the car and how it came about. Please share with us. Send article to Dave Gustafson.

Our next event will be Sunday Brunch at Tobey's by the Lake, on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 PM. Call Faythe Oberg at 651/739-9754 for reservations if you plan to attend.

The region emblem design is just about done, and all jackets on order from Linda Goulet of Custom Outfitters, should be delivered by the middle of April. If you have any questions please contact me.

As always keep the journey continuing in our Marvelous Lincolns.

## Tell Us Your Story.....

Your editor needs some help. Please tell me about your Lincoln. Our readers are anxious to learn about your prized possession. There are a few from the 20's and 30's out there that we should know about. In fact we would like to hear about any of them. New or old, there must have been some reason why you purchased a particular Lincoln that you now own and enjoy. Write or email me today. Your help is appreciated by all our readers.

## You are welcome....

To attend the monthly Northstar LCOC board meetings held at Whitaker Lincoln Mercury on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Participate in your club and contribute to the decision making process. See you there.

## Hemmings, 21 years ago, for sale....

1946 Continental Coupe, needs restoring. \$2,495, H Kaphingst, Woodbury, MN

1947 Continental Cabriolet, 2nd owner, excellent original condition, \$13,500. George Cooper, Stuart Florida.

1937 K 2 window Town Sedan, mint restored and correct. Asking \$19,500/offer. MA

1963 Continental 4 dr Convertible, new show quality paint, new top, exhaust, battery, excellent mechanics, chrome, interior. \$4,000 or best offer. CT

1947 Continental Cabriolet, new paint and leather interior, asking \$16,000. Helegesen Classics, Janesville, WI.

# *Preview of Coming Attractions*

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

## April

CCCA Garage Tour, April 26th. 8:00 AM. See attached flyer for more information.

Tobey's by the Lake, April 27th, 11:30 AM. Our annual visit. Great place, great food.

## May

Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury annual car show. May 17th, Saturday 9:30 AM till 2:30 PM  
Door prizes and Dash Plaques. It is free, and food will be served courtesy of Whitaker-L/M.

May 18th. 23rd Annual Willmar Car Show and Swap Meet. 7:00 am to 3:30 PM  
Kennedy School, 824 7th Street SW, Willmar, MN 39 Classes. [www.wilmarcarclub.com](http://www.wilmarcarclub.com)

## June

June 1st. 20th Annual Spring All Ford Show & Swap, Apple Valley Ford.

June 1st. 24th Annual all ford Picnic and No trophy car show, Twin Cities Ford Assembly Plant, Highland Park, St. Paul, MN

June 20-22 Back to the Fifties weekend, State Fairgrounds.

June 28th. Two Harbors 3rd Annual All Ford Powered Car Show, Two Harbors, MN

## July

Downtown St. Paul on Kellogg Boulevard Date to be determined.

July 12th. 15th Annual Lakeville Pan-O-Prog Car show, Lakeville, MN.

## August

August 23 Mills Motors in Brainerd, our first out state Lincoln car show.

## September

Annual Picnic....September 28th Where has the summer gone....

## October

Event in planning stage

If you have any ideas for future club activities, please let your board members know, or call or email Jay White. We welcome your suggestions for future events.