

## Roger and Barb Wothe's 1942 Continental Convertible



As fast as a speeding locomotive, and much prettier, a true work of art.

*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.*

For what seems to have been eons, your editor has been asking Roger Wothe to contribute an article about his magnificent 1942 Continental Cabriolet. I have progressed through the various stages, asking nicely, begging, pleading, threatening, cajoling, shaming, and trying to do whatever it might take to have Roger sit down with pen in hand and create a missive suitable for publication in our monthly newsletter. Alas, nothing worked. But, an article of sorts had been published in the January-February 2009 issue of Comments. Tim Howley authored it from information supplied by Roger. Tim was motivated to write about the car, as he had seen it in all its beauty at the 2008 LCOC Mid-America meet, which took place in Duluth, Minnesota. The 2008 meet was well attended, and those who attended had a delightful experience visiting the home town of your Northstar News editor. We had some great weather, many good friends in attendance, and a wide variety of cars entered in the show. Some 13 years later, the North Star Region is still receiving compliments about how nice the event was. And now, here is the story about one of the best 1942 Continentals extant!

Roger and Barbara Wothe are North Star Region members who live in Wayzata, Minnesota. Their maroon 1942 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet received its first Emeritus Award at the 2008 Mid-America National Meet in Duluth, Minnesota. Roger tells how he found the car.

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*Trivia from the Internet*



Jerry Orbach  
American Actor  
1935 - 2004

**Jerome Bernard Orbach** (October 20, 1935 - December 28, 2004) was an American actor and singer, described at the time of his death as "one of the last *bona fide* leading men of the Broadway musical and global celebrity on television" and a "versatile stage and film actor."

Orbach's professional career began on the New York stage, both on and off-Broadway, where he created roles such as *El Gallo* in the original off-Broadway run of *The Fantasticks* (1960) and became the first performer to sing that show's standard "Try to Remember," *Billy Flynn* in the original *Chicago* (1975-1977), and *Julian Marsh* in *42nd Street* (1980-1985).

Nominated for multiple Tony Awards, Orbach won for his performance  
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*Editors Message*

*April 2021*

Dear friends and Gentle Readers:

We have come a long way together on our annual journey through late fall, continuing through the season of darkness, cold, and the ever-present snow. Oddly, the winter was not quite as severe as others that we have suffered through in past years. But, perhaps, my memory is not as good as it once was. If it

weren't for the still ongoing pandemic, most of us would be in fairly good shape. But, the continued isolation has taken its toll on many of us over the last 12 months.

Most of us have been good soldiers and have followed the health experts' recommendations, and have generally kept to ourselves as much as possible. Sure, there have been the weekly

trips to the grocery store to get those things that taste good and would generally be called treats. I tend to look at those very special items as necessities that have helped us

make it through the day, weeks, and months of what has seemed to be a never-ending nightmare. With each day that now goes by, the numbers of people out there are getting vaccinated. Eventually, we will reach that magic number of 80-90 percent of the population so that the virus will eventually die off. There will be no new people unvaccinated for it to spread to. I was lucky to have received both Pfizer product shots in February, so in theory, I should be protected. At least this makes me feel a little better.

With April, we should be getting some lovely spring days to look forward to. Hopefully, we will experience more days in the mid-60s – low 70s than those of the 40s. We can get serious about getting our older cars out for some exercise. My Cosmopolitan has one or more leaky brake cylinders. There was a nice puddle of brake fluid near the right rear wheel, and of course, it was spreading outward. I laid

down some of that absorbent material, and that seemed to contain what was leaking. Shortly, I need to contact Jeff Eisenberg, Libson Automotive, Master Purveyor of excellent repair service, and see when he might be able to take in the Cosmo for service.

Sometime in April, Bob will be reaching out to all of us by email about meeting some



Olga, like everyone else, is basking in some of the warm rays of the sun on a recent spring day, watching the world go by. It is her birthday, and she just had some nice tasting treats, perhaps a few too many, but what the heck, her birthday comes only once a year. How old is she? Girls don't like to discuss their age. Suffice it to say; she is catching up with her dad.

weekday at the Taylors Falls Drive-In. We did that last year, and we should be able to replicate the success that we had then. As I remember, they had good burgers, fries, and excellent root beer. And for me, it is such a nice long drive up there, especially if you take the St. Croix Trail up from Stillwater. Your board is also

looking at some other stuff that we might be able to do as a group and still work within the Centers for Disease Control, and Prevention guidelines set out for these kinds of events. We will do our best to

try and get together and have some fun. Welcome to the *new normal*, whatever that is.

Again this April, we have taken out the sharp-pointed stick and had a little fun at Bob Johnson's expense. Please see the article toward the back of the newsletter about Bob's latest adventure.

Bob has just celebrated the big eighty this past March 18. Mary had called me and asked me to reach out to people in the club and some with the LCOC in other parts of the country and ask them to send cards to help Bob celebrate. Bob reported that he was deluged with cards and that he now knows who his friends are. It is my understanding that the Postal Service will be awarding Bob special recognition for this event. Enough postage was spent on sending the cards to keep the Postal Service in business for another year.

Till next month, David and Sweet Olga, the Samoyed.

*Directors Message by Bob Johnson**April 2021**(Continued from page 2)*

mance as Chuck Baxter in *Promises, Promises* (1968-1972).

Later in his career, Orbach played supporting roles in films such as *Prince of the City* (1981), *Dirty Dancing* (1987), *Crimes and Misdemeanors* (1989), and Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* (1991). He also made frequent guest appearances on television, including a recurring role on *Murder, she Wrote* as private detective Harry McGraw between 1985 and 1991 and was the voice of Zachary Foxx in *The Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers* in 1986. However, he gained worldwide fame for his starring role as NYPD Detective Lennie Briscoe on the original *Law & Order* series from 1992 to 2004.

Orbach was born on October 20, 1935, in the Bronx, the only child of Emily (née Olexy), a greeting card manufacturer and radio singer, and Leon Orbach, a restaurant manager and vaudeville performer. His father was a Jewish emigrant from Hamburg, Germany. Orbach stated that his father was descended from Sephardic refugees from the Spanish Inquisition. His mother, a native of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, was a Roman Catholic of Polish-Lithuanian descent. Orbach was raised in her faith (a religious background later replicated in his character on *Law & Order*). The Orbach family frequently moved

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A month ago, we completed our COVID-19 vaccinations with no effects at all. It sounds like everyone in our age group has been able to get shots, and I have heard of no ill effects so far, so good. Now the forecast is everyone should be able to have vaccine shots by the end of July. Please be a vaccine booster and not a doubter. I have one daughter who does not think the vaccine is safe, and I cannot convince her that it is safe and she should take it. I'm praying that she does not get the COVID as a result.

As you have been made aware, I'm celebrating my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this week. So far, I have received over 40 birthday cards. I want to thank everyone for the kind and happy thoughts you have expressed. My wish is that we will be able to gather together again in a short while to have a large group get together and speak to each other face to face and enjoy our club fellowship that has made this a great organization.

Is spring here? This week is really like April, not March. We are planning and making a mid-week trip to Taylors Falls Drive Inn like last year. As soon as they open up and the weather cooperates, we will notify you when the TF road trip will be; stay tuned. For the next three months, we will plan several road trips, so if you have a special place, let us know about it, and we will go there if it works out. We might be able to go into restaurants again by late this fall.

North Star membership renewals are 97 renewed out of 138 sent out, Matt Foley reported on March 15. If you have not yet renewed, please do so shortly as we need to update our records and need your support. For 2021, can you call a Lincoln friend and get them to join LCOC. If so, we will give them a free year's membership in our great North Star Region.

We are still figuring out some problem areas for Homecoming, but it should be up and running in April. The 2021 eight annual Lincoln Homecoming at Hickory Corners, Michigan, will celebrate and feature two Lincoln Car Shows. The first will be a virtual Lincoln car show, [vlmcmhomecomingmeet.cornerstonereg.com/](http://vlmcmhomecomingmeet.cornerstonereg.com/) which will extend from April 1 to July 28. For the virtual show, your car can be displayed for five months if you enter now. It will have its own People's Choice awards by decade, voted on by all persons registered for the virtual car show. The virtual car show will not be canceled because of COVID, and you can enter this show if that is all you want to do. If you are going to do both the virtual and live car shows, only pay a \$25 fee when you register your Lincoln for the Virtual Car show: then when you register for all the Live car show activities, leave the \$25 car fee blank. (only pay car fee if you did not do virtual car show and want to enter a car in the live car show only), The second event will be the live one---the annual Homecoming at the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan, on August 12 - 15. The live show will also have People's Choice awards by decade. All Lincolns registered for the virtual car show will also be registered for the live car show for the one price of \$25; one registration for two car shows. The theme of the 2021 Homecoming is "Marks Through the Ages," which will recognize all Lincoln Continental Marks, from the first in 1940 to the Mark VIII. Although Continental Marks will be the feature in 2021, Lincolns from all eras are welcome. You do not have to be a member of any Lincoln car club to enter; just own your Lincoln to be entered.

Bill Fletcher is the new Region Director for the Lake Shore Region. Bill invites us to attend the Mid America meet they are hosting this September 15-19 in Springfield, Illinois. This trip is just over 500 miles from the Twin Cities, just a nice road trip in September.

Our Facebook presence continues to grow, with likes up to 348 persons. Please check our Facebook page and contact Jay White if you have any suggestions about more Facebook items.

Have you thought about writing a Pride and Joy article about your Lincoln? Dave needs your article about your Lincoln; please help him out.

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

*Bob and Mary Johnson*

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Members and guests are welcome to attend the Board Meetings. Our meeting location, unless otherwise specified, will be held at Bloomington Lincoln in their conference room. Meeting time will be 6:30 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. email: davidwgustafson@att.net

## Roger's Cabriolet continued...

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In about 1996, he received a call one day" from his dentist, Bob Bjorndahl, who he had helped to find a 1940 Lincoln-Zephyr coupe. Bob called from Florida and wanted to know if this serial number was for a 1942 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet. Roger looked it up and said it was but asked if Bob could tell by looking at it. Bob said no because it had a Pontiac grille. The car had been in an accident and had been restored with a makeshift Pontiac grille. The car was originally purchased in Florida. It is #100 of the 136 Lincoln Continental Cabriolets built for 1942. The car was bought in Clearwater, Florida, by the dentist and his friend, and the color was white at the time. The build sheet from the Dearborn Museum showed that the car was originally Honduras Conch Maroon.

Bob purchased the car and brought it home. Roger looked at the car and found it to be a really bad restoration that looked like it had been painted with a broom. The dentist said he was going to restore the car along with another man named Rich. Roger helped them look for parts, and they found a lot of parts.

One day Roger asked Bob, who is this Rich? He said his name was Rich Brisbois. Roger said he knew him from high school. He made a radiator for Roger's Model T. Roger had not seen Rich for more than 40 years. It turned out that Rich remembered Roger, and he remembered making the Model T radiator.

So Bob and Rich started the restoration, and they got to the point where it needed a new front end. They wanted to send the body and frame out to a restoration shop. They wanted a real good restoration shop; Roger recommended Bob Lorkowski Classic Auto Restorations in Cameron, Wisconsin, who restored cars for Pebble Beach shows. So the car was taken to Wisconsin, and it

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At the 2008 Mid-America meet in Duluth, Minnesota, a very happy looking Barb and Roger Wothe received their first Emeritus award for their Continental from LCOC President Nubs Schactner. A momentous occasion.

# Northstar Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2021

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The meeting was called to order via a conference call by Regional Director Bob Johnson at 6:30 p.m. Board members attending the conference call were Bob Johnson, Dave Gustafson, Tom Brace, Bob Roth, Jay White (Colorado), Matt Foley, Bill Holaday, Dave Heeren, and Roger Wothe which included all of the Board members except Jeff Eisenberg. There were no visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson reviewed the coronavirus COVID-19 status. Member Karl Flick has been ill for some time but now is on the road to a speedy recovery. Bob asked for suggestions for a cruise and a trip to the Taylors Falls for lunch, and touring north from there was discussed. Our next Sunday luncheon meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Lowell Inn in Stillwater for November. In August, the Lincoln Homecoming remains on the schedule and will be combined with a virtual and a live car show/meet. The 2021 Western National Meet in Palm Springs has been postponed until May 2022. The 2021 Eastern National Meet in Morgantown, Pennsylvania, has been moved to October 20-24, 2021. The 2021 Mid-America Meet in Stillwater, Illinois, is still scheduled for September 15-19, 2021.

Member Bob Roth explained how he measured the paint finish on a potential automobile purchase.

Member, Tom St. Martin, referred to a potential car show at the State Fairgrounds near the end of May 2021 for all makes and years of cars.

Activities Director Jay White announced that the current Facebook "likes" was now at 348 with 380 "followers."

Treasurer Matt Foley announced that the treasury balance was \$3,861.98 with all bills paid.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson said the renewed membership is at 68 percent with 93 paid. He needs more "My Pride and Joy" articles or threatens to fill the newsletter with anything he can find.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. The next meeting will be via a conference call Thursday, April 1, at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.



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throughout his childhood, living in Mount Vernon, New York; Wilkes-Barre, Nanticoke, and Scranton, Pennsylvania; Springfield, Massachusetts; and Waukegan, Illinois. Orbach attended Waukegan High School in Illinois and graduated in 1952 (having skipped two elementary school grades due to his high I.Q. of 163). He played on the football team and began learning acting in a speech class.  
The summer after graduating from high school, Orbach worked at the theatre of Chevy Chase Country Club of Wheeling, Illinois, and enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the fall. In 1953, Orbach returned to the Chicago area and enrolled at Northwestern University. Orbach left Northwestern before his senior year and moved to New York City in 1955 to pursue acting and to study at the Actors Studio, where one of his instructors was the studio's founder, Lee Strasberg. Orbach would go on to become an accomplished Broadway and off-Broadway actor. His first major role was El Gallo in the original 1960 cast of the decades-running hit *The Fantasticks*, and Orbach became the first to perform the show's signa-

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## Roger Wothe's Cabriolet continued

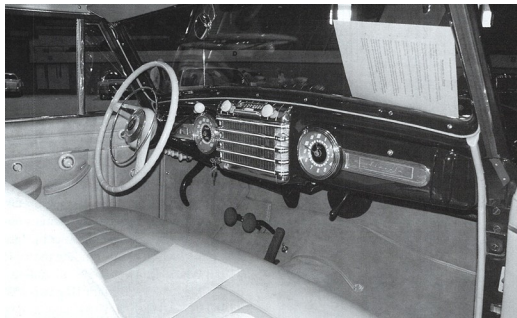
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ture song and pop standard "Try To Remember." He also starred in *The Threepenny Opera*, *Carnival*, the musical version of the movie *Lili* (his Broadway debut), in a revival of *Guys and Dolls* (as Sky Masterson, receiving a Tony Award nomination for Best Featured Actor in a Musical), *Promises, Promises* (as Chuck Baxter, winning a Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical), the original productions of *Chicago* (as Billy Flynn, receiving another Tony Award nomination), *42nd Street*, and a revival of *The Cradle Will Rock*. Orbach made occasional film and T.V. appearances into the 1970s and appeared as a celebrity panelist on both *What's My Line?* And *Super Password*. In the 1980s, Orbach shifted to film and T.V. work full-time. Prominent roles included tough, corrupt NYPD narcotics detective Gus Levy in Sidney Lumet's *Prince of the City*; he was the 1981 runner-up for the NSFC Best Supporting Actor award. He also portrayed gangsters in both the action-thriller *F/X* and the Woody Allen drama *Crimes and Misdemeanors* (the latter of which also featured his future *Law & Order* co-star Sam Waterston). In 1985, Orbach became a regular guest star on *Murder, she Wrote* as private de-

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was there for some time. Then Rich called Roger and wanted him to recommend somebody who could assemble the car. The car was brought back to a shop in Minnesota. The owner of this shop was at a real disadvantage because he had not disassembled the car. Roger would go over to this place once or twice a week, and he could see that the man was really having a struggle. In the meantime, Rich passed away. He was the one who was financing the restoration. So there sat the car and a trailer full of parts, but nothing was assembled. Rich's family called Roger and asked if he was interested in buying the car. Roger said he was interested, but he knew how much money they had in it and, Roger told the family the car might never be worth that much. They said they knew that and asked Roger to make them an offer. Roger made them an offer, and that's how he got the car.



This picture of Roger's Continental does not show just how finely detailed the passenger compartment and dashboard are. It is as good as you could ever expect to see.

Then it took two years for Roger to round up the missing parts and put the car together. Roger had to do all the wiring, put all the mechanical parts back in the car, and do the interior. He got a lot of help from Tim Purvis, who has since passed away. Roger had no color samples of Honduras Coach Maroon to go by, so he made up a bunch of samples and sent them to Ed Spagnolo. Ed picked out the color, which turned out to be very close to a 1958 Mercedes color. So the car is painted Maroon German paint.

Roger said he would never have gotten the car done without the help of members of the North Star Region. The engine was the biggest problem of all. It leaked and burned oil and got to the point where it only got 35

miles to a quart of oil. Finally, a year ago, Roger found another engine and spent the winter rebuilding that engine. This engine was put in the car only a week before the Duluth Meet. The trip from Minneapolis to Duluth was the first trip for the car with the new engine, and it burns no oil and is doing fine. When Roger pulled the earlier engine out of the car, it looked like a 100 thousand-mile engine that had never been rebuilt properly.

Roger finished the car just in time for the Mid-America National Meet in Red Wing, Minnesota in 2002, where the car received a Primary First and a Lincoln Trophy. The next year, he took the car to Dearborn for Ford's 100th Anniversary, where it won the E.T. Gregorie Trophy. After that, the car was only in local meets until the 2008 Mid-America National Meet in Duluth where it won its first Emeritus Award.

At present, there are 18 1942 Lincoln Continental Cabriolets listed in LCOC. California has seven, the most of any state. David and Julie Miller, Santa Margarita, California, brought another maroon one to the 2008 Western National Meet in Irvine, California. Gregg and Loraine Zulim, Dinuba, California, own two. Den and Jan Fenske, Channel Islands, California had one featured on the front cover of the July-August issue of *Lincoln and Continental Comments*. Mike Gerner in Florida has a whole collection of 1942s, including two Cabriolets. Bob and Jean DiCarlo in Painesville, Ohio, have the best-known one in LCOC. But John Malta, Mesa, Arizona, has them all beat by owning one that originally belonged to fan dancer Sally Rand!!

An article written by Den Fenske in *Continental Comments* #184 in 1991 has accounted for 27 of them. Mike Gerner has accounted for even more. He says that since 1953 when the club was founded, 59 have surfaced, but that does not mean that 59 can be accounted for today.

Gerner says that 12 Cabriolets were originally equipped with Liquamatic, but no Liquamatic equipped Lincoln Continental Cabriolet, or coupe, or Lincoln-Zephyr is known to exist today. Liquamatic was only produced from January 6 to 21, 1942 and only 273 Lincolns and Lincoln Continentals were so equipped. All were recalled to be equipped with standard transmissions. The exchange meant a new engine because the Liquamatic engine had a

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 tective Harry McGraw, which led to him starring in the short-lived spin-off series *The Law & Harry McGraw*. In 1987, he was featured in the hit film *Dirty Dancing* as Dr. Jake Houseman, the father of Jennifer Grey's character "Baby." He made further T.V. appearances on popular shows such as *The Golden Girls* (for which he received his first Emmy nomination), *Who's the Boss?*, and *Frasier* (as a guest caller).

In 1991, Orbach starred in Disney's Oscar-winning animated musical *Beauty and the Beast* as the voice (both singing and speaking) of the French-accented candlelabrum Lumière, which he played "halfway between Maurice Chevalier and Pepé Le Pew." At the 64th Academy Awards, Orbach performed a live-action stage rendition of the Oscar-nominated song, "Be Our Guest," that he sang in *Beauty and the Beast*. He later reprised his voice role of Lumière for the film's direct-to-video sequels, multiple episodes of Disney's *House of Mouse*, and the previously-deleted song ("Human Again") that was added to the *Beauty and the Beast* 2002 IMAX re-release.

In 1992, Orbach joined the main cast of *Law & Order* during its third season as the world-weary, wisecracking NYPD homicide detective Lennie Briscoe. He had previously guest-starred as a defense attorney on the series and

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 block 3 inches longer than the standard transmission engine. Roger also has a 1942 Lincoln Continental Coupe originally equipped with Liquamatic. Mike Gerner says that only one Liquamatic unit survives today, and it is not in a car. Liquamatic Lincolns had the *Liquamatic* nameplate on the glove box.

Editor's note: We hope that reprinting this article from one of the previous issues of Continental Comments will perhaps encourage the owner of this exceeding fine 1942 Continental Cabriolet to write a more detailed story about it, all the way from his first encounter to his continued ownership and enjoyment through 2021. Almost every one of our fine classics has a unique story, including the motivating factors in buying a car like this and staying with it throughout a many-year restoration process. These stories need to be told and properly recorded for future members of our fine club to enjoy. Our stories, past and present, are what set our club apart from others. Some people collect fine art; others collect stamps and rare books. We like to collect interesting automobiles, which brings us much joy, no matter what the condition, or the make or model. Often, this is a case where beauty is in the eyes of the beholder or owner. Please help me fill up the pages of our newsletter with interesting articles. Write something, almost anything, and send it to me. Our members will enjoy seeing it in print. Your first car or your first love affair both might be of interest to others.



Bob's New Direction

Of late, our esteemed Bob Johnson has been moping around the house, getting on Mary's nerves, with his constant mantra, "there is nothing for me to do." This is a pretty common refrain among older males of the household due to the inability to get out of the house and chase dreams all over the countryside.

Mary offered numerous suggestions, including ordering a "paint by the numbers" set from Amazon online. She said, "look here," Bob, you did some pretty artful things years ago when you were in the arbor building business, and you have a file of nice letters from satisfied customers telling you so. Maybe it doesn't have to be paint by numbers or wood carving; think about some newer media that can let you express your true self.

Bob thought about this for a while and told Mary that he was going over to the Franconia Art Sculpture Park and explore some ideas with the "artists-in-residence" over there. The Art Park is literally a hop, skip, and a jump from Bob and Mary's home on the St. Croix Trail, near Shafer and the airport. It is a real "Artsy-fartsy" place with a lot of real artiste type people, replete with long hair and thick beards. One can only guess what might be living in some of those beards. Anyway, Bob was welcomed warmly by a lot of different people, expressing themselves in many different media.

After the second day at the Franconia park, Bob came back home a new man. Mary was taken aback at the great change she was witnessing in her beloved husband of many years. His batteries were all charged up, and he was ready to take on the world in his brand-new adventure. Bob tells Mary that he has experienced a great awakening and was ready to begin a new career as an artist. It is not just any old artist either, but one that is ready to expose the world to new creative thinking involving different media types. Mary was not quite sure what she now had on her hands. The new Bob was sporting one of those funny French-type artists type beret hats and thought that people should refer to him as "Le Robert" with a sort of a silent "t" at the end.

Le Bob eventually went online to Amazon and bought some of the new tools that he planned to use in his new creative venture. He quickly went through a lot of money buy-

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*More Bob...*

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 was subsequently cast as the new "senior detective" following Paul Sorvino's departure. Orbach's portrayal of Briscoe was based on his similar role from *Prince of the City* years before, which *Law & Order* creator Dick Wolf had personally suggested to him at his casting time. Orbach starred on *Law & Order* for 11-and-a-half seasons, ultimately becoming the third longest-serving main cast member (behind S.Epatha Merkerson and Sam Waterston) in the show's 20-year-run history, as well as one of its most popular. During Orbach's tenure on *Law & Order*, the series won the 1997 Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Drama Series among other accolades, made multiple crossover episodes with fellow N.B.C. series *Homicide: Life on the Street*, and spawned a franchise that included the T.V. film *Exiled: A Law & Order Movie*, the spin-off series *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* and *Law & Order: Criminal Intent* (both of which featured Orbach in guest appearances), and three video games.

Orbach himself was nominated for a 2000 Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series (losing to James Gandolfini for *The Sopranos*). *T.V. Guide* named Lennie Briscoe one of their top-25 greatest television detectives of all time.

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 ing one of those new GloForge laser etching devices. Next was a very nice 3D printer, a Stratasys J55 PolyJet unit, capable of printing some very large objects. Here was a man with a plan. He next found some software that was able to translate his creative ideas into information to feed to the printing equipment to turn into completed artwork.

Through his new website: [www.leRobertart.com](http://www.leRobertart.com), which will be online at the beginning of the month, he expects to receive commissions for his new artwork. It will not be the usual run-of-the-mill stuff but based entirely upon what the artist believes it should represent. A favorite object may not resemble that favorite object, but what the artist and his creative and interpretive software and techniques feels it should represent.

For example, Bob has taken several different photographs of his beloved 1989 Lincoln Mark VII and subsequently created this one-of-a-kind representation of what his creative talents and intuitive beliefs tell him it should look like. After digitizing the various 3D photographs and running them through the process, he came up with his first creative examples. At first blush, you must admit it is outstanding. An actual work of art, one that will be remembered in the annals of creative art for a long time to come.



Artist Bob's conception of a 1989 Lincoln Mark VII. Contact Bob today to inquire about a similar rendering of your favorite Lincoln. This amazing art will be available after April 1, 2021. Call now 650.555.2368, operators are standing by to take your calls.

*Happings 1942*

What happened in 1942 Major News Stories include Japanese take Guam, Hong Kong, Wake, Singapore and the Philippines, Manhattan Project Started, US mobilization of war efforts quick and effective with car makers and other manufacturers changing to production of weapons of war, Duquesne Spy Ring members jailed, allied forces invade North Africa, Cocoon Grove nightclub in Boston burns to the ground, Executive Order 9066 signed into law, US Gas Rationing goes into effect, Battle of Midway turns tide in naval war with American Resounding Success.

*1942 Following the US entering the war, the mobilization of war efforts were quick and effective with car makers and other manufacturers changing to production of weapons of war. The war also created a new breed of movies with war themes, and one of the most popular songs of all time "White Christmas" from Bing Crosby first appeared in the movie "Holiday Inn". The US sentiment towards Japanese following Pearl Harbor showed itself when 120,000 people of Japanese descent were sent to internment camps. In late 1941 and early 1942, the war in the Pacific was not going well with America losing Guam, Hong Kong, Wake, Singapore and the Philippines, but late that year the US started to turn round the war with major offences at Midway and The Coral Sea. And meanwhile the allied forces in Europe invaded North Africa in November.*

- Cost of Living 1942  
 How Much things cost  
 Average Cost of new house \$3,770.00  
 Average wages per year \$1,880.00  
 Cost of a gallon of Gas 15 cents  
 Average Cost for house rent \$35.00 per month  
 Bottle Coca Cola 5 cents  
 Average Price for a new car \$920.00

**World War II 1942**

• Following the United States joining the War it truly becomes a **World War** with most areas of the world effected in some way and choosing sides, There are so many important facts that happened we have only a few facts

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Also, during his time on *Law & Order*, Orbach co-starred with Al Pacino in the independent film *Chinese Coffee*, which was filmed in the summer of 1997 and released three years later.

Orbach was married in 1958 to Marta Curro, with whom he had two sons, Anthony Nicholas and Christopher Benjamin. They divorced in 1975. Elder son Tony is a construction manager and an accomplished crossword puzzle constructor who has published more than 25 puzzles in *The New York Times*. Younger son Chris Orbach is an actor and a singer; he played Lennie Briscoe's nephew Ken Briscoe during the first season of *Special Victims Unit*. In 1979, Jerry Orbach married Broadway dancer Elaine Cancilla, whom he met while starring in *Chicago*.

Orbach lived in a high-rise on 53rd Street off Eighth Avenue in Hell's Kitchen and was a fixture in that neighborhood's restaurants and shops. His glossy publicity photo hangs in Ms. Buffy's French Cleaners, and he was a regular at some of the Italian restaurants nearby. As of 2007, the intersection of 8th Avenue and 53rd Street was renamed in honor of Orbach. The plans met with some resistance by local planning boards but were overcome thanks to his popularity and his love of the Big Apple.

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and leave it to others more knowledgeable than ourselves to provide a more detailed account

- **War Bonds introduced** raising \$13 billion
- Women's Coast Guard Auxiliary established
- **Voice of America** begins broadcasting
- **Car Makers** switch from making cars to making War Materials
- The United States conducts an air raid on Tokyo during World War II.
- The minimum draft age is lowered from 21 to 18.
- German saboteurs who were part of **Operation Pastorius** are arrested and sentenced to death by a United States military commission executed on August 8th
- Thirty members of the Duquesne Spy Ring operating in the US are jailed for 300 years
- The **K9 corps begins** training dogs for use in warfare
- American and Filipino defenders surrender to the Japanese and are force marched on the "**Bataan Death March**"
- In Allied countries around the world government war efforts encourage the population to help by giving scrap metal as much needed raw materials for guns and tanks.

### More Information and Timeline for Scrap Days.

Beginning in October, the United States government increasingly encourages U.S. citizens to donate and gather scrap metals and fabrics for the war effort. These "Scrap Days" are held throughout the country and asked ordinary people to take any scrap materials they could get their hands on to their local scrap merchant. The scrap would then be used to create the raw materials needed to build tanks, guns, and ships that were desperately needed. Children were also encouraged to bring the scrap materials to school as many of the schools and public buildings became local donation centers. In some places, children brought up to 10 pounds of scrap weekly.

- Congress creates the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps ( WAAC ) and modeled after the British Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) , during the war General Douglas Mac-

Arthur called the WACs "my best soldiers", adding that they worked harder, complained less, and were better disciplined than men. Over the next 6 months similar women's units were set up including Navy WAVES, the SPARS of the Coast Guard and the (civil) Women Airforce Service Pilots.

- **US Gas Rationing** goes into effect 3 gallons per week
  - The Alaska Highway from Alaska through Canada is completed
  - US Munitions Workers Give Up Labor Day Weekend Holidays to Help With War Effort
  - The **Battle of Midway** begins on June 4th when Japanese attacked Midway and due to US strategy was a resounding success for US Forces which resulted in the loss of 322 aircraft and 3,500 men from the Japanese Navy.
- Executive Order 9066** is signed into law which authorized the physical removal of all Japanese Americans into internment camps

**United States -- Declaration of the United Nations.** The Declaration of the United Nations was signed by 26 nations during January . It laid the foundation for what would become the United Nations Organization after the end of World War II. Leaders, including Roosevelt and Churchill, and representatives from the United States, United Kingdom, China, and Soviet Union, as well as 22 other nations, had been meeting in Washington, D.C. to discuss important military decisions regarding the war after the U.S. joined the Allies. The signing of the Declaration affirmed that the signatories would adhere to the Atlantic Charter, a document drawn up to define the goals of the Allies after the war that had been created in August of the previous year.

**USA -- Voice of America.** The Voice of America (VOA) radio program began broadcasting during February. The program was established as a World War II propaganda tool that would broadcast news of the war in an effort to fight against Nazi propaganda and help to boost morale of the Allied troops abroad. After the end of the war, VOA continued broadcasting but the focus shifted to countering Soviet propaganda in Russia during the Cold War. Eventually, VOA expanded

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## Happenings for 1942

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In January 1994, less than two years into his stint on *Law & Order*, Orbach was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He initially received radiation therapy as treatment, but by December 1994, cancer had returned and metastasized. At that point, he went on hormone therapy, on which he remained over the next decade while he continued to star on *Law & Order*. Following his departure from the series at the end of the 2003/04 season, Orbach underwent chemotherapy, but he ultimately succumbed to his cancer on December 28, 2004, at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York at age 69. Despite being diagnosed with cancer more than a decade before his death, Orbach's illness was not revealed to the general public until just weeks before he died. Before his death, Orbach was signed to continue in the role of Lennie Briscoe on the new spin-off *Law & Order: Trial by Jury*, which was to accommodate his illness by giving him a lighter schedule than he had had on the original series, but he was only featured in the first two episodes, both of which aired following his death.

The day after Orbach's death, the marquees on Broadway were dimmed in mourning, one of the highest honors of the American theatre world; at the same time, *N.B.C.* re-aired the *Law & Order* episode "C.O.D." (the last episode of

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worldwide and it is now broadcast in 47 different languages and is listened to by over 230 million people every week.

**Philippines -- General MacArthur Flees.** General Douglas MacArthur makes a dramatic escape from the Philippines during March. As Japanese forces were closing in on the Philippines, President Roosevelt ordered MacArthur to leave. MacArthur had been on Corregidor Island where he was appointed as the Field Marshal of the Philippine Army, in charge of about 100,000 American and Filipino troops. As it became clear that the Japanese would be successful in their invasion, MacArthur was forced to leave his troops behind and he escaped on a PT boat with his family through Japanese-controlled waters. MacArthur traveled to Mindanao where he boarded a B-17 and flew to Australia. He vowed to return and rescue his troops and the US reclaimed the Philippines in 1945.

**USA -- Bambi Premieres.** The popular Walt Disney film "Bambi" premiered on August 21st. The film was Disney's fifth animated feature film and was nominated for three Academy Awards including Best Original Song. It was based off the Felix Salten novel "Bambi, A Life in the Woods." The story revolved around an orphaned deer and his friends Thumper, Flower, and Faline, in the forest. Upon its original release the film lost money but it has since gained popularity after being re-released several times and is now considered a classic.

**USA -- First Nuclear Reactor.** Italian physicist Enrico Fermi created the first nuclear chain reaction in his lab at the University of Chicago on December 2nd. The reactor that he created was called Chicago Pile-1 and was constructed underground beneath the bleachers of a squash court at the University. It was devel-

oped as a part of the Manhattan Project, a U.S. government and military program with the goal of creating nuclear weapons. Fermi and his team constructed their reactor at the lab in just a few weeks. This accomplishment took place at the height of World War II and was an important step towards ending the war as the United States would successfully create nuclear bombs just three years later.

**The classic film "Casablanca" has its premiere..** The iconic and classic film

"Casablanca" premieres on November 26th in New York City. The film stars popular actors Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, along with Claude Rains, Dooley Wilson, and Paul Henreid. The film, based on a play, focuses on the complicated relationship between two former lovers and is set in North Africa at the beginning of World War II. It was a hugely successful movie and remains one of the most quoted and loved films of all time, continually ranking high on lists of the best movies ever made. After its release, it was nominated for eight Academy awards and won three, including Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Writing.

The Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston burns to the ground in the worst Night Club Fire in US history killing 492 people

### Popular Films

- Road to Morocco, starring Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, and Dorothy Lamour
  - Casablanca
  - Bambi
  - Mrs. Miniver
  - Yankee Doodle Dandy
- Holiday Inn

### Popular Musicians

- " White Christmas " Bing Crosby

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*More Happenings....*

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the original series to feature Orbach) in honor of him. The *Criminal Intent* episode "View from Up Here" and the *Trial by Jury* episode "Baby Boom" were dedicated to Orbach, and the *Law & Order* episode "Mammon" featured a pictorial memorial of him. In addition to his sons, wife, and former wife, Orbach was survived by his mother and two grandchildren, Peter and Sarah Kate Orbach, children of his older son Tony. His mother died on July 28, 2012, at the age of 101. His wife Elaine died in 2009 at age 69, and his former wife Marta died in 2012 at age 79. Having had perfect 20/20 vision his whole life, Jerry Orbach requested that his eyes be donated after his death. His wish was granted when two individuals - one who needed correction for a nearsighted eye and another who needed correction for a farsighted eye - received Orbach's corneas. His likeness has been used in an ad campaign for EyeBank for Sight Restoration in Manhattan. Orbach was interred at Trinity Church Cemetery in Manhattan. In addition to his Tony Award and nominations, Jerry Orbach is also a member of the American Theater Hall of Fame, having been inducted in 1999. In 2002, Orbach was named a "Living Landmark" by the New York Landmarks Conservancy, along with his *Law & Order* co-star Sam Waterston.

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" Deep in the heart of Texas " by Alvino Ray

**Born This Year**

Judith Sheindlin October 21st

Anita Roddick October 23rd

Robert Pickton October 24th

**Linda Evans November 18th**

Joe Biden November 20th

Jimi Hendrix November 27th

**Harrison Ford July 13th** -- Chicago, Illinois, U.S.

Michael Bloomberg February 14th -- Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.

Billy Connolly November 24th -- Anderston, Glasgow, Scotland

Michael Crichton October 23rd -- Chicago, Illinois, U.S.

Richard M. Daley April 24th -- Chicago, Illinois, U.S.

**Britt Ekland October 6th** -- Stockholm, Sweden

Vicente Fox July 2nd -- Guanajuato, Mexico

John Wayne Gacy March 17th -- Chicago, Illinois, U.S.

Jerry Garcia August 1st -- San Francisco, California, U.S.

Stephen Hawking January 8th -- Oxford, England

Bob Hoskins October 26th -- Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, England,

Brian Jones February 28th -- Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England,

Calvin Klein November 19th -- Bronx, New York, U.S.

Paul McCartney June 18th -- Liverpool, England

Charlie Rose January 5th -- Henderson, North Carolina, U.S.

Martin Scorsese November 17th -- Queens, New York, U.S.

**Barbra Streisand April 24th** -- Brooklyn, New York, U.S.

**Tammy Wynette May 5th** -- Itawamba County, Mississippi, U.S.

**Technology**

- **Duck Tape** The US Military using ( The Johnson and Johnson Permacel Division ) developes Duct Tape ( Duck Tape ) originally called Duck Tape by the troops because water ran off it but later adapted to Duct Tape because of it's use to provide a seal over duct-works.

- Worlds first Nuclear Reactor Built in Chicago

- Manhattan Project Started Instant Coffee Introduced

**Inventions Invented by Inventors and Country ( or attributed to First Use )**

**Atomic Power** USA by Enrico Fermi's team creating first self-sustaining chain reaction

**Napalm** USA from Harvard University

**Guided Missile** Germany by Werner von Braun

*From the Internet...*



## Edsel Ford Woodies off to Auction

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Orbach quipped that the honor meant "that they can't tear me down." On February 5, 2005, he was posthumously awarded a Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series for his longtime role on *Law & Order*. His wife Elaine accepted the award on his behalf.

On September 18, 2007, a portion of New York City's 53rd Street near Eighth Avenue was re-named 'Jerry Orbach Way' in his honor.

Also, in 2007, the Jerry Orbach Theatre was named for him in the Snyple Theater Center at 50th Street and Broadway in New York City. The naming occurred as a tribute to him during a revival of *The Fantasticks* at the theatre.

After *Law & Order* was canceled in 2010, executive producer René Balcer was quoted by *The Wall Street Journal*: "I always think about the show as before Jerry and after Jerry... You saw the weariness of 25 years of crime-fighting in New York written on his face."

Author Kurt Vonnegut was a fan of Orbach, and during an Australian radio interview in 2005, he said, "People have asked me, you know, 'Who would you rather be, than yourself?,' and he replied, 'Jerry Orbach, without a question... I talked to him one time, and he's adorable.'"

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### Two woodies owned by Edsel Ford II and hot-rodded by Roush are headed to auction.

By Jeff Peck and Hagerty Media services.



Edsel Ford's 1947 woody wagon

If two fabulous Ford-built woody wagons aren't desirable enough already, add a connection to the company's famous founder. Taking Ford's iconic "From the Ford family of fine cars" tagline quite literally, Barrett-Jackson is offering a 1947 Ford Super Deluxe Custom Woody Wagon and a 1958 Edsel Bermuda Wagon from the personal collection of Edsel B. Ford II, great-grandson



Edsel Ford's 1958 Bermuda Wagon

of Henry Ford.

The cars will be featured at Barrett-Jackson's upcoming Scottsdale auction, which was moved from its traditional January time slot to March 20–27. The pair are being offered at no reserve on the auction's final day.

Rarely do members of an iconic automaker's family relinquish vehicles from their personal collections, and Edsel Ford II's wagons are even more noteworthy because of what they aren't—stock. Considering his infatuation with performance and motorsports, that isn't surprising that Edsel II modified them.

Recognized as the "godfather of Ford Racing," Edsel and his father, Henry Ford II,

attended the 1966 24 Hours of Le Mans and witnessed Ken Miles, Bruce McLaren, and Ronnie Bucknum finish 1-2-3 in their GT40s—an astounding accomplishment that secured Ford's legacy in motorsport. Edsel II would later intern under the tutelage of legendary performance guru Carroll Shelby.



Edsel Ford II with Leo Beebe at the 1966 Le Mans races.



A very modern Ford 302 engine makes for a great running 1947 woody wagon.

Ford was named to the NASCAR Hall of Fame in 2020 and was a recipient of the Hall of Fame's Landmark Award for his outstanding contributions to motorsport.

"His passion and enthusiasm for motorsports has remained a constant throughout his remarkable career and continues to this day," Barrett-Jackson says in a press release.

When Edsel II decided to revitalize the two family heirlooms, he turned to Ford racing maven Jack Roush and his team at Roush Performance. The 1947 Ford Super Deluxe Custom Woody Wagon is particularly noteworthy, having received major mechanical upgrades while retaining its original appearance.

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## Edsel Ford's Woodies continued...

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*New York Times* writers Ben Brantley and Richard Servero analyzed the breadth and scope of Orbach's career:

*Whether singing "Try to Remember" as the dashing narrator of "The Fantasticks" in 1960 or trading barbs with fellow detectives and reluctant witnesses on television in recent years, Mr. Orbach exuded a wry, ragged masculinity that was all his own.*

*As a star of musicals, he created a new kind of hero who was leagues away from suave, swaggering Adonises like John Raitt, Howard Keel, and Alfred Drake... And he flourished at a time when the Broadway musical hero was fast becoming an endangered species... His rough-edged individuality may account for his endurance on the Broadway stage in an era when other promising musical actors - including Larry Kert, Robert Goulet, and Robert Morse - proved unable to follow through on their breakthrough successes.*

*Mr. Orbach may have been the last of a breed: no male star since has matched the breadth and continuity of his career in musicals... It wasn't until the 1990s when he started appearing as Lennie Briscoe in "Law & Order," that Mr. Orbach became a familiar name throughout the country. The roughedge that distinguished him on Broadway eased his transition to character roles like Briscoe, the recovered alco-*

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Modified by Roush in 2014–15, it has a modern Ford 302 racing engine, power steering, 9-inch rear axle with 3.75 gears, ceramic-coated exhaust, 12-volt electrical system, four-wheel power disc brakes, and electric windshield wipers (instead of the original vacuum-operated ones).

"We've seen restomods bring big money in recent years, sometimes even more than their stock counterparts, and especially at events like Barrett-Jackson," says Hagerty valuation editor Andrew Newton. "This one's tasteful upgrades, coming from a name like Roush and from the personal collection of Ford royalty, should push it to big money. The only question is how big."

Then there is the beautiful 1958 Edsel Bermuda Wagon (Lot 1341.1), a rare gem known as "Edsel's Edsel." Modified and restored by Roush in 2016, the single-production-year Bermuda represents the top-of-the-line station wagon offered by Ford Motor Company's bold but short-lived, mid-tier Edsel marque. Under the hood is the Edsel-exclusive 361-cubic-inch "E-400" V-8, named for its impressive output of 400 lb-ft of torque. Fed by a four-barrel carburetor and boasting a 10.5:1 compression ratio, the V-8 makes 303 horsepower.



Exclusive to the Edsel line, this Bermuda was equipped with a 361 cubic inch engine.

The Bermuda began its life as a manual column-shifted wagon, but Roush and his team swapped in a three-speed automatic, which required converting the three-pedal layout to a period-correct two-pedal system, fabricating a new transmission control linkage, and modifying the original steering column to accept the automatic's PRNDL indicator. The driveline and exhaust system were also tweaked. Inside, the period-correct cabin features unique upholstery patterns and colors.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my ownership experience with these two cars," Edsel Ford II says. "I loved the process of giving them new life with modern technology that made the classic cars more fun to drive. Over the past few years, I motored along, relishing in the history they represent. I hope the next owners of these two beautiful Ford cars will also enjoy great adventures in them."

## Edsel Ford retires...

The great-great grandchildren of Henry Ford, founder of Ford Motor Co., are planning to step into key roles as members of the influential board of directors this year, the company announced Friday.

Alexandra Ford English and Henry Ford III have been nominated by the company to stand for election to the board at its virtual annual shareholder meeting on May 13. Based on recent history, it would be highly unusual for Ford board recommendations not to win approval.

English, 33, is the daughter of Bill Ford, executive chairman of the company. She joined Ford in 2017 and works as director of corporate strategy and is responsible for enterprise, connectivity and digital network strategic plans, the company said.

She previously was director of market and operations for Ford Autonomous Vehicles LLC, and overseeing activity in Miami, Austin, Texas, and Washington, D.C., the company said.

Henry Ford III, 40, is the son of Edsel B. Ford II and an investor relations director at Ford. He joined the company in 2006 and worked in labor relations, purchasing, marketing and sales, and corporate strategy.

The company credited Henry Ford III in its news release for being part of the team that negotiated the landmark 2008 labor agreement with the UAW.

"As an uncle, as a father and as executive chairman, I'm really proud," Bill Ford told the Free Press on Friday. "I think both Alexandra and Henry are exceptionally talented. They both have shown they care deeply about the company."

In May 2020, Alexandra Ford English replaced the company's veteran manufac-

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## Changes at Ford Motor Company

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holic who seemed to greet the discovery of each episode's crime with a world-weary shrug.

*Dirty Dancing* co-star Patrick Swayze memorialized Orbach after his death: Jerry Orbach has been one of the most successful actors who ever lived to make that transition from musical theatre into real, organic, break-your-heart kinds of reality in his work as a film actor, but the transition back and forth seamlessly... it was a very interesting time for me, when I was shooting *Dirty Dancing*, I think probably the eyes I trusted if I was real, and it worked, and I had nailed it, [were] Jerry Orbach's eyes. I would go over to him and under my breath, "What did you think?" and he goes, "No, go there further; I think there's more you can get." He would say little things like "courage," and it gives me goosebumps to say that. I really, really respected that man. I watched his career from the time I was little. I think it was a great loss when he passed.

His love poems to his wife Elaine were published in *Remember How I Love You: Love Letters from an Extraordinary Marriage* (Touchstone, 2009). Another biography, *Jerry Orbach, Prince of the City: His Way from the Fantasies to Law & Order* by John Anthony Gilvey, was published on May 1, 2011.

From the internet...

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turing executive Joe Hinrichs on the board of Rivian, the electric carmaker, as the company representative. Prior to working at Ford, she ran merchandising divisions for Tory Burch in New York City and Gap Inc., in San Francisco. When doing an interview about finding personal time during COVID-19, Bill Ford has talked about spending time with Alexandra's daughter, and how it has given him delight looking for frogs and turtles with her. Henry Ford III, known as "Sonny" within the family, uses "Henry" professionally. He has worked as a global marketing manager for Ford Performance and "played a key role in the launch of the latest Ford GT and supported the company's successful return to racing at the 24 Hours of Le Mans," the company said.



Above, Edsel Ford II

Meanwhile, Edsel Ford, 72, is retiring from the board in May. He was elected on Jan. 18, 1988, at the age of 39, along with his cousin, Bill Ford, then 30. Edsel Ford is a member of the board's finance committee and sustainability and innovation committee.

"It has been my honor and privilege to serve on the Ford Motor Co. Board of Directors for more than three decades," he said in a statement.

"Our great company has been tested in many ways, not least of which it experienced in the past year, and I'm proud we have not only survived and thrived, but also held tight to the values and principles that make Ford a unique American icon," he said. "I am especially pleased that as I step down from the board, a new generation of Ford family members is poised to continue this legacy of service."

Ford, which employs the most hourly auto factory workers in the U.S., takes great pride in its working relationship with labor after a difficult and sometimes violent history. Ford often credits the UAW publicly when winning product awards.

Shortly after Ford announced its board news, UAW President Rory Gamble released a statement:

"In an age of short-term Wall Street focused management decisions, Ford Motor Company has benefitted from the stability and continuity of the Ford family's involvement in the management of one of America's most iconic corporations.

The March 15 announcement of younger generations of the Ford family joining the Board of Ford Motor Company continues that tradition of a longer view of the arc of the company, the continued focus on dignity and welfare of employees and Ford's commitment to community service throughout Detroit, the Midwest and the country.

While UAW members will always have differences at the table with management, there is certainty in knowing that there are members of the Board whose corporate decisions are informed by their history not just for short-term performance, but in the interest of the company's long-term future as well — all while valuing Ford employees as not just numbers on a spreadsheet.

With this passing of the torch, Ford Motor Company has achieved what many corporations have lost — a corporate culture that is rooted in the past, while addressing the daily pressures of the present, and through the lens of a family company committed to a longer-term view of the future."

Along with news of the changes, Ford said in its news release "the board expects to take steps to further strengthen and diversify its makeup, including in areas that are strategically critical in this important period of transformation and growth."

In May 2019, adding women to the board came up during a shareholder meeting and Bill Ford responded that diversity was "of great interest" and to stay tuned. He said again Friday that board diversity is "very much top of mind."

Bill Ford, 63, confirmed Friday to the Free Press that he has no plans to step down from the board. And he said he's feeling more optimistic than ever about the company's future in the hands of new CEO Jim Farley.

# *Preview of Coming Events*

## **For 2021**

Three major Lincoln Car shows being planned for 2021. Due to the pandemic and the various unknowns associated with the disease management, we cannot be absolutely certain that there will be Lincoln shows as presently scheduled for calendar year 2021. As of March 1, 2021, the following sanction Lincoln club meets are scheduled:

LCOC Eastern National Meet, Morgantown, Pennsylvania, Changed to October 20-24.

LCOC Mid-America National Meet, Springfield, Illinois, Sept 15-19, 2021

Please check the Lincoln Club website from time to time for the latest information concerning the above events.

The 2021 Lincoln Homecoming, is scheduled to be held August 13-15, at Hickory Corners, Michigan. The theme will be, "Marks Through the Ages" 1940 To 1998.

The Lincoln Motor Car Foundation website will display the most current information as soon as it becomes available. Speaking for the foundation, David Schultz, LMCF chairman. "We're looking forward to seeing Continental Marks from all eras," and "That includes original, restored and customized Continentals. Owners need not be members of a Lincoln club to join in on the fun.



## **For Sale**

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# North Star Activities

## Lincoln of Bloomington, the place to go to for your next Lincoln

Spring is here and it may be time for a new car. If you are in need, stop our good friends at Lincoln of Bloomington. They have a very good selection of both new Lincolns and excellent, well cared for used vehicles. If they do not have what you want, they will try to find whatever you want to meet your needs. Our friends at Lincoln of Bloomington have supported our North Star club over the years, and we would appreciate it if you could support this fine business. For either sales or service, they will do their best for you.

**The Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum** is for You! America's passionate love affair with the Lincoln automobile continues to inspire new generations. This is demonstrated in a variety of ways, including the formation of affinity clubs in which enthusiasts can share their interest in a particular brand or segment of the automotive market, past and present. The Lincoln automobile inspired the creation of four major affinity clubs, these motivated the creation of the Lincoln Motor Car Foundation, its Museum and its work of Sharing the Living Legacy of the Lincoln Motor Cars. The Grand Opening of the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum took place August 9, 2014.

We invite you to explore what we have to offer and visit the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum located on the Gilmore Car Museum Campus in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m, Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

We suggest that you visit the Museum's website to learn more about this remarkable facility. Open your computer browser and go to: [lincolncarmuseum.org](http://lincolncarmuseum.org)



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