

Future classic, or just another old Lincoln



Your editor's MKT at Hickory Corners, Michigan

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.

This month, we decided to take a little break from featuring older model Lincoln's and take a look at the Lincoln MKT, which was produced from late 2009 through the end of 2019.

The MKT is/was a bit different from most of the cars Lincoln produced up to that point. Not quite a sedan and not quite an SUV, it was believed to fill the gap left by the plan to discontinue the Town Car by 2011. For many reasons, the consuming public did not overwhelmingly fall in love with the MKT and never achieved serious production numbers to become successful in Lincoln's product line. Perhaps the MKT was a bit too quirky in its styling to be fully embraced by multitudes of the buying or leasing public.

One can point to any number of reasons why it was not a bigger success. Perhaps it was the introduction of the goofy three-letter names assigned to new Lincolns: example, MKX, MKZ, MKS, MKT. Someone inside the Ford think (or not thinking) tank decided that three Alpha Letters would be better for the product image than the traditional names like Zephyr, Town Car, etc. The car-buying public initially was unable to comprehend the relationship between the letters and the car models. Why try to copy Mercedes-Benz? Why not be yourself.

Also, the marketing plans for the various Lincolns sort of flat from the get-go. Most were not hard-hitting enough and failed to bring customers into the showrooms so they could see these real-

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Trivia from the Internet



Harry Morgan
American Actor
1915 - 2011

*Harry Morgan (April 10, 1915 - December 7, 2011) was an American actor and director whose television and film career spanned six decades. Morgan's major roles included Pete Porter in both December Bride (1954-1959) and Pete and Gladys (1960-1962); Officer Bill Gannon on Dragnet (1967-1970); Amos Coogan on Hec Ramsey (1972-1974); and his starring role as Colonel Sherman T. Potter in M*A*S*H (1975-1983) and AfterMASH (1983-1985). Morgan also appeared in more than 100 films.*

Morgan was born Harry Bratsberg in Detroit, the son of Hannah and Henry Bratsberg. His parents

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Editors Message

April 2022

Well, March was no ball of fire either. Going into it, I had such high hopes for what it could be. Sure we had a few nice days, but overall, it just was not that nice. And these last few days of the month, cold with strong winds. Just taking Olga out for a short time to do what she needs to every few hours, I thought that the wind was going to pick me up and that I would wind up over in South St. Paul. Hopefully, April will be a lot better and more conducive to taking out the old iron for a spring ride. Until then, I guess we will have to put up with the likes of heated steering wheels and heated seats, which on a cold day, really feel pretty good. In some ways, that new technology is not that bad.

This issue was a bit of a challenge to put together. With no one willing to send me any articles for the newsletter, I am left to my own devices to get the job done. Now, we all realize that the MKT is not a classic Lincoln by any stretch of the imagination. But, many of us agree that it represents good value for the money as far as transportation goes, and it even has more than a hint of luxury. It is a car that is chock full of technology, and with the EcoBoost engine, it is remarkably quick. It weighs out at about 5,000 pounds, but that doesn't stop it from moving out from zero to sixty in about six seconds. That is just pretty darn quick for a car that big. And it is very quiet about its work too. I did have three of them, and they were all good cars, doing what they were built to do and doing it very well. And in the early models are now able to be entered in Lincoln sanction shows as they are ten years or older.

May will feature the North Star club road trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This is a fine event organized by member Bill Holaday who has arranged for a tour of the Harley Davidson plant. Appended to this newsletter is a two-page flyer that goes into further detail about the

many things planned for this special road trip and tour. Please try to make it if you can. I think that a high point of this trip could be talking Bob Johnson to buy a nice Harley for himself and a sidecar for Mary. The North Star First Couple would look great with a new Harley.



Sweet Olga is enjoying a little fresh air outdoors. It is a sunny day but on the cold side with temps in the low 30s. Olga, like her dad, is eagerly awaiting spring with some 60-degree temperatures. She is thinking winter, been there, done that, it is time for something different.

Here is your chance to help build membership. On page 16, there is information about the LCOC \$25 offer. From now through the end of 2022, new members pay just \$25 for a full year's membership in the Lincoln Club. And, as an extra special bonus, the North Star region will throw in a year's membership for free. This is a terrific value for new members. Get those folks to sign up today, or consider gifting them with a membership. It is the least you can do for your friends.

We recently stopped by Lincoln of Bloomington for some routine service on the Continental. With the internal systems warning me that it was time for an oil change, I decided that it was time to get this task done. I had only about 1,200 miles since my last oil

change as I have been driving much less than what I used to do. Olga came along with me, and we were warmly greeted like old, long-lost friends. The necessary service was performed in their usual efficient manner, and we were soon well on our way once again. While we were there, many of the good folks at the Lincoln store visited with Olga and me and gave her a lot of attention, which she truly enjoys. They even had some boutique dog biscuits, shaped like bones, made with peanut butter, and even had the Lincoln star on them. Really impressive for both man and beast. If you want a friendly, warm welcome, stop by Lincoln of Bloomington soon, you will not be disappointed!

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

*Directors Message by Bob Johnson April 2022**(Continued from page 2)*

were of Swedish and Norwegian ancestry. In his interview with the Archive of American Television, Morgan spelled his Norwegian family surname as "Brasburg." Many sources, however, including some family records, list the spelling as "Bratsburg." According to one source, when Morgan's father Henry registered at junior high school, "the registrar spelled it Brasburg instead of Bratsberg. Bashful Henry did not demur."

Morgan was raised in Muskegon, Michigan, and graduated from Muskegon High School in 1933, where he achieved distinction as a statewide debating champion. He originally aspired to a J.D. degree, but began acting while a junior at the University of Chicago in 1935.

He began acting on-stage under his birth name, in 1937, joining the Group Theatre in New York City formed by Harold Clurman, Cheryl Crawford, and Lee Strasberg in 1931. He appeared in the original production of the Clifford Odets play *Golden Boy*, followed by a host of successful Broadway roles alongside such other Group members as Lee J. Cobb, Elia Kazan,

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As the COVID world turns. It may very well be that the worst is behind us. I am sure by now we are all anxious for a car show, car cruise, or anything car-related of any kind. I can tell you our region is geared up for one heck of a year. So please start to make plans and clear your calendar now to attend our region events. The Law of Inertia has taken hold, and it is very hard to get our members up and moving once again after about two years of essentially doing nothing. Perhaps, if we have enough interesting activities that are close to home (think about gas prices), we can get things going once again, with lots of fun to last through the end of fall.

Our March event was the rescheduled Sunday Brunch at Dangerfield's Restaurant on March 13. All had a great time when 20 North Star Region members met for great food and conversation; highlights included the presentation of the 2021 LCOC Master Editor Award to David Gustafson for his excellent work on our regional newsletter *Northstar News*. I also used the occasion to formally entrust our region charter to the care of new Region Secretary Chris Struble, who replaced Roger Wothe when he retired after 26 years of dedicated service to our club.

Sunday Buffet on April 10 at the Bungalow Inn Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. in Lakeland, Minnesota, 1151 Rivercrest Rd N, just one block northeast of I94 and MN 95, exit just before the bridge to Hudson. This is a new location with very good food. Please RSVP to Bob Johnson. 651-257-1715 or email arborbob41@aol.com by April 6, 2022.

Our highlight of 2022 will be a four-day road region trip to Harley Davison Museum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 12-15, 2022. A road trip to Milwaukee PDF email was sent to all members and will send out again in April. Please reserve your hotel room now if you plan on attending. This will be a great trip; please try to attend if possible. One change has occurred, we are not able to go to Dan and Joyce Staehle's home Sunday morning, as they will be in Florida for their son Tom's graduation from college.

Our 14th Annual Bloomington Lincoln Car show will be Saturday, June 11, 2022, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bloomington Lincoln, Bloomington, Minnesota. Free lunch and awards at 2 p.m. On March 15, the 2022 Lincoln Centennial Homecoming registration for August 7-13, 2022, is now posted on the Lincoln Motor Car Foundation website www.lincolncarmuseum.org/, and the LCOC.org website.

Our Facebook presence with likes is now 523 persons. There are three different facebook pages for our region, and the correct one to use is North Star Lincoln Continental Car Club. Please let me know if anyone knows how to combine the three pages in one.

LCOC is looking at doing a printed National Membership Directory this year. It was last printed in 2015 and was discontinued due to the cost. The information it contained is in the members' section of the LCOC website. Some members may not have internet access or choose not to use it, and some may like to have a printed copy in their hands for whatever reason. The downside to a printed directory is the almost immediately obsolescence and the cost. So I have two questions: 1) Would you like to see the re-introduction of a printed membership directory? 2) If so, how much would you be willing to pay for a printed membership directory? Please let me know your thoughts so that your response can be forwarded to National for their action on this project.

Again, I will say it; we need to get out and recruit new members. **For 2022 only, we have a reduced LCOC Membership rate of \$25; let's use it to get some new members and friends for the LCOC and the North Star Region.** Now can we get you to call persons you know who love Lincolns. We need them as members! Your call is the best way to get a new member; please call anyone you know interested in the Lincoln brand. This is a plea that I have made for the last 20 years; we need to be more active and get out and recruit.

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

More about the Lincoln MKT

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ly fine vehicles up close and take them for a test drive; for the most part, Lincolns produced some fine cars, nice to drive and appreciated by their owners.

I have had personal experience with three MKT's. Each was leased for a three-year term. The first was a 2010, the second a 2013, and the last one was a 2015. These were all fine Lincolns, as good as and much better than the Town Car, which it was thought this model would replace. The 2015, I purchased from Lincoln at the end of the lease period as it was a low mileage (about 13K miles) vehicle, plus I really liked the car. These cars had long legs and could cruise all day at 75 mph or faster, carrying a full load of people in absolute comfort. The Twin-Turbo charged V6 always had a good supply of power delivered through a six-speed automatic drive. They were quick for a 5,000-pound car, capable of going from 0 – 60 in but six seconds. Plus, they were very well equipped with a long list of accessories to provide a wonderful environment for both driver and passenger. Most were also equipped with all-wheel drive, and with the weight of the car, it is quite capable of winter driving in the most severe climates.

Lincoln is capable of producing some really great cars, and the MKT was one of those. Most owners will keep them for a long period because they do love these wonderful beasts. They must be driven to be fully understood and appreciated. It would be nice if Lincoln had the courage to do a redesign of a similar type of vehicle and properly market it. Perhaps as an all-electric car. The buying public is fickle, and in time the tide may flow away from the desire for large SUVs back to well-designed large sedans. The Navigators and the Escalades are very fine vehicles, quite possibly the two best very large SUVs out there in the marketplace, but most often, we see them driven and occupied by just one person. Somewhat of an overkill, one might hazard to say. In searching the internet, we found two test reports focusing on the early MKT. While most car magazines have not been overly kind to American Iron, these two reports were not that bad in their review of the early production models of the MKT. Unfortunately, the MKT never achieved widespread acceptance by the general public, which was reflected in overall sales. The best year for sales was 2010, with about 7,500 going off to new owners. Overall, production during the approximate ten-year run was about 57,000 units. Not quite enough to make the MKT a worthwhile enterprise.

It should be noted; the MKT had a companion over in the Ford product line. The Ford Flex was almost identical mechanically to the MKT, but had a different exterior design and overall appearance. The ability to share costs between the two models

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John Garfield, Sanford Meisner, and Karl Malden. Morgan also did summer stock at the Pine Brook Country Club located in the countryside of Nichols, Connecticut.

Film work Morgan made his screen debut (originally using the name "Henry Morgan") in the 1942 movie *To the Shores of Tripoli*. His screen name later became "Henry 'Harry' Morgan" and eventually Harry Morgan, to avoid confusion with the popular humorist of the same name.

In the same year, Morgan appeared in the movie *Orchestra Wives* as a young man pushing his way to the front of a ballroom crowd with his date to hear Glenn Miller's band play. A few years later, still credited as Henry Morgan, he was cast in the role of pianist Chummy MacGregor in the 1954 biopic *The Glenn Miller Story*.

Morgan continued to play a number of significant roles on the big screen in such films as *The Ox-Bow Incident* (1943), *Wing and a Prayer* (1944), *A Bell for Adano* (1945), *Dragonwyck* (1946), *The Gangster* (1947),

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Northstar Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2022

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The meeting was called to order via a conference call by Regional Director Bob Johnson at 6:31 p.m.

Board members attending the conference call were Bob Johnson, Dave Gustafson, Matt Foley, Jay White, Tom Brace, Bill Holaday, Dave Heeren, Bob Roth, and Chris Struble. The Board members not present were Jeff Eisenberg, and there were no visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

Director reports:

The current status of the Pandemic appears to be relaxing, and this will hopefully continue.

Activities report:

Chairperson Bob Johnson reviewed club activities.

March 13, 2022- Sunday Brunch at Dangerfield's Restaurant. 11:30 a.m.

April 2022- Sunday Buffet on April 10 at the Bungalow Inn Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. In Lakeland, Minnesota, 1151 Rivercrest Road North, just one block northeast of I94 and MN 95, exit just before the bridge to Hudson.

May 12- 15, 2022- Trip to Milwaukee to visit the Harley-Davidson Museum.

June 11, 2022- Annual Bloomington Lincoln Car show.

The auction at last month's gathering was a success, and it raised over \$3,000. Tom Brace did a great job organizing the event!

Treasurer Matt Foley reported the treasury balance is \$6,419.84, with all bills paid.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson stated no new members were added last month. New members can join for \$25 through December 31, 2022.

A discussion was held regarding the issues surrounding the clubs' Facebook page. Next month's meeting will be held at Bloomington Lincoln, and the Board will examine the problems with the clubs' page.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. via a conference call from Bob Johnson.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Struble

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The Big Clock (1948), *The Well* (1951), *High Noon* (1952), *Torch Song* (1953), and several films in the 1950s for director Anthony Mann, including *Bend of the River* (1952), *Thunder Bay* (1953), *The Glenn Miller Story* (1954), *The Far Country* (1955), and *Strategic Air Command* (1955). In his later film career, he appeared in *Inherit the Wind* (1960), *How the West Was Won* (1962) (as Ulysses S. Grant), *John Goldfarb, Please Come Home* (1965), *Frankie and Johnny* (1966), *The Flim-Flam Man* (1967), *Support Your Local Sheriff!* (1969), *Support Your Local Gunfighter!* (1971), *Snowball Express* (1972), *The Shootist* (1976), *The Wild Wild West Revisited* (1979), and as Captain Gannon in the film version of *Dragnet* (1987) with Dan Aykroyd and Tom Hanks.

Radio and television Morgan hosted the NBC radio series *Mystery in the Air* starring Peter Lorre in 1947. On CBS, he played Pete Porter in *Pete and Gladys* (1960-1962), with Cara Williams as wife Gladys. *Pete and Gladys* was a

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made it possible to extend production for a longer period than would be normally expected.



Lincoln MKT dash and front seat area.

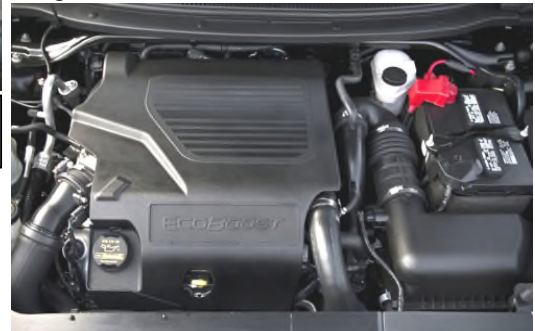
The **Lincoln MKT** is a full-size 3-row luxury crossover SUV that was marketed by the Lincoln division of Ford Motor Company; a single generation was produced from the 2010 to the 2019 model years. Slotted between the Lincoln MKX (renamed the Lincoln Nautilus) and the Lincoln Navigator, the MKT shared its Ford D4 chassis with the Ford Flex CUV and the 2011-2019 Ford Explorer. While the MKT had no direct Lincoln predecessor, its introduction coincided with the discontinuation of the Mercury Mountaineer (based on the Ford Explorer); a livery variant of the MKT continued the use of the Lincoln Town Car name.

After the 2019 model year, Ford ended the use of its D3/D4 chassis, discontinuing the MKT and counterparts. Within the Lincoln model range, the MKT was not directly replaced, but the second-generation Lincoln Aviator is a 3-row Lincoln CUV. It is mid-size and slotted between the Nautilus and Navigator. Throughout its production, the MKT was assembled by Ford of Canada at its Oakville Assembly facility at Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

2008 concept - The Lincoln MKT was unveiled as a concept vehicle at the 2008 North American International Auto Show in Detroit, MI. Largely a preview of the upcoming production vehicle, it featured a full-length glass roof and a 2+2 seating layout. The MKT concept vehicle was announced to have the 415 hp 3.5 L Cyclone 35 V-6 variant of Ford's new EcoBoost engine family, which uses turbocharging and direct injection technologies to offer the power of larger displacement

engines with the fuel economy of smaller engines.

Model overview - The MKT entered production at the Oakville Assembly plant in July 2009 for the 2010 model year. While the Lincoln division was shifting from SUVs towards crossover SUVs, the MKT had no direct predecessor. Developed as a competitor against the Acura MDX, Audi Q7, and Mercedes-Benz R-Class, the MKT was designed as one of the largest and fastest luxury crossovers in its price range.



Most MKTs were equipped with the 3.5 liter V6 Twin Turbocharged powerplant. For those Lincoln drivers, who liked to go fast, it was a terrific engine. Zero to sixty, in 6 seconds.

Chassis - The Lincoln MKT is based upon the unibody Ford D4 platform, a variant of the Volvo-derived Ford D3 platform designed for SUVs and crossovers. With a 120.7-inch wheelbase, the Lincoln MKT is the longest-wheelbase D4 vehicle and the third-longest wheelbase Lincoln currently produced (only the Navigator/Navigator L are longer). While sharing no common body panels, the Lincoln MKT is mechanically related to the Ford Flex and the fifth-generation Ford Explorer (though the Explorer remains marketed as an SUV and retains a greater degree of off-road driving capability).

Sharing its powertrain with the Lincoln MKS and sixth-generation Ford Taurus, the standard engine for a Lincoln MKT is a 3.7L V6. From 2010 to 2012, the engine produced 268 hp; after 2013, the 3.7L V6 produced 303 hp. As an option, a 3.5L twin-turbocharged V6 is offered. Initially producing 355 hp in the MKT, in 2013, the 3.5L engine was retuned for 365 hp. Both engines are mated to a Ford 6F 6-speed automatic transmission. A front-wheel drive configuration is fitted to two-wheel drive versions, with all-wheel

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The saga of the MKT continues...

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spin-off of *December Bride* (1954-1959), starring *Spring Byington*, a show in which Morgan had a popular recurring role. In 1950, Morgan appeared as an obtrusive, alcohol-addled hotel clerk in the *Dragnet* radio episode "The Big Boys."

1960s: *Dragnet* and other roles After *Pete* and *Gladys* ended production, Morgan guest-starred in the role of *Al Everett* in the 1962 episode "Like My Own Brother" on *Gene Kelly's ABC* drama series, *Going My Way*, loosely based on the 1944 *Bing Crosby* film of the same name. That same year, he played the mobster *Bugs Moran* in an episode of *ABC's The Untouchables*, with *Robert Stack*. In 1963, he was cast as *Sheriff Ernie Backwater* on *Richard Boone's Have Gun - Will Travel* Western series on *CBS*, then worked as a regular cast member on the 1963-64 anthology series *The Richard Boone Show*.

In the 1964-1965 season, Morgan co-starred as *Seldom Jackson* in the 26-week *NBC* comedy/drama *Kentucky Jones*, starring *Dennis Weaver*, formerly of *Gunsmoke*. Morgan is even more widely recognized as *Officer Bill Gannon*, *Joe Friday's* partner in the revived version of *Drag-*

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the standard model. The *Cartier Edition* ex-drive fitted as an option; the latter is standard on versions fitted with the 3.5L V6. In 2013, a 2.0L turbocharged inline-4 became available for the *Town Car* livery variant as a special-order option.

The MKT featured electric power steering over more-traditional hydraulic power steering. The electric steering system is combined with ultrasonic sensors to form a hands-off "Active Park Assist" system that steers the vehicle into parallel parking slots.



Most MKTs were equipped with the optional sun roof package. Lots of glass overhead.

Body - In the shift from the 2008 concept to the production MKT, relatively few changes were made, with the most notable exception of larger rear quarter windows, the addition of wraparound headlamp units, and a revised lower grille. Retained from the concept, the vertically slatted split grille was a feature first introduced on the 2007 Lincoln MKR concept (along with the use of the Lincoln star emblem as fender side vents).

In the interest of fuel economy, Lincoln adapted several weight-saving measures in the construction of the MKT body. The liftgate is constructed using an inner panel of cast magnesium and an outer panel of stamped aluminum. Other places where magnesium replaces steel include the radiator support frame and the frames of the rear seat-backs and lower seat cushions.

Although sharing no external body panels with its Ford D4 counterpart Ford Flex, the MKT and the Flex offer the same two seating configurations. A seven-passenger (2-3-2) configuration is standard, with an optional six-passenger (2-2-2) configuration; a second row of bucket seats replaces the three-passenger split bench seat with a full-length center console as an option.

During its production, the Lincoln MKT has seen relatively few changes, primarily limited to adjustments in color offerings and option packages. In 2013, in line with the MKZ and MKS, the front fascia of the MKT saw a redesign, with the widely slatted grille replaced by a more narrowly-spaced design and a redesign of the lower grille. For 2016, a new Sync 3 infotainment system replaced the previous MyLincoln Touch. In 2017, the front fascia saw a second update, with the vertical grille layout replaced by a widely spaced horizontal design, shared with the Lincoln MKC and 2016-2018 MKX.

Trim - From 2010 to 2016 (with the exception of the *Town Car* livery variants) the Lincoln MKT was not sold by trim level, with examples largely identified by their engine and drivetrain configuration. To bring the MKT in line with other Lincoln vehicles, for 2017, the MKT adopted a *Premiere* base model, with the *Reserve* as the top-trim model. For the 2019 model year, Lincoln dropped the naturally aspirated 3.7L Duratec engine from the trim lineup making the *Twin-Turbocharged 3.5L V6 EcoBoost* the sole engine.



A subset model designated "MKT-Town Car" was offered for those engaged in Livery service. Note the "Town Car" on the left fender pictured below.



Livery use - In October 2010, Ford announced the development of the livery and limousine variants of the MKT as potential replacements for the Lincoln *Town Car*. In February 2011, Ford unveiled the Lincoln

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We have even more about the MKT

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net (1967-1970).

Morgan had also appeared with *Dragnet* star Jack Webb in three film noir movies, *Dark City* (1950), *Appointment with Danger* (1951) and *Pete Kelly's Blues* (1955), and was an early regular member of Jack Webb's stock company of actors on the original *Dragnet* radio show. Morgan later worked on two other shows for Webb: 1971's *The D.A.* and the 1972-1974 Western series, *Hec Ramsey*. Morgan also appeared in at least one episode of *Gunsmoke* ("The Witness" - aired 11/23/1970). Morgan appeared in the role of Inspector Richard Queen, uncle of Ellery Queen in the 1971 television film *Ellery Queen: Don't Look Behind You*.

1970s: M*A*S*H Morgan's first appearance on *M*A*S*H* was in the show's third season (1974-1975), when he played the mentally unbalanced Major General Bartford Hamilton Steele in "The General Flipped at Dawn," which first aired on September 10, 1974.

The following season, Morgan joined the cast of *M*A*S*H* as Colonel Sherman T. Potter. A fan of the sitcom, Morgan replaced McLean Stevenson, who left the show at the end of the previous season. Unlike

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MKT Town Car to the limousine and livery trade. To accommodate the weight of the heavier vehicle, the all-wheel drive powertrain is fitted to all limousines, along with heavy-duty brakes, suspension, and electric power steering.

Serving as a replacement for the long-running Town Car sedan, the MKT Town Car uses the same body as the production vehicle, with several changes made to the interior. In place of the three-row seating, the rear row of seating is removed; the three-passenger bench seat is moved several inches rearward to increase rear legroom while the third-row seating area is converted to additional luggage space.



The MKT all properly stretched out to serve as a very proper limousine. This is one really big car!

The MKT Limousine uses the rear seating configuration of the MKT Town Car, but is designed for conversion to a stretch limousine. As with the previous Lincoln Town Car, Ford Motor Company allows the MKT Limousine to be stretched to a maximum of 120 inches over its original length. Through a Ford QVM (Quality Vehicle Modifier), the Lincoln MKT is also available for conversion to a hearse, involving many of the same chassis modifications used for a livery vehicle. In 2013, the 2.0L EcoBoost inline-4 became available for the MKT Town Car, available only through special order; it was not available on a standard production MKT.

We finally drive Ford's EcoBoost V-6 and come away impressed with more than just the engine. Mike Sutton, July 2009, Car and Driver magazine.

Ford has been touting its EcoBoost engine technology for more than two years now. The buildup began when the **Lincoln MKR concept** debuted at the 2007 Detroit show, hinting at the automaker's plan to employ smaller engines equipped with turbochargers and direct fuel injection. In the same time frame, early adopters such as Audi,

BMW, and Porsche have been much praised for how the technologies have improved the power delivery, fuel economy, and emissions of many of their vehicles.

Fast-forward to today, and Ford has officially—and finally—joined the party, with Lincoln taking the lead: the 2010 MKT crossover and 2010 MKS sedan are the first models to go on sale with available EcoBoost powertrains. Ford recently invited the media to its Michigan proving ground to get acquainted with the new cars—and engines. Here, we concern ourselves with the surprisingly good MKT.

We Don't Need No Stinking V-8 - Based on the **Ford Flex**—itself based on a stretched Taurus X platform—the MKT is a unique three-row crossover that the company expects to compete with the likes of the Audi Q7 and Acura MDX. The MKT makes the boldest statement yet about Lincoln's styling direction, specifically in the huge split-waterfall grille. We don't think the look quite works when the grille is this enormous, but perhaps it will grow on us in time. Ford says people who are fond of the box-tacular Flex don't always connect with the MKT's softer lines and boat-tail butt and that the Lincoln is meant to make a statement about the brand rather than appeal to everyone.

Instrumented testing and real-world impressions will have to wait until our next rendezvous with the big Lincoln (it's a half-foot longer than the Flex), but on Ford's undulating ride-and-handling course and five-mile banked oval, the MKT exhibited reassuring composure and had more than enough grunt to outrun the V-8-powered Audi Q7 on hand for comparison. Thanks to a pair of quick-spinning, grapefruit-sized turbochargers, the 3.5-liter EcoBoost V-6 pushes out a stout 355 hp and 350 lb-ft of torque on regular unleaded—all of which is available from as low as 1500 rpm. Mated to a fortified six-speed automatic transmission with paddle shifters and well-spaced ratios, the engine moves the 5200-pound MKT off the line quickly and with little effort. Upshifts—whether initiated in automatic mode or by pulling back on either paddle—barely interrupt thrust, which stops only when the electronic limiter kicks in at 120 mph to protect the 255/45-20 Goodyear Eagle RS-A tires. (Non-EcoBoost MKTs get 19-inch wheels and tires as standard.) Engine noise is more noticeable than in the MKS but

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Stevenson's character Henry Blake, Potter was a career Army officer who was a firm yet good-humored, caring father figure to those under his command.



Harry Morgan and Alan Alda both starred in M*A*S*H

In 1980, Morgan won an Emmy award for his performance on M*A*S*H. When asked if he was a better actor after working with the show's talented cast, Morgan responded, "I don't know about that, but it's made me a better human being." After the end of the series, Morgan reprised the Potter role in a short-lived spinoff series, After MASH.

Morgan also appeared in several Disney movies throughout the decade, including *The Barefoot Executive*, *Snowball Express*, *Charley and the Angel*, *The Apple Dumpling Gang*, *The Cat from Outer Space* (opposite McLean Stevenson) and *The Apple Dumpling Gang Rides Again*.

Later years In 1986, he co-starred with Hal Linden in *Blacke's Mag-*

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The MKT - More than you wanted to know

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is still hushed and pleasant in tone.

All the torque from the EcoBoost engine makes passing maneuvers at highway speeds a snap. The motivation also is expected to come with a very un-V-8-like thirst: the MKT's estimated city/highway rating of 16/22 mpg is the same as the three-row, V-6 Buick Enclave and slightly better than the MDX's 15/20. However, competitive V-8 crossovers with similar power, such as the Q7 and the BMW xDrive48i, best illustrate the relative efficiency of the advanced turbo-six. The Q7 is rated at 13/18 mpg, while the X5 manages 14/19.

The MKT is not for carving up back roads, but body motions are, nevertheless, well controlled and the ride is very smooth—and better than the Flex's. Bumps, dips, and broken pavement rarely seemed to upset the chassis or necessitate excessive steering corrections as they did for the Q7, and the brakes stopped the hefty crossover well despite a soft and squishy pedal. The all-wheel-drive system, which usually routes about 70 percent of the power to the front wheels, is standard on EcoBoost models and optional on naturally aspirated versions. Ford claims to have significantly quelled the understeer we've experienced in the Flex's chassis, but we'll have to wait until we get the Lincoln on a skidpad to verify that.

Don't Shout, I Can Hear You Just Fine -

Other than the goofy proportions and polarizing snout, perhaps the most immediately noteworthy thing about the MKT is how pleasant it is inside its cabin. The interior is serenely quiet, even at triple-digit speeds, thanks to heaps of sound deadening; laminated, thicker windows; and aerodynamic tuning that included optimizing the shape of the side mirrors. Considering the vehicles' preproduction status, build quality seems very good, and the materials, from the Scottish leather and genuine wood trim to the soft-touch plastics, feel competitive in the segment. For added ambience, Ford's twin-panel panoramic Vista Roof is standard on all models, although if you want it to open, you'll have to pay more.

The MKT's seats are cushy but not particularly supportive—it is a cruiser, after all. The driver faces a clear and attractive gauge cluster with chrome accents, and both front occupants enjoy the flowing, uncluttered center console and a sharp, eight-inch touch-

screen interface. When you've had enough near-silence, there's a 10-speaker stereo as standard, as well as an optional 14-speaker, THX II-certified 5.1 surround-sound system that is bundled with the power roof option and voice-activated navigation as a \$4000 package. A second-row DVD entertainment system with seven-inch monitors in the backs of the front headrests costs \$1995. For a full limo experience, you can opt for second-row heated and cooled bucket seats (\$995) that can be accompanied by a full-length center console complete with a small refrigerator/freezer (\$895).

Whether you need the standard three-across bench or spring for the twin buckets, there is tons of room in the second row. The rocker panels have been integrated into the doors, reducing the width of the door sill and greatly improving ingress and egress. The second-row seats tumble forward—by power, if you opt for the buckets—leaving a large opening and a low step-over height for rear-most occupants. Third-row riders will need to be vertically challenged, however; foot, leg, and shoulder room are plentiful back there, but the sloping rear glass greatly limits headroom. If no one you know fits, at least the seats can be easily stowed out of the way to form a flat load floor, and they'll be available with a power-folding function (\$595) later this year.

It Parks Itself and Actually Does It Well -

Of the plethora of advanced technologies available on the MKT, Ford's active park assist (\$595) is by far the coolest. Similar to the technology offered on certain Volkswagens in Europe—but unlike the system offered on the Lexus LS, since this actually works—the park assist employs electric power steering and sonar sensors to find and guide the vehicle into a suitable parallel parking spot. No steering required. Simply press the console-mounted button, drive past a potential spot, and wait for the system to beep, telling you your MKT will fit. Then engage reverse and control the throttle. The car works the steering, slipping perfectly into the gap while you gauge the distance to the car behind with the backup sensors and camera. All that's left is to put it in drive and let the system pull forward and straighten out the car.

Active park assist also will be available on the 2010 MKS (and several other Ford models), which was the model on which we evaluated

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ic, a show about a magician who doubled as a detective solving unusual crimes. One season was made. Morgan's character, Leonard Blacke, was a semiretired con artist.

In 1987, Morgan reprised his Bill Gannon character, now a captain, for a supporting role in another film version of Dragnet, a parody and homage to the original series written by and starring Dan Aykroyd and costarring Tom Hanks and Christopher Plummer.

In 1987-1988, Morgan starred in the one-season situation comedy series You Can't Take It with You as family patriarch Martin Vanderhof.

In the 1990s, Morgan starred alongside Walter Matthau in a series of television movies for CBS as Stoddard Bell, a judge who is an acquaintance/nemesis/partner of Matthau's Harmon Cobb, an attorney (The Incident; An Incident in Baltimore, and Incident in a Small Town). He also lent his voice to an episode of The Simpsons from season seven, where he once again played Bill Gannon; in the episode "Mother Simpson," Gannon and Joe Friday (voiced by Harry Shearer) are FBI agents trying to track

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the system. The technology worked flawlessly every time, and on a larger vehicle with worse visibility—the MKT, for example—this could make urban commuting much easier and save wheels and tires from curb abuse. The list of technologies and features standard on all MKTs is impressive. It includes keyless access, push-button starting, adaptive HID headlights with auto high-beam control, rain-sensing wipers, blind-spot monitoring, a reverse camera, convex secondary lenses in the door mirrors, Sync voice communication with Bluetooth, and the MyKey configurable watchdog that can disable or limit certain vehicle functions. Electronic stability control and a full boat of front, side, and curtain airbags also are standard. Adaptive cruise control with collision warning and brake assist (\$1295) is one of the few major options.

Pricey, but Impressive - At \$49,995, the MKT with EcoBoost is not cheap, but the price is competitive with or less than that of most V-8-powered three-row luxury crossovers. This model's amount of standard equipment is extensive and is shared with the base MKT, which starts at \$44,995 with front-wheel drive and a 268-hp, 3.7-liter V-6. (We didn't get to sample that model.) All-wheel drive adds another \$1995 to the base sticker, but at that point we'd recommend stepping up to the EcoBoost with its additional 87 hp and specific content. We're looking forward to a more extensive test, but we don't need track numbers and hundreds of miles to know that this is one of the most surprisingly competent Lincolns we've sampled in a long time.



With the third row of seats down, there was a lot of room in the rear of the MKT.

First Test: 2010 Lincoln MKT EcoBoost - Return of the Hot Rod Lincoln By Kim Reynolds, Motor Trend, October 2009



For those wishing to "go in style" several firms converted MKTs into funeral coaches so that last glorious ride could be accommodated. Nothing but the best for those being laid to rest.

Lincoln MKT Full Overview - Lincoln has been many things over the years. In its earliest days (under the supervision of dour old Henry M. Leyland) they built stodgy but extraordinarily-well constructed luxury behemoths -- which, along with the likes of Packard, were sort of America's Rolls-Royces. After Ford acquired the Lincoln, their powerful engines made them the getaway cars of choice in Al Capone's Chicago, and by the beginning of the 1940's Lincoln became one of the epicenters of America's great design, spearheaded by its particularly invested President, Edsel Ford -- Henry's long-suffering son. Edsel (along with Ford designer, Bob Gregorie) created the seminal 1941 Lincoln Continental, a car that remains even today a template for how to meld broad-shouldered American design with restrained European detailing (something sadly lost after Edsel's premature death and the arrival of the chrome-slathered fifties'). A bit of that 'just-right' visual mix returned during the early sixties with the suicide-door Continentals. But after that, Lincoln has been pretty much adrift.

The new MKT, however, is aiming to re-moor Lincoln to its roots while simultaneously fast stepping into the automobile's technological future. Based upon the generally agreeable Flex platform, the MKT's big bargain with the design devil is its compromised 3rd-row room, a necessary sacrifice to get that swoopy -- or as some have opined -- hearse-like stern. As a consequence, the third row is rendered almost useless for adults. But in instances where you have six or seven travelers, and at least two are kids, it's a solution of sorts.

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down Homer's mother, who is a fugitive from justice.

Morgan also had a recurring role on 3rd Rock from the Sun as Professor Suter, a colleague of Dick Solomon's. Morgan directed episodes for several TV series, including two episodes of The Alfred Hitchcock Hour, two episodes of Hec Ramsey, one episode of Adam-12, and eight episodes of M*A*S*H. Morgan had a guest role on The Jeff Foxworthy Show as Raymond and a guest role on Grace Under Fire as Jean's pot-smoking boyfriend.

In 2006, Morgan was inducted into the Hall of Great Western Performers at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

Personal life Morgan's first marriage was to Eileen Detchon from 1940 until her death in 1985. During Morgan's time on M*A*S*H, a photograph of Detchon regularly appeared on the desk of his character. A drawing of a horse, seen on the wall behind Potter's desk, was drawn by Morgan's grandson, Jeremy Morgan. In addition, Eileen was the name of the wife of Officer Bill Gannon on Dragnet. Morgan had four sons with his first

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Yet, while the last row is a cramped, the first two rows can be a passenger's paradise. With the optional power panoramic vista roof retracted, the optional rear frig stocked with appropriate legal beverage, and the rear foot rest propping up a couple of tired tootsies -- hey, this is the life.



The MKT looked better from some angles than from others. This is probably one of the best views.

The MKT's exterior design is either a) delightful return to form, b) kinda strange, or c) downright creepy, depending on your perspective. Or perhaps age. Ed Loh (age 33), said of it "Lord Vader, your minivan is here." Carlos Lago (25) offered: "Someone said the nose looks like a baleen whale, and now that's all I see." Personally, I (52) enjoyed the MKT's design from bow to stern -- that 'baleen whale' snout being a welcome reinterpretation of the '41 Continental's grill, while the notched sculpting of its rear flanks evoke those sixties classics. The stern, albeit hearse-like, earned a number of thumbs up from curious passer's by, including one really rough-looking cookie on a motorcycle. And when's the last time a Harley rider gave a Lincoln a thumbs up?

While it may be generous to call the MKT's handling simply 'indifferent', our EcoBoost-equipped version's acceleration and stopping can be described as 'exciting'. Exciting in the good sense when you drop the hammer and the twin turbo, direct injection V6 begins to unroll its 355 horsepower through the standard 6-speed transmission and AWD system. This is a quick car for two and a half tons, zipping to 60 mph in just 6.1 seconds. Ford's rollout of these EcoBoost engines (this being the first example) are all about simultaneously offering superior performance and unexpected economy through advanced technology, and this 3.5-liter flat-out delivers the goods. Realize that the Eco-

Boost engine offers 85 additional horsepower at a cost of one single mpg. Capone's boys would have loved this thing.



A rare MKT option was this cooler/freezer which was part of the console between the first and second row of seats. It was about \$900.

Trouble is, the MKT is exciting to stop too. Although a 130 foot braking distance from 60 mph isn't catastrophic for a 5000 lb automobile, its brake pedal's sponginess causes an unsettling delay. Said Loh, "It goes like freight train -- but stops like one too." Todd Lassa added "With the optional EcoBoost engine, it's everything Lincoln's were in the '60s and '70s -- floaty prairie schooners with big, powerful engines and no brakes." Harsh words, but true.



Rear view of the MKT, some people might think that this is not the car's best side.

At a test price approaching \$60,000 and a base price of \$50,000, the MKT represents serious money, and decent brakes should be there to match the big Lincoln's impressive power. And while its styling is perhaps in the eye of the beholder, there's no question it is one dramatic vehicle. Like those great Lincolns of the forties and sixties, maybe.

Dangerfields

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wife: Christopher, Charles, Paul and Daniel (who died in 1989). He then married Barbara Bushman Quine (granddaughter of silent film star Francis X. Bushman) on December 17, 1986. The marriage lasted until his death. In July 1996, he was arrested on domestic battery charges for striking his wife Barbara which caused her to be admitted to hospital. The case was later dismissed. Morgan had two siblings, Marguerite and Arnold (both deceased).

Morgan was close friends with bandleader Glenn Miller, whom he met while filming *Orchestra Wives* in 1942, until Miller's death two years later. Morgan was later cast in the 1954 movie about his friend, *The Glenn Miller Story*, playing Chummy MacGregor.

Death Morgan died peacefully in his sleep at 3:00 a.m. local time in Los Angeles, on December 7, 2011, at the age of 96. His son, Charles, said he recently had been treated for pneumonia. His body was cremated and his remains were given to his family. Following Morgan's death, Mike Farrell, who played B.J. Hunnicutt opposite Morgan in *M*A*S*H*, released a

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The North Star club did have its postponed January brunch this past March 13 at Dangerfields in Shakopee. While the weather was not bad, we had 20 members in attendance, a bit short of our normal, around 30.



Fearless Leader, Bob Johnson in the process of laying some words of wisdom upon those North Star members in attendance.

For those who came, it was a great day. The opportunity to visit again with some of our North Star friends over one of the best brunches in the Twin Cities area. And Dangerfields, in addition to some very hearty items on the main brunch table, they have excellent choices of "to die for" desserts.

Your editor had a friend years ago who used to say that "no meal was really complete without a good dessert." I am guessing that if Clinton were there, his dessert plate would have been heaping. After a big plate of food, I was able to secure a slice of strawberry cheesecake, courtesy of Jeff Eisenberg. That cheesecake was the best and fully enabled me to go home after the brunch and almost instantly fall asleep on the living room sofa and not awaken for a few hours. I was also able to skip dinner that evening. Another side benefit of making a glutton of oneself at brunch. Some days, it just doesn't hardly get any better, and this was one of those days: good food, good people, a winning combination.

After brunch, our hero, Bob Johnson, did his little song and dance and managed to whip out another Annual Editor Award for your's truly, for another 192 pages of the Northstar News, the somewhat official publication of our Lincoln club. For the most part, it is fun to do, but I would really like to see more of our members submit articles for the newsletter. We are the only Lincoln regional club that currently sends out a monthly newsletter, and we want to keep that going for as long as possible as it

serves to help connect our members to the club.



Your editor with his LCOC newsletter award. We might be better served by having an award given out to our members for having to read these newsletters over this past 20 years.



Chris Struble with the North Star Charter

Bob also secured the official club charter from our former secretary, Roger Wothe. It was passed on to Chris Struble, who took the secretarial duties over when Roger retired earlier last fall.

Our next brunch will be at the Bungalow in April. Please check out the information elsewhere in this newsletter.

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statement: He was a wonderful man, a fabulous actor and a dear and close friend since the first day we worked together. As Alan [Alda] said, he did not have an unadorable bone in his body. He was a treasure as a person, an imp at times, and always a true professional. He had worked with the greats and never saw himself as one of them. But he was.

He was the rock everyone depended on and yet he could cut up like a kid when the situation warranted it. He was the apotheosis, the finest example of what people call a 'character actor.' What he brought to the work made everyone better. He made those who are thought of as 'stars' shine even more brightly. The love and admiration we all felt for him were returned tenfold in many, many ways. And the greatest and most selfless tribute to the experience we enjoyed was paid by Harry at the press conference when our show ended. He remarked that someone had asked him if working on *M*A*S*H* had made him a better actor. He responded by saying, 'I don't know about that, but it made me a better human being.' It's hard to imagine a better one.

From the internet..

Ongoing financial crisis and recession - The financial crisis and high unemployment continues with house prices still depressed due to the large number of foreclosures. Europe and America begin to pursue different courses to address the problems with Europe addressing budget deficits and the U.S. continuing to try and spend the way out of the recession by creating more jobs.

Winter Olympics are held in Vancouver - The Winter Olympics are held in Vancouver, Canada during February of 2010. A total of 2,566 athletes from 82 different countries participated in these games over the course of seventeen days. The countries that won the most medals were Canada, Germany, and the United States. The United States won the highest number of total medals with a total of 37 while the host country Canada won the most gold medals with a total of 14. The event was considered successful despite some minor issues.

China launches their second moon probe - China launches its second lunar probe "Chang'e-2" on October 1st, 2010. Chang'e-2 successfully completed its missions when orbiting the Moon which included taking high resolution images of the Moon's surface and looking at possible landing sites for an unmanned lunar landing mission. After it completed its mission the Chang'e-2 satellite was successfully guided to the L2 Langrangian point, a special area in space where it will orbit and make scientific observations 1.5 million kilometers from Earth.

United Arab Emirates - The Burj Khalifa skyscraper in Dubai opened during January of 2010 and became the world's tallest building. The 163 floor tower replaced the Taipei 101 as the tallest building in the world, measuring over 2,700 feet high. It was designed by architecture firm Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, the same company that designed the Willis (Sears) Tower, a former tallest building, and construction began in 2004. A large portion of the building is used for residential purposes but it is also home to a hotel, corporate

offices, and a restaurant.

SpaceX successfully launched Dragon capsule - The commercial space flight project SpaceX successfully launched its Dragon capsule in December of 2010. The Dragon capsule launched off of a Falcon 9 rocket and became the first privately created spacecraft to successfully return from low-Earth orbit. The unmanned Dragon capsule, designed to carry cargo and crew, was launched and made two orbits around Earth before landing. The achievement marked a milestone moment for SpaceX and put them closer to achieving their goal of creating a commercially viable space transport program.

How Much things cost in 2010

Average Cost of new house \$232,880.00
 Average Income per year \$39,423.00
 Average Cost for house rent \$675.00
 Cost of a gallon of Gas \$2.73
 US Postage Stamp 44 cents
 Dozen Eggs \$1.37
 Loaf of Bread \$2.49
 Price Of Gold Per Ounce (August 27th 2010) \$1,237.00
 Price Barrel Of Oil (August 2010) \$73.00 per barrel

Popular Culture 2010 - Justin Bieber who was discovered through a video placed on YouTube in 2008 continues to dominate the charts around the world attracting millions of fans showing the power of social networking.

Russia Suicide bombers - Suicide bombers carry out bomb attacks on trains at the central Lubyanka station and the Park Kultury station on the Moscow Metro leaving 40 dead and 60 injured.

United States Affordable Care Act passes in Congress - The Healthcare Reform Bill / Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act passes in Congress changing the face of healthcare in the US and is signed into law by President Barack Obama.

United States BP Deepwater Horizon Oil

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BobVana comes to Shafer



The BobVana Lincoln car dispensing machine will come to Shafer to serve the needs of the classic car collector.

Bob Johnson is back at it again, bringing all that is good and wonderful to his beloved town of Shafer, Minnesota.

In a landmark business transaction, Bob Johnson negotiated a deal with the Carvana firm to purchase one of their new car vending machines for the Shafer business park, right off St. Croix Trail, just a hop, skip, and a jump from beautiful downtown Shafer.

In addition to its very handy location to Shafer, it is literally across the street from the Shafer International Airport.

Bob plans to relabel the Carvana multi-story car dispensing machine a "BobVana" and exclusively feature classic Lincoln automobiles of all ages, with most of the emphasis on what is really popular with the car collectors, Lincolns from the mid-to-late 1950s going forward to modern Lincolns around twenty years of age.

Models of this period are very drivable, look good, and have most of the creature comforts enjoyed by large groups of buyers. Bob Johnson believes that there will be a great deal of interest to come and spend some time checking out these classic Lincolns housed and dispensed from such a very novel machine. Special tokens are given to the customers, which insert them into a coin-like slot. The machine starts up, motors and gears humming, with the correct automobile, delivered right to the customer after a short period of time.

Presentation is what it is all about, and this all window machine displays all the cars it contains, along with the equipment needed to ensure proper delivery. Tons of Multi-colored LED lamps festoon both the exterior and interior structure which can be seen for miles during the evening hours. It is a true wonder of the world, says Johnson, and I

look forward to bringing a lot of traffic to Shafer to see this wondrous machine in operation and buy a classic from us. Bob Johnson expects to be operating from a temporary office by APRIL 1, 2022, and the project fully completed by April 1, 2023.

Stop by and visit Bob at his new location at the intersection of Boomer Lane and Lord Windesmere Avenue, just off St. Croix Trail. For those history buffs, Boomer Lane and Lord Windesmere avenue were named after the featured participants in one of the Annual crepitation contests held in Shafer during the 1940s. It received global attention and helped put Shafer on the map. More can be found by Googling the two principles, Paul Boomer and Lord Windesmere.

Happenings continued...

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Spill Disaster - BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Disaster in the gulf of Mexico leaves gulf beaches / fishing and the shellfish industry reeling, the true effects will not be fully understood for many years, New Deep Water Drilling Wells are stopped until regulators can catch up with the technology.

Afghanistan US increases the number of troops - The US increases the number of troops stationed in Afghanistan hoping to squash the Taliban and Al Qaeda Terrorist groups that operate from and in the country.

Floods in Pakistan caused by higher than normal monsoon rains cause flooding on a scale unseen before with 20% of the country flooded, this leaves millions homeless, starving and causes major disruption to the country.

Iran continues its path with construction of additional Nuclear Power Plants causing the United Nations to place even more sanctions on.

FIFA World Cup - The 2010 FIFA World Cup takes place in South Africa, Spain wins the World Cup.

United States Tea Party numbers grow - The Tea Party numbers grow in the United States prior to the upcoming November Mid Term Elections.

U.S.A. Upper Big Branch Mine Disaster - An Underground Explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Montcoal, Raleigh County, West Virginia leaves 29 of the 31 miners underground dead.

North Star LCOC events

For 2022

- April **April 10 Sunday Buffet** at the Bungalow Inn Restaurant at 11:30 AM. In Lakeland, Minnesota, 1151 Rivercrest Rd N, just one block northeast of I94 and MN 95, exit just before the bridge to Hudson. This is a new location with very good food. Please RSVP to Bob Johnson. 651-257-1715 or email arborbob41@aol.com by April 6, 2022
- May **May 12 - 15. Bill Holliday trip to Harley Davison** in Milwaukee. Specific details are on the last page of this newsletter. **Please RSVP** to Bob Johnson 651-257-1715 or email arborbob41@aol.com **by May 9, 2022.**
- June **Annual Bloomington Lincoln Car show, Saturday June 11, 2022 at Bloomington Lincoln**, Bloomington, Minnesota. 10 p.m. to 2 p.m. Free lunch at noon and awards at 2 p.m. For those who say there is no such thing as a free lunch, you are wrong. Bloomington Lincoln will serve up lunch and it will be the best.

If you have any great ideas for brunch places or other events that we can do, please contact one of the board members. We can always use some help and new ideas from our members.

— Celebrating 100 Years of the Lincoln Motor Car Company —

We are celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the Lincoln Motor Car Company. Since 1922, Lincoln has turned out high-quality luxury automobiles, ranging from the very first Lincoln 1922 Model L to the latest 2022 Lincoln Navigator. Fine quality automobiles, many of which are true icons of fine styling, including the luxurious Model L and Model K's of the 1920s and 1930s. The high styled pre-war Zephyr and Continental models. The postwar Cosmopolitan series, which served the needs of several American presidents, the Kennedy era "slab-sided" four-door convertibles, which were an instant fashion statement. Serious collectors of all ages still desire them for their understated elegance, minimalist styling, luxury, and performance far exceeding anything else in the marketplace.

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I am a very fine car that desperately needs a new home. I have been with my present owner(s) since the early 1980s, and it has now time for me to be much loved and well taken care of in the way that I have become accustomed to by a new family. I have an excellent pedigree that can be easily verified by all of my present masters' documents.

I am a 1979 Lincoln Mark V, having traveled less than 35,000 miles in my lifetime. I have always spent my nights and days

safely stored inside, in a nice secure garage, except when my mom and dad took me out for special rides and bring to car shows. I finished in a Diamond Blue metallic paint, which was rare in 1979. Both my inside and outside are spotless, with no dings, dents, or scrapes. I look almost as good as the day my first owner took delivery of me from the dealership. I have a moonroof and virtually all of the accessories that Lincoln offered in 1979. Plus, I come with all the owners and factory manuals too.

Would you please come to see me and check me out? I will not disappoint you and provide you and your family with many years of enjoyment behind the wheel and pride of ownership. Plus, my owners' price aligns with current Mecum auction results for similar Mark V's, most having more miles than I do. Very fairly priced at \$14,500 obo.

Further inquiries should be directed to Ann at 612-695-6524. She will be awaiting your call.



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lcoc.cornerstonereg.com/Member/New or call our membership office at 763.420.7829.

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After almost two years of hibernation, it is time to get out and enjoy the company of good friends and an opportunity to tour one of the most interesting sites in the greater Midwest. Four fun-filled days of sights, good food, and checking out what is happening in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Please do not miss this great four-day experience.

Get your motors running; we're heading out on the highway!!

Bill Holaday, who is retired from Harley-Davidson, has set up a great tour that has been on hold for two years because of the COVID pandemic. We're inviting you to join us for a four-day out-state tour to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to visit the world-famous Harley-Davidson Museum! We'll see almost 120 years of motorcycle history, and that's not all. We'll also visit the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford, Wisconsin, which houses the state's largest museum collection of cars. And, on the way home, we'll stop by one of our members' home, the Staehle's, to see their collection! We are also inviting the Lake Shore LCOC region and the Lincoln Zephyr Club-Central Region to attend this road trip. You can make the whole trip or join us at any time during the weekend. There are no registration or fees to prepay, but we ask that you RSVP to Bob Johnson for days that you are attending so we can make reservations for your attendance. We will pay as we go for meals and admittance fees; please notify Bob Johnson via email at arborbob41@aol.com by Wednesday, May 11, if you plan to join us. The hotel reservation cutoff is April 12 for our club rate.



1907 Harley Davidson prototype

Thursday, May 12, 2022, Leave at 9 a.m.

Meet in Hudson, Wisconsin, at McDonald's, 2411 Crest View Dr, Hudson, Wisconsin, to depart for Milwaukee. All are welcome whether you drive a collectible Lincoln or your daily driver. We will stop at Wisconsin Dells for lunch before noon, at Mark Platts, and view his car collection (20 cars, 6 Lincolns) at the Platt's Garage, at 1003 Washington Avenue, in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. The Platt's Garage has been in business since 1919. The business consists of towing, recovery, automotive, and truck repairs. Around 1 p.m., it's on to Milwaukee, about a 2-hour drive. Our hotel is the Double Tree downtown, at 611 W Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee; the room rate is \$139 per night, including two breakfast buffet tickets for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The link to the hotel reservation site is www.my-event.hilton.com/mkeccdt-lco-0b21e75a-6689-45ce-873d-29ceb1964896/, and we will spend all three nights there, so there is no need to repack until we head home. There will be reserved parking for our collector cars, which also will have an area where you can wash your car if you choose. Valet parking is also provided. The hotel has a very nice bar and restaurant. After the long trip, we will meet at 5 p.m. at the bar for afternoon libations, followed by dinner at their restaurant.



1954 Harley V Twin

Friday, May 13, 2022, 11:30 a.m.

Meet in the hotel lobby, and get your cars ready for the 1-mile drive to the Harley-Davidson Museum at 400 West Canal Street, Milwaukee. We will have lunch at the Motor Bar and Restaurant and then explore the museum, with over 450 motorcycles, including "serial # 1," the oldest H-D in existence! Many other sights to see in downtown Milwaukee include the Milwaukee Art Museum, which displays Brooks Stevens industrial designs. He was the designer of the Excalibur automobile

and designed everything from Jeeps and Studebakers to Evinrude outboard motors. Other activities could include taking a self-guided tour of downtown. Popular destinations include the Pabst mansion and the Historic Third Ward, with many restaurants, taverns, and shops. There is also a river walk along the Milwaukee River, and the city provides a free trolley called HOP, which takes you to many popular sites.

We'll meet again at the hotel bar for cocktails at 5 p.m. and then off to a nearby restaurant for dinner. Milwaukee is famous for its Friday night fish fry, so we will dine at a restaurant that fulfills that tradition and has a full menu for those who may have other culinary interests. Further details will be provided as we get closer to the event date.

Saturday, May 14, 2022, 9 a.m.

Have your cars ready to go, and we will depart for the Wisconsin Automotive Museum, 147 N. Rural Street, Hartford. The drive should take about 45 minutes. The museum is housed in the building that was the original factory that produced the Kissel automobile from 1906 to 1931. The focus is on automobiles produced in Wisconsin, including Kissel and Nash, many other brands, and even a steam locomotive. After viewing the collection, we will take our leave for the Holy Hill Basilica and National Shrine of Mary, located at 23 S Main St, Hartford. This is one of the most popular tourist destinations in southern Wisconsin and has the highest elevation in the southeast part of the state. This location provides incredible views for miles around. They have a cafe where we can have lunch, as well as a gift store. A bonus will be the beautiful country roads we will traverse on our way to the Basilica and back to our hotel.

At 5 p.m., meet again at the hotel bar for an aperitif and dinner as a group at a restaurant to be determined.

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Meet in the morning for breakfast at 9 a.m. After a leisurely visit with good friends over that second cup of coffee, we will bid adieu to the great city of Milwaukee, and then, head on home with a lot of great memories.



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Phone 414-273-2950 for room reservations, if you do not want to use reservation link Use Our Group code: LCO Lincoln Owners Group to get the \$139 rate.

Please do not miss out on this four-day, fun filled event. Lots to see and do, come join in the excitement with the North Star Lincoln Club, the Lake Shore Region Lincoln Club and the Zephyr Club. It just doesn't get any better than this.