

# NORTHSTAR NEWS

## Pride and Joy

Lots of Pride and Joy  
By Dick Serwat

*Where to start, so many years, so many cars and so little time.* I guess the first one was a 1954 Capri 2 door. Red and Black paint with red and black interior complete with power steering, power brakes and power windows and radio- a real sweet car. I put dual exhaust on it and that perked it up good. I bought it in



Dick Serwat with his dark green 1967 Continental. Photo courtesy of Jay White.

1960, my senior year in high school. It had a dual stage fuel pump, half for fuel, half for vacuum for the wipers. Of course, the vacuum side was shot which the owner didn't say anything about. I found out about a month after I bought it when it rained and I was going down the freeway about 80 mph. Having no money, I ran a hose from the wiper motor directly to the intake manifold, which worked just fine until you stepped on the gas. On a trip to Oregon one weekend, I blew up the engine. I found a small country garage that would work with me and it took all one summer of sending money to put an engine into it. It was never the same again. I sold it to buy a 1953 Cadillac convertible. But that's another story.

*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.*

Many years later in 1999, I saw an ad for a 1967 Continental Convertible in Macon, Georgia. I called the guy and was assured the car was in top notch shape. Right, what is it with Lincoln owners who happen to leave most of the history out when telling you about a car? I bought a one-way ticket to Atlanta and then a long shuttle ride to Macon. I picked up the car and headed toward home. The car wandered all over the road all the way back to Minnesota. Part of the exhaust fell off, the wipers didn't work, auto rear door windows didn't work, top worked intermittently etc, etc. But, it sure was a pretty green. Some how, I finally made it home. Next stop for the Lincoln was the Dodd Way Tire and Alignment in West St. Paul, where their mechanic told me not to drive the car as the drag link from the left to right side was about to fall off. He reached up and just lifted it off the

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Members and guests are welcome to attend the Board Meetings which are held the *first* Thursday of every month except December at 7:00 PM at Culvers Restaurant, (dine with friends at 6:00PM) I-94 AND RUTH STREET, St. Paul.

Articles and other information for the newsletter should be sent to David Gustafson, Editor, at 308 Brandywine Drive, Burnsville, MN 55337.

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cross bar and handed it to me. Good thing that my trip back from Macon with the car was only a few blocks. And that was just the beginning of all the stuff that needed fixing on the 1967 to make it a safe driving vehicle. After much electrical work, hydraulic work, brake, tires, exhaust- both sides and more, it is now in the shop getting a new top and seats. The rear windows still don't work worth a darn and the wipers have never seemed to work. It is a forever car, I am forever fixing something on it. Still got it, not going to let it win.

Next came a 1974 Mark IV. I got it in Watertown, MN at "Hooked on Classic's". I was told the car had sat for a few weeks. I lifted the hood and could not see the engine for the pine needles and squirrel stuff. All four tires seemed flat, and was told kids had let the air out. Of course, no gas in it. After getting it running, it didn't sound to bad. Started in on the tires, come to find out the car had sat for over two years and had sunk up to the rims in the dirt. After much rocking and use of language uniquely reserved for Lincolns, the car came loose and I drove it to West St. Paul. I was scared to try the wipers, but the car wandered all over the road and clunked when the steering wheel was turned. Took it in to the shop, and was told all bushings in front had to be replaced along with some other stuff. After all that, plus a major tune up, service, new shocks and carburetor overhaul, the clunking was found to be a worn out rag joint. All that was left was body work, paint and a new vinyl top which also was done. Sweet car. Should have kept it. Another story.

Next was a 1991 Town Car. A beautiful car, Snow white with a cranberry top and leather interior. Fully equipped as a Town Car should be, and a one owner out of North Dakota. I drove the car out West three

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## Trivia from the Internet



Gabriel Heatter  
1981 - 1972  
Eternal Optimist

*The son of immigrant parents, Heatter grew up in Brooklyn. His mother woke Gabe and his brothers Max and Edward every day at 5AM to deliver baskets of food to poor people in the neighborhood (at that early hour so the people wouldn't be embarrassed by being seen to accept charity). For the rest of their lives the boys always woke up at 5AM. Young Heatter, who found school difficult but had a passion for reading--and a rare speaking ability - became a sidewalk campaigner for William Randolph Hearst during the publishing giant's 1906 mayoral campaign. Heatter after his high school graduation became a*

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## Editors Message

## August 2010

It seems as though we were just wishing for spring and July has just slipped through our fingers. July was a busy month for many of us. Many great car shows and cruises to go to and of course, the club was well represented at the exceptionally fine picnic hosted by Ray and Jeanine Nelson at their lovely home near Princeton, some forty miles North of the Twin Cities. Although rain passed quickly by, no one appeared to get wet, with sunshine and light winds making it a near perfect day. These are the kind of days that we need to stock up on now to get us over the tough Minnesota winter that surely lies ahead.

The highlight event of August is the Bismarck or Bust tour of which much is reported on in other parts of this newsletter. If you can possibly make the tour, I urge you to try to do so. It will be a lot of fun and you will get the chance to meet some wonderful people and see a lot of great scenery and very unique Lincolns from all decades. And contrary to most public opinion, you will undoubtedly learn that North Dakota is not flat, and has more than one tree. If you go, be sure to take plenty of extra vitamin pills and energy drinks to keep you going. A lot of stuff is planned for over the four days. The only rest you may get is a cat nap or two while you are driving. On second thought, maybe that is not a good idea.

Last week, Ford announced that the Lincoln MKZ will offer a hybrid (gas

engine/electric motors) at the same price as their regular gasoline powered model. There are some foreign auto manufactures that also offer hybrid models, but there is a significant price

difference, some \$5-8,000 more than the comparable gas engine models. I think this move should stimulate sales for Lincoln, especially from that segment of the market that is truly interested in "green alternatives" to the usual product line. I hope that this will work out well for Lincoln and that eventually hybrid models will be offered throughout both Ford and Lincoln lines.

We are starting to see many more Lincolns from the mid-seventies through the late eighties showing up at car shows. I think this is probably due to the influx of younger folks into the hobby and the reluctance of folks to leave their creature comforts behind (air conditioning, for one) just for the sake of having an older collector car. In today's world, you can have everything. Lincolns older than ten years may be entered in competitive shows, and the newer ones are readily affordable as collector vehicles. Downside is that there are lots of them around and you may be in a judging pool with a lot of other very fine cars. In any event, opportunities abound for those wanting to gain entry into a very interesting and fulfilling hobby.

Till next month, David, Marion and Sweet Faithie, the Samoyed...



Ch. Faithie out in her lawn chair, watching all the action in the neighborhood during one of the "dog days of summer." She is not sure just what the dog days are all about

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society reporter for the tiny weekly, *The East New York Record* before joining the *Brooklyn Times*, which led to his being offered a job with Hearst's *New York Evening Journal*.

But it was an article he wrote for *The Nation* in 1931, in which he debated with the prominent Socialist Norman Thomas and argued against the Socialist Party's existence in the U.S. that helped steer Heatter to radio. In December 1932, he was invited by Donald Flamm, owner of *New York's WMCA*, to debate a Socialist on radio, and when the Socialist was unable to make the date, Heatter had the program almost to himself. His performance impressed both Mr. Flamm and the listeners. A few months later, he went to work for WOR, as a reporter and commentator. His audience expanded when in 1934, WOR became the flagship station of the newest network, Mutual Broadcasting.

Heatter's big break came when he was sent to cover the trial of Bruno Hauptmann, the man accused of kidnapping the infant son of aviator Charles A. Lind-

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What a fine summer so far, the weather has been very nice, other than a few nasty storms that have missed us up here in Shafer. With all the rain and hot weather, cutting grass has become a full time job.

Reporting good news, we have selected Park Plaza Hotel, in Bloomington, MN, for our Mid America Meet, to be held August 15-19, 2012. The Park Plaza hotel is located on 4460 West 78<sup>th</sup> Street Circle, just north of where Stuart Anderson's Cattle Company Restaurant used to be. The Region search committee visited hotels in Chaska, Burnsville, St Louis Park and Bloomington. The Park Plaza Hotel is close to major attractions such as the Mall of America, and the MSP International Airport. The Room prices of \$99.00, includes Breakfast; and Amenities such as free Shuttles to Airport, Mall of America, Casino; plus Pool & Hot Tub, Fitness Center, Free High Speed Internet and Business Center.

Our North Star Board Meeting on Thursday, July 1st, was held at Roger Wothe's new garage and office. We had several members attend the meeting, see the meeting minutes for names. Main topic at meeting was approval of Hotel contract for 2012 Mid America Meet on August 15-19. The goal for this meet is to make as affordable as possible and provide atmosphere for fun and fellowship while enjoying our beautiful Lincolns.

Regarding our annual Region Pot Luck Picnic and Auction, Roger Wothe has again made arrangements with Morrie Wagoner to again use his training and conference center located slightly west of Long Lake on Highway 12. This great potluck picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. **Once again, Morrie's Car collection will be open, but with viewing time limited from 10:00AM till Noon. Lunch will be served about 12:30, with the auction held after we eat. Be sure to come early if you want to view Morrie's Car collection. Please RSVP to Roger at home 952-473-3038 or email [rwothe@mchsi.net](mailto:rwothe@mchsi.net), by September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

What a great picnic at Ray and Jeanine Nelson's home, on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Ray and Jeanine really do typify how great our North Star members love the old car hobby and make our North Star region the best. There is separate article about the event elsewhere in the newsletter. Again, we thank Nelson's so much for opening their home and having us for a terrific picnic and a wonderful afternoon in the country.

More on our Bismarck or Bust tour and car show, starting Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, is further back in the Newsletter. So far we have 12 members signed up to the tour to Bismarck. The cut off for hotel reserva-

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bergh. Heatter's reporting wielded as much influence as that of better-known radio correspondents. His professionalism under pressure and his ability to keep the audience informed without resorting to sensationalism earned him critical praise. (Walter Winchell was among those covering the Hauptmann trial), and his audience continued to grow.

Then, during World War II, during a particularly bleak period, American forces sank a Japanese destroyer and prodded Heatter to take the air for his nightly commentary by opening accordingly: *"Good evening, everyone---ah, there is good news tonight."*

The phrase sparked a small flurry of letters and calls, almost all in his favor, but Heatter would likely have been inclined to keep it in, anyway.

He was already well-known for trying to find uplifting but absolutely true stories to feed his commentaries as it was---he was especially known for a fondness for stories

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Dick's Mark IV

Whitaker Lincoln as they supported our club. Two months later, and over \$800, I was told the car was fixed. I left for the West Coast and fought the car all the way. I took it into a Lincoln dealer in Coeur d 'Alene, Idaho and was told the car needed a new steering gear box. Guess what, somewhere along the line, I got shortchanged. No invoice could be found on computer for the repair work performed in Minnesota. I wound up with a very expensive steering gear box. All in all, it was a very sweet car, one that I should have kept. But most of us have been there and done that.

Somewhere in this line of progression is a 1988 Mark VII. I bought it from a farmer in Iowa. Nice car, white with dark blue interior. It ran good, looked good and was good. My oldest boy who lives in North Idaho and works out of Seattle, destroyed his T-Bird on one trip and was driving his pick-up as a replacement. It used so much gas that Texaco made him a V.P. of consumption. He talked me out of that Mark VII and drove it round trip for 3 years. The heater core blew and he parked it. Body was starting to rust because of the ocean salt air. He used my shop book and worked for five hours and never got the core out. Next in line was a 1988 Mark VII I bought from club member Tom Brace. It too was a sweet car. Needed nothing, and still doesn't. My son tried to talk me out of that one, but I was strong and didn't give in.....yet.

Before the Mark VIII, was a 1975 Mark V, that I picked up in Wisconsin. The car had not been on the road in two years. The guy kept it running and drove it up and down the driveway. I got it on the road, coming back. The car ran like a dream. Full power, everything worked. In June of this year, I was taking the car to a guy who wanted to buy it and got hit. The whole length of the right side, window and door work fine. Just looks like hell. It is a fine example of early 1978 with a 460 engine.

I went to Oregon and picked up a 1969 Mark III. It truly was a real piece of junk. Again a false tale of a car that should have been scrapped. I made it as far back as Faribault where it finally died, some 40 miles from home. It fried the

months after I bought it. A great running car, even the wipers worked. Very miserly on fuel, I averaged between 27-28 mpg round trip. The car needed nothing. Three years later, I took it out of storage and it wouldn't center up when the steering wheel was turned. I was advised to take it to

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*about heroic dogs, despite a phobia for dogs not his own. And he gave the first national broadcast exposure (in April 1939) to a burgeoning self-help group known as Alcoholics Anonymous So much so was he known for those kinds of things that one critic composed a particularly lacerating doggerel: "Disaster has no cheerier greeter/than gleeful, gloating Gabriel Heatter."*

*But when the war finally ended, first in Europe and then in Japan, there were probably millions who would not have believed it until they heard it from Heatter. Indeed, his broadcast upon V-E Day is still considered a classic of radio commentary. The Encyclopedia of American Journalism, said his own-air voice was characterized as a cross between a bassoon and a Chinese gong. Heatter's on-air personality was focused on giving his own opinions rather than analysis. These "simplistic views" gave him a great deal of appeal to lower-and middle-class radio listeners, as he mirrored their own beliefs He was just as influential*

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Dick's Mark VII

talked out of it by an old Cadillac guy who thought he died and went to heaven when he got that Lincoln. I shot him a price I thought he would choke on, but he got the check book out and cut me a check before I could change my mind. I got good money and he got a good car.

Almost forgot the 1987 Continental Bustle back that I went to South Carolina to get. Come to find out it was traded in by a snowbird from Thief River Falls. It too was a great car with only 35,000 original miles. The only problem when I was coming North with it, when the electronic dash, radio and clock decided to go South. I drove through two ice storms and a snow storm coming home and never once spun a wheel. A wonderful road car, it was a shame that Lincoln didn't sell more of these. North Star club members John and Dorothy Palmer bought it. Hope they like it as much as I did. It is silver with red interior.

I'm sure there are more, but those are the ones that I remember best. By the time this gets printed (if it does), I should be retired and living in North Idaho. The years with the club are priceless and I will not forget you all.

Bob Johnson asked me once at a Sunday brunch which Lincoln was my favorite. I guess my answer would be Ray Nelson's 1957 Mark II.

Take care everybody. Dick Serwat

On behalf of the North Star Club, we want to thank Dick for his membership over the years. A car guy through and through, we have all enjoyed visiting with him at many of our events and listening to his interesting stories of his latest acquisition. We hope that he stays in touch and will write another story about a yet to be purchased Lincoln which might grace future pages. Good luck and enjoy your retirement. David, Marion and Sweet Faithie.....

battery, alternator and some other electrical stuff. Not an entire loss, as I did sell it to the tow truck driver for about \$500.00 less than I paid for it.

Then there was a 1991 Mark VIII I got in Stillwater. It was another real nice car. I was

*North Star Board Meeting Minutes*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 1, 2010

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Roger Wothe's new shop in St. Louis Park. Board members present were Bob Johnson, Harvey Oberg, Bob Gavrilescu, Bob Roth, Tom Brace, Dave Gustafson and Roger Wothe. Other members present were Karl Flick, Bob Fitzsimmons, Faye Oberg, Mary Johnson, Nan Roth, Brad Yoho and Barb Wothe. After a light lunch, the minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson presented the negotiated contract with the Park Plaza Hotel in Bloomington for the Mid America Meet, August 15 – 19, 2012. The contract was unanimously approved. The National LCOC will provide \$500.00 in seed money and will pay the return freight for any unused Lincoln trophies. Bob would like suggestions for the theme for the Meet. He will be contacting select members to fill the remaining chairpersons' positions. The next Mid America Meet is September 15 - 19, 2010 in Lincoln, NE.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported the treasury balance to be \$2,415.71 with all bills paid.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson reported that all 2010 Membership Directories have been mailed or distributed at Regional activities. He still needs more "My Pride and Joy" articles.

Activities: See calendar of activities in the newsletter.

Nominations: Please send all nominations for the 2011 Board election for two Directors' positions to Secretary Roger Wothe.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 followed by a brief tour of Roger Wothe's new shop.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 5th at 7:00 PM at Culver's in Maplewood.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

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*upon coming generations of journalists as were more dynamic radio figures such as Edward R. Murrow. Eric Sevareid, Walter Winchell, Drew Pearson, and Fulton Lewis, Jr.*

*The paradox was that this national comforter---and, in an apparent rarity for public figures, a man devoid of scandal---may have needed an awful lot of comfort himself, as Heatter admitted when he wrote in due course that one secret to his uplifting style was that by trying to pick himself up, he seemed able to pick others up as well.*

*Insecure to the point of tears in moments alone, Heatter as often as not could barely compose himself when a stranger said hello to him or praised him; he was unable to eat what was put in front of him at formal affairs and often tucked a carefully-wrapped sandwich of his own to eat; as much as he loved dog stories and his own dogs, strange dogs on the street terrified him; he was fortunate to have a wife*

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and family who understood and supported him and never seemed to have assailed or criticized him for the insecurities his listeners would never have believed. The audience of the 21st Century, had it known of the turmoil that roiled him, would probably consider him a prime candidate for deep psychoanalysis, a candidacy Heatter himself would probably have rejected.

Heatter remained with Mutual until, like many of the Depression and wartime broadcasters and commentators, his influence gave way to a newer generation of broadcasters - those who made the transition to television, or started in tv bypassing radio entirely. At the height of his popularity, he was carried on nearly 200 stations via MBS and earned a remarkable \$400,000 a year. He broadcast for 15-minutes a day and also hosted two human-interest radio shows, *We, The People* in the late 1930s, and the post-World War II *A Brighter Tomorrow*. By the 1960s, Heatter was all but retired. That Gabriel Heatter was a powerful force in Ameri-

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tions was July 16, but you should still be able to get reservations at the group's hotel. See the article on Bismarck tour for hotel phone numbers. If you want to drive to Bismarck on your own that is also fine, hope to see you there.

Deadline for registering for the Lincoln Nebraska, Mid America National Meet is August 30<sup>th</sup>. The host Hotel will be the Country Inn and Suites, Lincoln on Hill, at the LCOC rate of \$89.00. Please call 800-456-4000 or 402-476-5353 and ask for Lincoln Continental Owners Club rate. You must make your reservations before August 15.

September is election time for officers to the North Star Board of Directors for 2011. Each year in the fall, our Region is required to elect by blanket ballot, one third of our Board of Directors for 2011, we have two openings. The term of a Region Manager is three years. These positions will be filled by nominations in August and election using mail ballot in September. The new Board of Directors will elect Region Officers for the term of one year in November for 2010. All active members of the region are eligible to nominate and vote in the election. We currently have seven Directors. The bylaws call for at least five directors and no more than nine. Please contact Roger Wothe at home 952-473-3038 or email [rwothe@mchsi.net](mailto:rwothe@mchsi.net), by August 17th, if you are interested.

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

## Nelson's July Picnic

Once again, Ray and Jeanine Nelson invited us to enjoy a summer picnic at their home. Back in 2003 they moved from their long time home in Bloomington, MN to Princeton, MN about 40 miles North of the Twin Cities, and the following summer, they invited the club to a picnic, which was held on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004.



How fast time flies when you figure it was just six years since our last visit. Ray was busy remodeling over the years, and the indoor swimming pool is a thing of the past, and in it's place is his beautifully restored Model A Ford.



They have enjoyed their surroundings and wanted to host another event to share food and fellowship on a summer Saturday afternoon.

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## The North Star Welcome Wagon

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can broadcast reporting is unquestionable. He did not have all of the dramatics and dynamics of Edward R. Murrow, but Heatter's approach to newscast and commentary was an influence on reporters to come later.

Not until the 1960 publication of *There's Good News Tonight* did those who waited hungrily for his nightly news for so many years get a chance to understand what Heatter had to overcome just about every day of his life to make it on the air. But according to Irving Fang, author of *Those Radio Commentators*, "That turmoil seemed to subside as the years passed by. Age gave this gentle, decent man a kind of serenity."

After his wife's death, Heatter lived in retirement with his daughter until he died of pneumonia in 1972. The audiences who were comforted by his melodious voice and his ability to find the best in even the worst news must have felt that it hurt to lose a cherished friend, but that it was a comfort to believe, in turn, that

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by Francis Kalvoda, Willmar, MN [fjk@charter.net](mailto:fjk@charter.net)

For August I am pleased to introduce four new members; all are new to our club, but not new to the car hobby. If possible, contact our new members to make them feel comfortable in the Northstar LCOC driveway

### Lyman and Darlene Keim, 406

19th Ave NE, Jamestown, ND 58401, 701-251-1509(H), 701-252-5688(W). For those traveling to Bismarck, Lyman & Darlene and other members of the Jamestown Classic Car Club will be meeting us at Frontier Village for an interesting rest

stop. I first met Lyman and Darlene at the 2007 *Buggies and Blues Car Show* in Mandan, ND where I admired their 1959 Mercury Monterey convertible. When Lyman mentioned he owned a Lincoln, I suggested membership in the LCOC. Lyman purchased the 1956 Mark II in Denver and drove it home, did the necessary restoration, and has earned top awards at North Dakota car shows. Lyman and Darlene plan to drive their Mark II to the Bismarck Lincoln Show at Eide Ford on August 14!



**Bill and Donna Allen, 6823**  
Boudin Street NE, Prior Lake, MN 55372, 952-440-6632, Email: [ba47@integra.net](mailto:ba47@integra.net). Bill and Donna have several great cars. In 1978, Bill's father purchased the maroon with white simulated convertible top Mark V, and kept it looking as good as the Arizona sun would allow. When I saw this car at the Nelson picnic, I thought to myself, 'now THAT is a sharp car'. Bill's dad had good taste. But Bill and Donna have gathered an impressive collection on their own: '68 Olds Cutlass convertible, '85 Olds Toronado with simulated convertible top, '87 Mercedes SL, and a very special car which most of us have seen in per-

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Heatter had gone to a gentler place. Where he, for a change, would be the comforted.

His daughter is the cook-book writer Maida Heatter. His granddaughter was the artist Toni Evans. His son is the novelist Basil Heatter. His nephew Merrill Heatter is a television writer and producer (Heatter-Quigley Productions).

In 1944, Heatter appeared as himself, uncredited, in the wartime Cary Grant film *Once Upon a Time*. In 1950, he appeared as himself in the movie *Champagne for Caesar*. Heatter was also heard, but not seen, as one of four broadcast journalists portraying themselves in the 1951 film *The Day the Earth Stood Still*. At the height of his fame, when he was getting a huge amount of fan mail, the post office delivered many letters that were simply addressed "Gabriel Heatter," without an address... and even one envelope that had no words on it, just two small pictures: the angel Gabriel blowing his horn; and an electric heater, radiating warmth.

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son or in magazines over the last 50 years; a 1947 Ford Custom Convertible. Bill has had the '47 'Colorado Cruiser' for about 10 years. It was customized in 1959 and has been a show car ever since. It was green for many years but is now a cinnamon red. There are 100s of pictures of this famous car on the internet!



**Roger and Jan Leppla**, 6972 338<sup>th</sup> Lane NW, Princeton, MN 55371, [rjleppla@kanabec.net](mailto:rjleppla@kanabec.net), 763-389-5476. Roger and Jan attended the Nelson picnic with their 2005 Lincoln LS; they have known Ray & Jeanine as well as Bill & Donna Allen and Karl & Sharon Flick for several years. Roger and Jan have enjoyed touring the USA with their light blue '66 Ford Fairlane convertible. For many years they have also enjoyed their impressive '32 Ford roadster street rod. Roger and Jan know how to cruise in style, but a mid '50's Lincoln is a car which Roger has always admired. As loyal LCOC members, I think it is our 'duty' to help find him one!

**Mona & Myrle Beckman**, 1050 15th Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. 612-226-7142, email [monabeckman1956@msn.com](mailto:monabeckman1956@msn.com) or [myrlecbeckman@msn.com](mailto:myrlecbeckman@msn.com). Mona & Myrle have enjoyed driving large American cars for decades and now have a 1976 Lincoln Continental Town Car which they drive as their comfortable cruiser. I know exactly what they mean. Some critics refer to them as big old barges; I lovingly refer to them as land yachts! The QE II is on its last voyage. Loyal LCOC members are helping preserve the stately Lincolns which some call the King of the Highway!

I am looking forward to many of you visiting my collection In Pennock on August 12. Then continue the tour to the Charles & Pam Hanson farm and car collection. Then to Ortonville to see collections at the Museum including 100s of wildlife mounts which Charles has completed over the last 40 years. You will also see Charles' great grandparent's log cabin, next to one of Minnesota's rare eight sided country schools. If you can, continue to Fargo and Bismarck. If not, you will have spent an interesting day in Western Minnesota – where you are always welcome!

## *This Coming August, Bismarck or Bust*

Bismarck or Bust will include a four day driving tour, starting Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. We will hold our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Out State Lincoln Car Show, on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at Eide Ford Lincoln Mercury, 800 E Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND, 58504.

- Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 AM, meet at Morries Ford Lincoln Mercury, Minnetonka, leave at 8:30 AM to begin the tour.
- Thursday August 12<sup>th</sup>, we will visit car collections, Francis Kalvoda, Pennock MN, at 10:45 AM, Benson MN, eat about 12:15 PM then to Charlie Hanson, Correll, MN, 1:30PM, visit Ortonville Museum, 2:45 PM to see Charles' world acclaimed waterfowl & animal mounts.
- Thursday afternoon, about 5:30 PM visit John Trandem car collection. 2104 14<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Moorhead. MN. plus Duane Geir's collection, 107 23<sup>rd</sup> St S, Fargo, ND, John Trandem will arrange place to eat. Friday morning drive to Bismarck, where we will stay on Friday and Saturday nights. Will visit with new member Lyman Keim, at Frontier Village National Buffalo Museum, in Jamestown on the way.
- Friday Afternoon, visit Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park/Custer Home, and Fort Lincoln Trolley ride. Friday night, Julia and Jack Vanatta have a daughter that works at the Mysteria Dinner Theater, Restaurant and Bar, in Mandan, ND and recommend this as a possible place to go on Friday night. Please check out web site <http://www.mysteriatheater.com> and call Bob Johnson if interested in attending. (651-257-1715). As of 7/21/10 I have only two members interested in Mysteria Theater, please contact me.
- Saturday, 10:00AM to 3:00 PM, 8th Annual Out State Car Show, Eide Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Bismarck.
- Saturday, after Eide Car show, Paul and Deb Andahl will have us out to visit at their home for food and refreshments.
- Sunday, Visit Local North Dakota Historical Heritage center, visit car collection  
Sunday afternoon leave for home, no planned stops

**We had reserved 20 rooms at each hotel for your use; the room block was released on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Call if you want to stay with group, rates will be higher.** Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> Fargo-West Acres, Holiday Inn Express, 1040 40<sup>th</sup> Street South. Room rate includes full breakfast. Call 701-282-2000 to reserve your room now.

We will stay in Bismarck, on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at Best Western Ramkota Hotel, 800 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Hotel has Season's Café and Lounge plus several establishments close by. Call 701-258-7700, to reserve your room

You can just drive up for what ever part of weekend you want to participate in There are many places to visit while in North Dakota, you might want to stay longer and take in many other attractions. Please call/email Bob Johnson if you plan on attending any part of the Bismarck tour, cell 651-587-1212 or email arborbob41@aol.com.

## North Star Club Picnic at the Nelson's

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So, on July 10<sup>th</sup>, we met again for a pig roast, other great side dishes and Jeanine's really good apple and pecan pies. Many returned to the buffet for seconds and absolutely no one went home hungry.

Nelson's large landscaped yard provided a beautiful setting for all our cars, which totaled over 25 on display, not counting their exceptional car collection in the garage.



It was a very relaxing day spent with friends from all over the country, Jack and Marilyn Fletcher drove up from Popular Grove, IL, in a 1961 slightly modified Lincoln Continental Sedan and Paul Andahl, drove his 1977 Mark V over from Bismarck, ND.



Dick Serwat attended his last North Star Activity, as he is retiring at the end of July and moving to Idaho. Dick was presented with a Region shirt as a going away gift. Dick will be missed by all that knew him. We hope that he will stay in touch with us and let us know when he has resumed collecting Lincolns once again.



Traveling companions of the Nelson's and Flicks joined the LCOC and North Star Region while at this great picnic. Please welcome new members, Bill and Donna Allen, Prior Lake, MN, Bill has his fathers 1978 Mark V, it is a very nice car; Roger and Jan Leppla, Princeton, MN, they just purchased a 2005

Lincoln LS to go with their other fine collector cars. We hope to see them at many other region activities.

We thank Ray and Jeanine, and the whole Nelson clan for all the work they did to host us at their home. It was a great picnic at a beautiful place that everyone enjoyed attending.



## Great Automotive Buys...

### For Sale Mark II



In last stages of restoration, this Mark II, remains unfinished due to the passing of it's owner, Bill Reese.

Elizabeth Reese would now like to sell this "Gem in the Rough", to someone in the Lincoln Club who will complete the small amount of the work necessary to restore it to it's once proud beauty.

Elizabeth is open to offers and may be reached at 952-471-9467

### For Sale

1988 Town Car, with 45,000 miles. Has new tires and battery, and looks like new. Gray with gray soft half-top, rectangular opera windows and side lights.

Fairly price to sell at \$5,000.00

Call Don Peterson at 507-454-3010, 507-429-0476 or 507-454-5231, Winaona, MN

Email: dop@mwsco.com

### For Sale

11 - 1956 Lincoln Premiere wheel covers.

All in excellent condition, bright and shiny. Four of the eleven still had the factory paper on the clips that hold the insert in place. The best four are priced at \$75 each or all four for \$250. The other seven (7) are also very nice, but price at \$50 each. I will email pictures on request.

Please call Jim Walden

Cell phone 605.351.4260  
email: Jim@waldencarpts.com



I need a new home. I am a 1969 MK III with only 103,000 miles and I am green with a like new green interior. Front windows need some work. Call Rich at 715.321.1938 Best offer will own me.

For Sale: 1966 Continental Convertible.

Black with black top. Full white sidewall tires. Electrical system recently upgraded. Runs and drives great. Always stored in heated garage and in top condition.

Call Irwin Pentel

952.380.0606 or cell 612.743.8765.

*Great Cars For Sale..... Other Stuff too....*

**For Sale**

**1961 through 1967 Lincoln Continentals, complete and mostly complete cars, Sedans and Convertibles. I need to thin out my collection and if you need one of these cars either to restore or to use in your existing restoration project, please give me a call.**

**Gordy Jensen 612.819.2107**

**For Sale**

1957 Lincoln Premiere Two door hardtop



Frame off restoration, with everything either rebuilt or replaced by a long time Ford mechanic. It has been done right and the car is probably in better condition than when it left the factory in 1957. Body work and paint done by a well known area shop. It is absolutely beautiful, and would easily score close to 100 points at any LCOC meet. Over \$41,000 restoration costs. This Premiere has all of the accessories, with the exception of air conditioning. If you want one of the finest 1957 Premieres, **please call John Boegeman at 952.445.3004.** Remember, you cannot buy and restore one to this condition for less than my asking price.

**STORAGE AVAILABLE**

Safe, Secure Storage for your classic now available Southwest Metro Location

Contact Connie **952-835-4148**

**For Sale - 1955 Lincoln Capri**

Four Door Sedan, with a Blue/White exterior and a Dark Blue Interior

This is a one-owner car with 33,000 miles.

One re-paint, car needs a little

TLC. Bob Gavrilesco has seen the car believes it to be a good value for the asking Price of \$6,500 or best offer. Being sold for the owner by Lynn at 612.861.5546.

**150 - LINCOLNS - 150**

I have over 150 1960's Lincolns now, mostly parts cars. More than I will ever use. I have now decided to sell my extra parts; sheet metal, trim, whatever...

If you are restoring a Lincoln of this era and need parts, please contact me now. I may have what you need.

Just Arrived! New windshields that fit 1961 through 1969 Continentals.

Available Now.

*Please call Gordy Jensen at 612.819.2107*

**For Sale - Mark IV**

Once Majestic now slightly tarnished royal lady for sale! 1974 Lincoln Continental Mark IV with 112,000 gentle miles.

Black with opera windows giving way to a white leather interior. Stored in a garage for 10+ years. Not currently in running condition with some beginning signs of cancer, this lovely lady awaits caring hands for restoration. Your chance to mingle with royalty only \$2500. Please call Joe at 612-385-3844 for an audience.

# Preview of Coming Events

- August      **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Out State Lincoln Car Show, Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**, at Eide Ford Lincoln Mercury, 800 E Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND. This will include four day tour, starting **Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**. We will visit North Star Member collections also on Thursday August 12th, Francis Kalvoda, Charlie Hanson, and John Trandem. Paul and Deb Andahl will host us at their home and are planning other activities.
- September      **Northstar Potluck Picnic, Morrie's Conference Center in Long Lake. Sunday, September 12th**  
LCOC Mid America, Lincoln, Nebraska, **September 15 - 19th.**  
Info and meet packet at: [www.lcoc.org/documents/Meets/2010\\_MANM\\_Package.pdf](http://www.lcoc.org/documents/Meets/2010_MANM_Package.pdf)
- October      **Saturday, October 2nd.** Fourth Annual North Star Region Lincoln Car Show, Luther North Country, Ford, Lincoln Mercury, Coon Rapids, Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- November      **Year End Sunday Brunch, Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**, Spasso, Minnetonka, 55345, 17523 Minnetonka Blvd. Tire kicking at 10:30(weather permitting) brunch at 11:30AM
- December      No North Star activities take place in December. Visit and rejoice with relatives and good friends. Welcome in the New Year, with it's many new opportunities.
- January      **Sunday Brunch, January 9<sup>th</sup>**, at Al Bakers, 3434 Washington Ave( one block west of 35E), Eagan, MN, at 11:30 AM. We will have a private room to enjoy great food, good service with a reasonable price. Please bring a Lincoln friend and enjoy the great fellowship that our North Star Region has because of our great members.

Please note: *The Northstar Lincoln and Continental Owners Club* board meetings are open to our members. We do invite you to attend and value your input in the club governing process. The directors would like your comments and suggestions on how we may improve the club and how we can make it a better experience for all of our members. We do recognize there may be an event that could be fun for us to participate in, or a tour to some little known byway or a new dining place that may just make a great experience for all to share in. Call write or email your directors today.

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## North Star Activities

### Important North Star Events for August and September

August 12th - 15th, Thursday through Sunday is the Bismarck tour. Please check page 11 for complete information on this great touring event. Please don't miss out on any of the fun. Call Bob Johnson at 651.257.1715 if you need more information or further encouragement to attend.

September 12th. Annual North Star club *pot luck* picnic and auction. Once again at Morrie's Conference Center out on Highway 12. 10:00AM to 3:00PM. All the details will be in the September newsletter. Mark your calendars today.

September 15th - 19th. Wednesday through Sunday. The Lincoln and Continental Owners Club Mid-America meet in Lincoln, Nebraska. Just a hop, skip and a jump from the Twin Cities, it will be a great preview to our show we are hosting in 2012. Go on line and download a meet packet today. Go to [www.lcoc.org/documents/Meets/2010\\_MANM\\_Package.pdf](http://www.lcoc.org/documents/Meets/2010_MANM_Package.pdf)

There will be a caravan going down from the Twin Cities area and more information will be in the September issue. If you are planning to attend, reserve your rooms now and be sure your Lincoln is properly registered before the *August 30th* cut off date.

### North Star Region Elections

At our May Board meeting we discussed election of officers to the North Star Board of Directors for 2011. Each year in the fall, our Region is required to elect by blanket ballot, one third of our Board of Directors. The term of a Region Manager is three years. These positions will be filled by nominations in August and election using mail ballot in September. The new Board of Directors will elect Region Officers for the term of one year in November for 2010. All active members of the region are eligible to nominate and vote in the election. We currently have seven Directors. The bylaws call for at least five directors and no more than nine.

The Region needs to have all members involved in the process of operating your Club. If you want to be involved and can make a commitment to attend meetings on a regular basis we need your help. Here is your opportunity to move the Club in the direction that you feel is best. Help us make the region better, it is your Club. If you are able to help, please send your nomination to our Region Secretary, Roger Wothe, by August 17<sup>th</sup>. Roger's address is in our Region Directory. If you have any questions about the duties and functions of the Board of Directors, feel free to call any Board member. Bob Gavrilescu and Roger Wothe's terms will be up and they have agreed to run again.

Our September Newsletter will include an election ballot to be returned by September 15th, 2010. The election will be certified at our October 7th Board meeting, and Region officers for 2011 will be elected at our November 4th Board Meeting. Your participation is encouraged. It is your Club and to make it better, please become involved in the governing process.