

NORTHSTAR NEWS

My Pride and Joy

As told by James Jacobsen.....

I bought the 1948 Lincoln Continental Convertible in November of 2000 from Carolyn Moon, of Walcott, Iowa. The car had been purchased for her by her late husband Bill Moon, likely in the 1960s, though she didn't drive it much.

Bill Moon developed the I-80 Truck stop at Walcott, Iowa, and they used the car for parades. For a number of decades the car sat in a steel shed on the truck stop grounds and the head mechanic there made a special project of getting the car running each year, although I don't think it had run for several years before I purchased it.

I was told of the car more than two years before, at the Hot Rod Show by somebody from Davenport, driving a 1948



1948 CONTINENTAL CONVERTIBLE

1946. I had made a goal of finding and buying such a car, and he has helped me some with this car.

When I talked price with the son-in-law, he told me he would see if he could talk his mother-in-law, Mrs. Moon into selling the car. It took a year and a half, but finally I got a call from him saying that

she had given her OK for the sale. We updated the title, which he faxed me and I sent him the check, after which I went to Iowa with a tandem

trailer and came back with the car.

It was a sunny day when I drove down to Iowa, but when I had the car loaded and proceeded West on I-80, the weather changed to a freezing rain. I was unable to drive more than 35 miles an hour all the way home, but finally at 3AM, I returned home, and got my long awaited Continental safely into my garage. I had a long wait over the winter before I was able to begin fixing some of the little things on this fine automobile. I now have it in running condition and have driven it some.

The Hydroelectric system for the windows needs some attention, along with a new exhaust line from front to rear. The upholstery is good, though it is not all original, and I plan to eventually replace some of it. The exterior color is still good, but may be redone at some future date.

Editors Note: Thanks to Jim Jacobsen for sharing the story of his special 1948 Continental with us.

*It took me
Over a year
And a Half
To acquire this
Continental*

Continental Coupe. I was given the name and phone number of a contact person for the car. I called the number and talked with the son-in-law of Bill and Carolyn Moon. He told me about it, and I went down and looked at the car, and was impressed with what I saw.

I was aware of the 1946-1948 Continental series. My uncle, in the 50's had a

Welcome to the new Northstar News, the monthly publication of the Northstar Region of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. We value your opinions and appreciate your input concerning this newsletter and the operation of the club. This is your club.

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Members and guests are welcome to attend the Board Meetings which are held the second Thursday of every month except December at 7:00 PM at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury on South Robert Street just north of Highways 110 and 1494 in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.

Facts and Figures - 1948

The 1948 Lincoln and Continental model year was a short one, as the 1949 "new style" Lincolns were introduced midway through the 1948 year. The Continental was in it's last year, not reappearing until 1956. It was also the last year for the V12 engine, as the 49's would be powered by a large flathead V8 from the Ford F8 truck line. Gone forever would be the quiet and smoothness that only the V12 could offer.

Production as follows:

Model	Wght	Price
73 4d	4,015	2,554
73 4d Custom Interior	4,015	2,722
76 Conv Cpe	4,245	3,142
77 Club Cpe	3,915	2,533
77 Club Cpe Custom Int	3,915	2,701
876H Continental		
56 Conv Cpe	4,135	4,746
57 Club Cpe	4,125	4,662

Production of the Lincoln models total out at 6,470 for all series. In November, 1947, the 48 models officially entered production. There were only a few detail modifications to the trim, and they were essentially unchanged from the 1947 models. The 1949 models were introduced in April 1948.

Production of the Continental, 452 Convertible (Cabriolet) coupes and 847 Club coupes.

Wheelbase for both the Lincoln and the Continental was 125.0 inches.

All series were powered by the V12 engine, with 292.0 cubic inches. Horsepower was rated at 125. Bore 2.88 inches and stroke 3.75 inches. Compression ratio: 7.20:1, four main bearings. Carburetor: Chandler-Grove two-barrel. Tire size: 7.00x 15. A three-speed manual transmission was standard. Overdrive was optional.

Options included White side wall tires, heater, radio.

The Year - 1948

On January 30th, Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated in India. The House Un-American Activities Committee accuses Alger Hiss of spying for the Soviet Union. The Communists seize power in Czechoslovakia. The Congress ratifies the Marshall plan, approving \$17 billion in European aid. The State of Israel was created, and admits over 200,000 European war refugees. The Soviet Union seals off land routes to Berlin, The West responds with massive airlift of provisions beginning on June 21st. President Harry S Truman re-elected in upset over Thomas E. Dewey. The Selective Service was inaugurated, providing a continuous peacetime military draft until it was repealed in 1973.

Population of the U.S. was 146,631,301 and the Life Expectancy was 67.2 years. The Gross Domestic Product was \$269.7 billion, Federal Spending was at \$29.76 billion, and Federal Debt was \$252.0 billion. Unemployment was 3.9%, and the cost

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Editors Message

We are into the holiday season, with Thanksgiving now behind us and Christmas and New Year only a few short weeks ahead. We have had remarkable weather this summer and fall, with many of our members driving their older Lincolns up to a few days ago.

Arrangements are being made for the Mid America National Lincoln meet this coming August. A few of us went down to Red Wing last week and met with representatives of the Treasure Island Casino Complex where the meet will be held. The facilities are very nice and the folks in charge down there promise to help make this event one to remember for a long time to come. This is a big undertaking for the Northstar Region, and we are calling on the membership to lend us a hand to help make this a success. Bring your ideas and willing hands to the next board meeting. They are held at Whitaker Lincoln Mercury, on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Our next club event will be a brunch at the Lake Elmo Inn, on Sunday, January 27th at 12:30 PM. Marion and I were there a few weeks ago, the food is excellent and the service supreme. If you go (and we hope that you will) you will not be disappointed. A number of years ago, we used to have a holiday party, but with the number of family activities going on during the season, it was just too hard to compete for attendance. By the end of January, we should be ready to see each other once

again and start talking cars for the new year.

I want to thank you all for your positive comments on our Northstar News. It has been fun putting out this newsletter. I have learned more about our members and their cars these past months, and I hope that you our readers have found our features interesting and informative. Please drop me a line about your favorite Lincoln. We will feature it in an upcoming issue of the Northstar News. The Northstar LCOC is your club, help us make it better, get involved today.

I also want to thank Jim French, for his service to the club over these past few years as Director. Jim has worked hard to keep the club on a even keel and we are appreciative of his efforts. It is a job that can get old real fast.

Thanks also go out to the old faithful that regularly attend the board meetings each month. Harvey and Faythe Oberg, Tim and Gaye Purvis, Bob Gavrilesco, and Roger Wothe seldom miss meetings, and we all appreciate their taking the time to participate.

Marion, Alexander and I wish all of you a most happy holiday season, and may you take the time to visit with old friends and families during this time of year. Call or write a long lost relative or an old friend, you will be glad you did.

Till next month.....

Directors Message

Thank you for voting for me to become your new Northstar Region Director. I'm looking forward to promoting our LCOC Region and chairing the LCOC Mid-America National Meet, August 22nd through August 25th, 2002 at Treasure Island Resort and Casino, just north of Red Wing, Minnesota.

My Interest in Lincolns started with the Continental Mark series in 1993. After raising four daughters and driving station wagons for over twenty years, it was time to change. I found a Mark V in Center City, MN. That was very neglected. It was the first car I had ever driven that had cobwebs in the backseat. The paint felt like sandpaper from all the tree sap that

was on it. Since then, we have acquired four more Marks and really enjoy driving them.

The efforts of you Northstar Region this coming year will be to put on the best car meet possible and try and get all members involved. I would really like to get as many people to participate in this effort as we can, that is where friendships begin and are continued. If you are new to the club and would like to help, PLEASE call me or send me a email. My phone number is (651) 257-1715, and my email is arborbob41@aol.com.

Keep the journey continuing in our marvelous Lincolns. Bob Johnson

Board of Directors' Meeting

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of a first class stamp
was 3 cents.

In sports. Cleveland defeated the Boston Braves (4-2) for the World Series. NBA Championship had the Baltimore Bullets over the Philadelphia Warriors (4-2). Toronto defeated Detroit for the Stanley Cup (4-0). Citation wins the Preakness, Belmont and Kentucky Derby. NCAA Football championship, Michigan (9-0-0). NCAA Basketball, Kentucky over Baylor (58-42). Boxer Joe Louis retires.

Columbia Records the 33 1/3 Long Playing record. It allows listeners to enjoy 25 minutes of music per side vs 4 minutes for the older 78s. Movies included The Treasure of the Sierra Madre, Hamlet, I Remember Mama, Johnny Belinda, The Sake Pit, The Road to Rio, Easter Parade, and Gentleman's Agreement. Best Actor went to Laurence Olivier for Hamlet, and Best Actress to Jane Wyman for Johnny Belinda. BeBe Shopp from Minnesota was named Miss America. Edwin Land invents the Po-

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October 10, 2001
Meeting

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

Director's Reports

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported that the proceeds from the picnic auction were \$711.00. The food was \$467.21, door prizes \$89.99 and a book for \$65.00 leaving \$88.80 clear after all expenses. The treasury balance is \$4,200.85 with all bills paid.

Membership Director Dave Gustafson reported that two members have not renewed for 2002.

Projects Director Bob Gavrilesu reported that there were no sales of club projects this past month.

Activities Director Tim Purvis announced the next chapter activity will be at Al Baker's in Eagan on Sunday, November 4th at 11:30 AM. No reservations are necessary—just show up.

Nominations

Bob Johnson has agreed to run for the Regional Director's position and Jay White will run for Activities Director. Elections will be held in November.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM. The next meeting will be held at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury, Thursday, November 8th at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

November 8, 2001 Meeting

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Directors's Reports

Regional Director Jim French has received an agreement from Treasure Island Casino for the Mid America Meet. A group of people including "Bob and Mary Johnson, Harvey and Faythe Oberg, Dave Gustafson, and Bob Gavrilesu plan on meeting with Julie Arndt from Treasure Island on Friday, November 16th to go over all of the details for the meet.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported that the treasury balance is \$4,089.20 with all bills paid.

Membership Director Dave Gustafson reported that we have one new member this month, Dennis Munson, and he will also forward a copy of the membership mailing list to Jay White.

Projects Director Bob Gavrilesu reported that there were no new sales for the past month.

Activities Director Tim Purvis confirmed Sunday, January 27, 2002 as the date for brunch at Lake Elmo Inn. Other activities dates are: February 23rd at Ellingson's Museum with the Upper Midwest Classic Car Club. Sunday, April 28th for brunch at Toby's, Saturday, May 18th for the Whitaker Lincoln Show, and Sunday, September 22nd for the picnic at Environments. Bob Johnson will contact Frank Warner to discuss a tour. Jay White has tabulated the results of the survey done at Al Baker's and will try to increase attendance at events by establishing a permanent calling committee and will mail out post cards rather than relying solely on the newsletter.

Secretary Roger Wothe reported that so far fourteen ballots for election of Regional Director and Activities Director have been received.

The following is a list of positions filled for the
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Board Minutes continued

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laroid Land Camera, the first instant camera that developed photos on the spot in 60 seconds. Songs included Nature Boy, Buttons and Bows, All I want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth. TV shows include Howdy Doody, Philco TV Playhouse, Toast of the Town, Kraft TV Theater and Meet the Press. Swiss outdoorsman George de Mestral invents Velcro. Noted food critic Duncan Hines founds a company to make prepackaged cake mixes. The game Scrabble is invented. The Soviets introduce the MIG-15, their first modern jet fighter. The plane, borrowing heavily on German designs, was the first in a long series of "MIG" planes developed by the Soviets. New York's Idlewild Airport opens (renamed JFK Airport in 1963. Popcorn was sold on a mass scale for the first time.

Those who left us in 1948 included Babe Ruth, Orville Wright, and D.W. Griffith.

Information from the Internet.

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 2002 Mid America Meet.

Chairman	Bob Johnson
Finance	Bob Gavrilesco
Registration	Roger Wothe
Trophies	Ray Nelson
Swap Meet	Mike Gerner and Jeff Eisenberg
Auction	Bob Gavrilesco
Club Project Sales	Bob Gavrilesco
Field Marshall	Tim Purvis
Chief Judge	Gordy Jensen
Hospitality	Milt and Mardy Petersen
50/50 Ticket Sales	Harvey and Faythe Oberg
Banquet	Harvey and Faythe Oberg
Publicity	Dave Gustafson
Dash Plaques	Roger Wothe

There being no further Business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 10, 2002 at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

The competition in 1948

Cadillac, Chrysler and Packard were the cream of the automotive crop in 1948. Cadillac had their new body style, with their new overhead valve engine to follow for 1949. Only the Series 75, the limousine would continue to 1950 with the old look. On most body styles, the tail fin was in, establishing a long-standing Cadillac hallmark. Cadillac offered four series, the 61, 62, 60 Special and the 75. All 48's were powered by the same 346 cubic inch L head engine with a horsepower of 150. Hydramatic was a big selling option at \$174, few cars were sold without it. Prices ranged from \$2,728 for the 61 club coupe, \$2,912 for the 62 club coupe, \$3,442 for the 62 convertible coupe, \$3,820 for the 60 Special Fleetwood and \$4,959 for the 75 Imperial 7 passenger sedan. Some 50,600 1948 Cadillac cars were sold.

The 1948 Chryslers were complete '47 carry-overs. The six cylinder Town and Country sedan was dropped at mid year, but the eight cylinder convertible remained. The Chryslers were very fine automobiles, quiet and very

smooth running. The senior models came equipped with a straight 8 L head engine, 323 inches and 135 horsepower. The Royal and Windsor models used a 6 cylinder L head engine, 250 cubic inches and 114 horsepower. Production numbers are not broken out for the individual years, as Chrysler combined figures from 1947 through early 1949. Royals were priced from \$1,839 to \$2,526 for the long wheelbase sedans. Windsor models ranged from \$1,906 for the 2 dr club coupe to \$2,581 for the 8 passenger limo. Next in the lineup was the Saratoga, a 8 cylinder. The 2 dr club coupe was priced at \$1,958 to the 4 dr sedan at \$2,078. The New Yorker models featured a full range of models, including a 4 dr sedan, one of the most popular at \$2,188 and convertible coupe at \$2,572. A Town and Country convertible was also offered at \$3,123. Top of the line was the Imperial, which came in an 8 passenger 4 dr sedan, and a formal 8 passenger limousine style. Prices were \$4,662 and \$4,767. Fluid Drive, a semiautomatic transmission was offered and as with Cadillac, few cars were sold without this option.

Packard fielded the most extensive line of models of any of the luxury cars in 1948. It was a good year for Packard sales, with some 92,000 placed in eager buyers hands. Included in the model lineup: the standard and DeLuxe Eight in sedan and coupe form, and the sedan and coupe Super and Custom Eights. A Station Sedan in the standard Eight series was priced at \$3,425, with wood trim, had sort of a Chrysler Town and Country look. Unfortunately the wood trim was high maintenance. Prices ranged from \$2,215 for a 2 dr club sedan to \$2,690 for a standard wheelbase 4 dr sedan in the Super Eight series. The Custom Eight series began at \$3,700 for a 4 dr sedan to \$4,868 for a 7 passenger limo style. A Custom Eight Victoria Convertible came in at \$4,295. Power plants included a 288 cubic inch, rated at 135 horsepower, a 327 cubic inch, rated at 150 hp, and a large 356 cubic inch rated at 165 HP.

It had a 9 main bearing engine for unmatched smoothness and quiet operation. All engines were straight eight of the L head design. Overdrive was available and installed on most Packards. Also available was the Electromatic Clutch, which actuated the clutch during shifting operations. These were very well built cars, with fine luxurious interiors, capable of cruising all day in arm chair comfort.

Preview of Coming Attractions

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

- December Happy Holidays Ask for car books and parts for Christmas, maybe some tools... Buy your long suffering wife something nice for putting up with all your cars and your car nut friends.
- January 27 Brunch at LAKE ELMO INN. Meet at Inn at 12:30 PM. Good Food...Good Service, you will enjoy this. See you there.
- February 23 Annual potluck supper with the CCCA at Ellingsons car museum at Rogers, MN. More information to follow. This is always a fun evening to start off the new year with.
- March To be determined
- April 28 Sunday Brunch at Tobey's by the Lake.
- May 18 Annual Car Show at Whitaker Lincoln Mercury
- June Back to the 50's car show at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds.
- August 25-28 Mid America National Lincoln and Continental Owners Club Meet at Treasure Island hotel and casino, near Red Wing, MN.
- September 22 Annual Northstar LCOC Picnic at Environments.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

Wanted: Someone driving to the Frederic, Maryland area. I need two car wheels and a box of automobile items picked up for me.

Call Harvey V. Oberg at 651-739-9754