

Lincoln has a new Hot Rod!



At 400 horsepower, this is the most powerful Lincoln ever!

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.

Well folks, it is time to let go of the glory days of the large 460 cubic inch motors under the hoods of your Continentals and Marks of the '60's and '70's. This coming year, Lincoln will be introducing new levels of performance in the new MKZ and Continental.

Lincoln's slow return to building genuine luxury cars might finally be picking up speed. While the Continental concept laid out the strategy at the New York auto show, the MKZ debuting at the Los Angeles auto show is the initial play. When it goes on sale in the summer of 2016, the 2017 Lincoln MKZ will be the first car on the road to feature the brand's fresh design language and a new, high-output engine.

With the updated MKZ, Lincoln hopes to put some distance between its vehicles and the Ford models built on the same platforms. At the same time, it's marching in the opposite direction of the sport-focused German luxury marques, crosstown rival Cadillac, and even Lexus with its quiet-luxury philosophy. Still, the MKZ's available 400-hp engine gives us hope that the company might find a way to prioritize quietness and comfort without being utterly dull.

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Members and guests are welcome to attend the Board Meetings. Our meeting location will be printed elsewhere in the newsletter, as it often will be held in conjunction with other club events.

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The all new MKZ

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The key to this performance is the new, exclusive to Lincoln 3.0 liter (183 cubic inch), turbocharged V6 engine, but 40% the size of the old 460. This is the most powerful engine to ever occupy an engine bay in a Lincoln, and is rated at 400 horsepower and 400 ft pounds of torque. More than enough to hustle you down to Walmart to pick up some popcorn and beef jerky.

All with fuel economy over twice as good as a carburetor equipped 460 in their best tune. We have cruised the internet and picked up a sampling of what there is out there so far on the new MKZ.



There are mid-cycle product updates, and then there's the 2017 MKZ. Instead of just a nip-and-tuck styling refresh, the entry-level Lincoln gets an all-new engine with a whopping 400 horsepower and an optional torque-vectoring rear differential. And that power plant is exclusive to the Lincoln, at least for the time being. It's a sign that Ford is getting serious about elevating its luxury brand above the recent history of re-badged Blue Oval models.

The engine is a 3.0-liter twin-turbo V6, based on the current 2.7-liter that serves across the Ford and Lincoln lineup. With 400 horsepower and 400 pound-feet of torque, it's the most powerful Lincoln ever. That big number will only be available in all-wheel-drive versions of the MKZ. With front-wheel drive the engine will be detuned to an estimated 350 horsepower to retain some level of driving refinement. A further option on the AWD model will be the Driver's Pack, which adds the same torque-vectoring rear differential

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Trivia from the Internet



Carole King
Great American
Songwriter

Singer; songwriter; pianist. Born Carol Klein on February 9, 1942, in Manhattan, New York, and raised in Brooklyn, Carole King's amazing musical gift was apparent from the time she was a toddler. Already an accomplished pianist by the time she turned 10, King began writing a multitude of songs by her early teens. At James Madison High School, she chose the new last name "King" for herself as a stage name and formed her first quartet,

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Editors Message

December 2015

The countdown to another new year is here. We were able to all join together for a number of really fine events this past year. And they are always more fun with greater participation by our members. We do love seeing your classic Lincolns, but what we really enjoy is spending time visiting with our members. Like our fine Lincolns, our members have some very interesting experiences to share.

The older vehicles are tucked away in the garage, hooked up to the chargers to keep the battery topped off over the next four months. Don't despair, the 120 days will go by quickly, and before you know it, spring will be here. And, just think, in about 20 days, our days will start getting longer once again.

For the last few weeks, I haven't been feeling as well as I should. I have been experiencing shortness of breath and a general overall feeling of tiredness. Sunday night, November 15, these symptoms were getting progressively worse. Early Monday morning, it was time to make the trip over to Fairview Ridges hospital emergency room and get checked out. After a couple of hours, it was determined that I was experiencing congestive heart failure and I was promptly admitted for further tests and treatment. It seems as though fluid is building up in my system and my existing heart activity is not high enough to keep it down. After a number of

tests, I was given Lasix, which is a diuretic, sometimes referred to as a "water pill" and works to flush the excess water out of your system. I was given the heavy duty stuff by IV and promptly gave up about 10 pounds of water within a 10-hour period. In the future, I will have to very strictly limit my sodium intake and continue on with an oral form of Lasix to keep things in order. I can also look for-



Sweet Olga is listening intently as her dad reads her "Twas the Night Before Christmas". We are not quite sure what she is expecting Santa to bring her on the 25th, but nonetheless, there will be something under the tree for her.

ward to more bland food in my life from now on. Marion and I (Olga too) want to thank you all for your continued support of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club and more specifically the North Star Region. We sincerely believe that we have one of the nicest brand centered car clubs out there. We do

appreciate your many kind words from over the years about our newsletter and your many suggestions and comments regarding the North Star Region.

As in past years, there are no planned activities for the club in December. Please take that time and spend it with your longtime friends and relatives, people who you might have not had contact with for a while. Renew those old friendships, you will be glad that you did. Enjoy the holiday season and recharge your batteries for next year.

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

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the Co-Sines.

She attended Queens College in New York, where she met Neil Sedaka, Paul Simon and Gerry Goffin—all future famous songwriters like herself. She briefly dated Sedaka, who produced a hit song entitled "Oh! Carol!"; her response ("Oh! Neil!") did not do nearly as well.

Despite that minor setback, however, she forged ahead with her career and began a romantic relationship and songwriting partnership with Goffin. After she became pregnant at the age of 17, the couple quickly married in 1960 and continued to write impressive songs. The duo so impressed music publisher Don Kirshner that he signed them to his Aldon Music empire, where they established themselves immediately by writing the hit singles "Will You Love Me Tomorrow" for The Shirelles, "Take Good Care of

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Directors Message by Bob Johnson

December 2015



Mary and I want to wish you a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**. We have many reasons to be thankful for this past year and we were blessed to remain healthy. The best thing is that we were able to enjoy family and fellowship with all our Lincoln friends. It is really a pleasure to have you call us your friends. It is with much pleasure that I can look at members attending our North Star events and think how great it is to have been able to meet and know each individual who has attended our activities over the years. Our Lincoln's are the best. But our members are the greatest and our fellowship is the reason everyone tries to come to our activities. Please find time to spend this Christmas season with your family and loved ones, as our time passes so fast. Mary and I both look forward to seeing and visiting with you in 2016 at our North Star events.

A Christmas present reminder, if you have someone special that is a car person, please consider giving them a LCOC Membership as a holiday gift. If you do this, the club will also give them a free membership for a year in the North Star Region, but they have to be a member of LCOC first. Get out your credit card and call, Cornerstone Registration, 763-420-7829, to purchase a LCOC Membership as a present for Christmas. This could be a great gift for a special young person, to get them interested in the old car hobby, particularly Lincoln's.

Our Sunday brunch, on November 8, at Dangerfield's Restaurant, in Shakopee, was very good, and we had 40 members attending. The buffet has to be one of the largest and best in the twin city area. We know that no one left hungry, a big thank you to Jay White for finding this gem. This is one of the best brunches in the area at a reasonable price, the food selection is humongous. We had Bruce and Judy Nichols from Madison, Wisconsin attend while they were on a visit to see their daughter who lives in the area.

Our January event will be at the Roasted Pear on January 10, 2016, at 11:30 AM.

We are still working on the 2016 Activities Schedule and have several great places to go to. If you have a favorite place to recommend, call or email Jay White, our activities director. We have been invited to view Mike Fiterman's interesting car collection this winter, look for more details to come.

As this is the last newsletter for 2015, I would like to again thank everyone who helped contribute in making this a successful year for our North Star region. Most of all, thanks to you, our members, for your continued support. It is personally rewarding to see our members coming together and spending some time together at our events, just enjoying the moment. We hope to see all of you once again in 2016 at our North Star events.

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

Bob and Mary Johnson.....

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My Baby" for Bobby Vee and "Up on the Roof" for the Drifters.

As the 1960s progressed, the Goffin/King partnership flourished and the couple wrote dozens of hit singles, including "You Make Me Feel (Like a Natural Woman)" for Aretha Franklin, "Goin' Back" for Dusty Springfield (and later The Byrds) and "Pleasant Valley Sunday" for the Monkees. Though she never felt out of place as a woman navigating the testosterone-heavy world of the music industry, King did realize she was different from her housewife peers: "Living with Gerry in New Jersey suburbia, I was surrounded by the wives of doctors, accountants, lawyers. With a pen in one hand and a baby in the other, I was a real oddity: a working woman."

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Northstar Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am by Regional Director Bob Johnson at Dangerfield's Restaurant in Shakopee MN. Board Members present were Bob Johnson, Harvey Oberg, Dave Gustafson, Tom Brace, Bob Roth, Jay White, Dick Eilers and Roger Wothe. There were about forty Regional members present for brunch and Membership meeting, but did not participate in the Board Meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved. Roger made a motion to elect the current officers for 2016: Regional Director Bob Johnson, Assistant Regional Director Jay White, Secretary Roger Wothe, and the election for Treasurer Matt Foley replacing retiring Treasurer Harvey Oberg after thirty-two years of dedicated service to the Region. The motion was seconded by Bob Roth and passed unanimously.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson reported that new member Dan Van Wyk has completed a Facebook page for the Northstar regional Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. We will be able to post activities, pictures, ask questions and just enjoy Lincoln topics. New technology may help to attract younger or just more members. Go to www.facebook.com/northstarlincolns and follow directions. Bob also presented a six year planning calendar for LCOC. The 2016 Board Meeting will be in Tampa FL. On the agenda is a possibility of having the entire *Continental Comments* in color. The question of how many want or use the Annual Directory will be raised. Could it be available online, CD or a purchased printed copy. He also presented a Tentative 2016 planning calendar for the North Star Region monthly activities.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported that all bills were paid and the treasury balance was \$2,607.87. The auction at last month's annual picnic and auction netted \$723.00 for the Region.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson reported the membership total to be One hundred forty-four with no new members last month.

Projects: Regional lapel pins for \$5.00 and Regional grille badges for \$40.00 are still available.

Activities Director Jay White discussed a few possibilities for cruise-ins for next year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am. The next meeting will be at the Roasted Pear, Brooklyn Center, Sunday 10 January 2016 at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

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The Goffin/King partnership came under increasing strain as the 1960s continued. Even as their songwriting matured, their relationship fell apart as Goffin's numerous infidelities took their toll. (According to a biography by Sheila Weller, King even helped buy a house for one of his mistresses and a daughter they had together.) King and Goffin jointly formed a small record label, Tomorrow, but it soon disintegrated along with their marriage. King famously documented her relationship's collapse in her 1967 solo song, "The Road to Nowhere." King and Goffin divorced the following year and she officially began her solo career. In 1968, she moved with her two daughters to Laurel Canyon in Los An-

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More 2017 MKZ, The Hot Rod Lincoln

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as on the forthcoming Focus RS. With the promise of rear-wheel-drive handling characteristics, the MKZ could be the most fun-to-drive Lincoln ever. In addition to the V6, a 245-horsepower, 2.0-liter turbo four and a hybrid model will be available.



Interestingly, Lincoln is backing away from the EcoBoost name both in its marketing and in the badging on the car. The turbocharged gas engines will instead be branded as 3.0T and 2.0T on the trunklid. Marketing execs say they're making the change because luxury buyers aren't interested in any "Eco" aspect of these engines, but we suspect the real intent is to obfuscate the connection between Lincoln cars and Ford engines.

When the 2017 model goes on sale next spring it will be the first Lincoln in showrooms with the new signature grille, first previewed in the Continental Concept at this year's New York Auto Show. Adaptive LED headlights are available options, and a Lincoln logo "welcome mat" projects down from the side mirrors when unlocking the car at night. The view from behind is nearly unchanged, with a revised bumper giving the car a slightly wider appearance.

Inside things are all new as well, with a completely revised center console. The capacitive-touch sliding controls are gone, replaced by buttons and

knobs. In the press release, Lincoln mentions that engineers gave special attention to the sounds and feel of the switches, but the switches on the pre-production model at our product briefing felt cheap and loose. The large climate control knob clicked like it was grinding sand. We hope the production version will show more refinement.

The good news, if you're rooting for Lincoln, is that the rest of the interior is impressive, at least in the top-of-the-line Black Label trim we saw. The front seats are comfortable, and the center console is trimmed in real aluminum. The overall feel is high quality, and features like four high-speed USB charging ports (two of which are accessible to rear-seat passengers) are a nice bonus. Two audio systems are available, both Revel-branded Harman/Kardon systems: a base 14-speaker system or an optional 20-speaker setup.

Technology plays a key part in the updated MKZ. Lincoln firsts include autonomous emergency braking with pedestrian detection and all-speed adaptive cruise control. The MKZ comes with the latest version of Ford's park assist system, which will now maneuver out of parallel parking spots and automate perpendicular parking. The MyLincoln Mobile app will also debut on the MKZ. Lincoln didn't provide a demo at this point, but the functionality will be similar to the Ford Sync Connect app coming on the 2017 Escape, with remote locking and unlocking and remote start from a smartphone app.

Discover your new favorite space. The new Lincoln MKZ combines intuitive technology, effortless performance and distinctive design to deliver an en-

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geles to join fellow musicians James Taylor and Joni Mitchell, among others, in a creative songwriting community. She met Toni Stern, a female lyricist, with whom she wrote the single, "It's Too Late," a song that would later become one of her biggest hits as a singer. Of that era she later recalled, "Toni was wonderful help with the transition from writing with Gerry to writing songs on my own ... I didn't have the courage initially. James inspired me a lot. I write heavily under the influence of James Taylor." Around the same time, King signed to Lou Adler's Ode label and briefly formed a group called The City with Danny Kortchmar and Charles Larkey; she would later marry Larkey in 1970. The City only put out one album, *Now That Everything's Been Said*. The group didn't tour because of King's stage fright;

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hanced driving experience Lincoln calls quiet luxury.

"Our customers are looking for three attributes in a luxury midsize sedan – technologies that ease their



everyday experience, a beautiful design that is crafted with attention to detail, and a vehicle with impressive power that makes it a pleasure to drive," said Kumar Galhotra, president of Lincoln. "The new Lincoln MKZ elevates all of these attributes – and many more – to create a compelling entry in this large and highly competitive portion of the luxury market."



The new Lincoln MKZ is designed to appeal to those who are looking for something different in the luxury market. From the placement of technology features such as the push-button gear shift to reimagined interior spaces including the floating center console, drivers can relish in discovering an unexpected experience based on intelligent function and beautiful form that offers, above all, an enjoyable drive.

The Lincoln Experience is brought to life through the available Lincoln-exclusive 3.0-liter GTDI V6 engine, as well as intangible elements like the quiet cabin provided by the Active Noise Control system.

Features that make the new Lincoln MKZ a haven of refined comfort include curated spaces for storage, the availability of three Lincoln Black Label interior packages with exclusive, personal in-home design consultation, available fully retractable panoramic glass roof, and concert-quality Revel audio with specially designed doors for optimal positioning of the speakers.



The new Lincoln MKZ is designed to make the drive easier and more enjoyable. Available adaptive cruise control with stop-and-go functionality automatically can slow the car, resuming higher speeds when traffic clears. The system activates the brakes automatically to bring the car to a complete stop if the driver fails to apply brakes in time.

An auto hold feature keeps the car at a complete stop without the driver having to press and hold the brake pedal – making stop-and-go driving more relaxing for MKZ owners.

Available enhanced park assist uses ultrasonic sensors to help Lincoln MKZ seamlessly steer itself into a parallel or perpendicular parking

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MKZ for 2017 continued...

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the album was therefore never promoted fully and *The City* fell apart. By the end of 1970, King began to devote herself exclusively to singing her own songs. Although her first solo effort, *Writer*, would prove to be a bust, her second album, *Tapestry*, released in 1971, would go on to stay at No. 1 on the *Billboard* charts for a record-breaking 15 weeks; it stayed on the charts in some form for a stunning six years. *Tapestry* remained the longest-tenured album in the top spot until it was finally beaten out by Michael Jackson's *Thriller* in 1982. As fellow songwriter Cynthia Weil said: "Carole spoke from her heart, and she happened to be in tune with the mass psyche. People were looking for a message, and she came to them with a message that was exactly what they were looking for." Some of the

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spot. The car can assist with park-out as needed.

Pre-Collision Assist with Pedestrian Detection is an available technology that can help avoid some frontal crashes, or lessen the severity of such events.

An all-new, Lincoln-exclusive 3.0 liter GTDI V6 leads available engine choices for the new Lincoln MKZ. When paired with an intelligent all-wheel-drive system, the twin-turbocharged engine produces 400 horsepower and 400 lb.-ft. of torque for effortless performance and refinement.

To animate the MKZ's handling, an optional Driver's package adds torque-vectoring capability to the all-wheel-drive system with hardware borrowed from the rambunctious Ford Focus RS. Supplied by GKN, the torque-vectoring rear differential directs more thrust to the outside rear wheel in corners, creating a yaw moment that helps rotate the car. The Driver's package also includes adaptive dampers and multi-contour seats with an almost obnoxious amount of adjustability, along with a bevy of superficial enhancements such as a dark-finish grille, carbon-fiber trim throughout the interior, aluminum pedal covers, and properly pretentious "ebony" brake calipers.

The new Lincoln MKZ provides a hybrid alternative as well; and a 2.0-liter GTDI, 245-horsepower four-cylinder engine with front-wheel drive.

Available Lincoln Drive Control allows drivers to adjust among three drive modes – comfort, normal and sport. The system includes continuously controlled damping, and electric power-assisted steering to provide comfortable, confident handling.

The Driver's Package for Lincoln MKZ with 3.0-liter V6 also includes 19-inch wheels, Ebony-painted calipers, light Magnetic-painted grille, Ebony interior with carbon fiber appliques, customizable multi-contour seats and aluminum pedal covers. In addition, the

package features retuned continuously controlled damping and suspension for enhanced driving dynamics.



The new face of Lincoln is highlighted by available adaptive LED headlamps that help deliver cleaner, clearer lighting for drivers, complemented by the all-new one-piece Lincoln signature grille.



Inside, engineers paid particular attention to the sound and feel of new switches and dials that replace slider adjustments for easier control of ventilation and audio functions for new Lincoln MKZ customers. Commonly used buttons and USB ports are now even easier to access.

Two all-new Lincoln Black Label themes, Chalet and Vineyard, as well as Thoroughbred, deliver desired uniqueness and options paired with luxurious materials. Lincoln MKZ's available fully retractable panoramic glass roof offers the largest open-air roof among sedans.

The new Lincoln MKZ goes on sale in summer 2016.

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hits from *Tapestry* were earlier King compositions re-claimed in her own voice, such as "It's Too Late" and "Will You Love Me Tomorrow?" She also added some new singles: "So Far Away," "I Feel the Earth Move" and "You've Got a Friend" (later a No. 1 hit for her friend James Taylor). Her follow-up album, *Music* (1971), produced a No. 1 hit in "Sweet Seasons" and reached gold but failed to achieve the soaring status and sales of its predecessor. King's next few albums, *Rhymes and Reasons*, *Wrap Around Joy*, *Fantasy* and *Thoroughbred*, were all certified gold as well. With *Thoroughbred*, she reunited with ex-husband Gerry Goffin, and collaborated with James Taylor, David Crosby and Graham Nash. Her marriage to Larkey lasted until their divorce in 1976. Soon after, she entered her

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The "Old Hot Rod" Lincoln



The Actual V12 Car that Inspired Original "Hot Rod Lincoln" Country Song.

Old cars are about as valuable as the feelings they stir up, and it seems that this fiery red 1930 coupe is about as priceless as it gets. The Ford Model A shape is a familiar one, yet this very one was the inspiration for the familiar song "Hot Rod Lincoln," created by Charlie Ryan in 1950, but first recorded in 1955, then released two years later.



Its coupe body rides on a shortened frame versus the original it came with and gets its go from a unique Lincoln-sourced V12 flathead motor displacing five liters and powering the rear wheels via a three-speed manual gearbox.

The last time it changed hands was in 2012, when it sold for \$97,000 and recently benefited from a light cosmetic restoration too.

"Hot Rod Lincoln" is a song by American singer-songwriter Charlie Ryan, first released in 1955. It was written as an answer song to Arkie

Shibley's 1951 hit "Hot Rod Race" which describes a race in San Pedro, Los Angeles between two hot rod cars, a Ford and a Mercury, which stay neck-and-neck until both are overtaken by "a kid in a hopped-up Model A". "Hot Rod Lincoln" is sung from the perspective of this third driver, whose own hot rod is a Ford Model A body with a Lincoln-Zephyr V12 engine, overdrive, a four-barrel carburetor, 4:11 gear ratio, and safety tubes.

Ryan's original rockabilly version of the song was released in 1955 through Souvenir Records under the artist name Charley Ryan and the Livingston Bros. A second version was released in 1959 through Four Star Records, credited to Charlie Ryan and the Timberline Riders. Ryan based the description of the eponymous car on his own hot rod, built from a 1948 12-cylinder Lincoln chassis shortened two feet, with a 1930 Ford Model A body fitted to it. Ryan raced his hot rod against a Cadillac sedan driven by a friend in Lewiston, Idaho, driving up the Spiral Highway (former U.S. Route 95 in Idaho) to the top of Lewiston Hill; he incorporated elements from this race in his lyrics to "Hot Rod Lincoln", but changed the setting to Grapevine Hill (a long, nearly straight grade up Grapevine Canyon to Tejon Pass, near the town of Gorman, California) to fit it within the narrative of "Hot Rod Race".

A cover version of "Hot Rod Lincoln" was recorded by country musician Johnny Bond and released in 1960 through Republic Records, with Bond's lyrics changing the hot rod's engine from a V12 to a V8. Another

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third marriage, to songwriter Rick Evers, in 1977. They relocated to Idaho and lived in a tiny mountain town that fostered King's love of nature and inspired an environmental activism that would shape her life in subsequent decades. However, although they collaborated on the album *Simple Things*, which would be among King's last to be certified gold, the relationship soured as Evers became increasingly abusive. The union ended when he died of a drug overdose in 1978.

King's next two releases, *Welcome Home* and *Touch the Sky*, were not as well received as previous works. She achieved more commercial success in 1980 with *Pearls*, which contained performances of earlier songs co-written with Goffin. Later, King mainly wrote singles for film, television

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“Hot Rod Lincoln” and more.

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cover version, by country rock band Commander Cody and His Lost Planet Airmen on their 1971 album *Lost in the Ozone*, became a hit, reaching no. 9 on the Billboard charts, no. 7 in Canada, and being ranked no. 69 on the Billboard Year-End Hot 100 singles of 1972.

New Pattern Releases for Vintage Lincolns.

LeBaron Bonney Interiors has recently expanded Lincoln restoration interiors to include 1937 & '38 Zephyr 3 Window Coupe, 2 Door Model 72A, 1939-'42 Zephyr 2 and 4 Door Sedan, and 1942 Zephyr Convertible. LeBaron Bonney national award winning restoration interiors come complete with all necessary parts and hardware, and are ready to install. Precision made using original interior patterns, and correct original type fabrics. Proper fit reduces installation labor time, and facilitates correct installation. Since 1960, LeBaron Bonney has been known as the go to source for high quality restoration interiors. For more information please contact info@lebaronbonney.com, or call 800-221-5408.

SAN DIEGO, THE LARGEST 2015 NATIONAL MEET

By Jack Fletcher

The last of this year's three National LCOC Concours was held in San Diego, California, October 14-18, 2015. The San Diego Meet was the largest of the 2015 Concours – in excess of 200 registered guests, 81 registered Lincolns, with 72 being judged. And, while no 1920's era Lincolns were on the show field, every subsequent decade was represented.

“Quarter Century” events was the meet theme. **Twenty-fifth** Anniversary cars were 1990's Lincolns with emphasis on Town Cars, Continental Sedans, and Mark VII's. **Half century** emphasized the slab-side, “suicide door” Continental Sedan and Convertible that was introduced in 1961 with continued production thru 1969. **Seventy-fifth** anniversary cars were the Continental initially built for Edsel Ford in 1938. It was these early Continentals that were the “founding vehicle” for LCOC. Elliston H. Bell, Jr. the Club's founder and first President, owned a Continental. He wrote to other owners asking if they were interested in forming an owners club. His efforts bore fruit. LCOC had its first National Meet in Greenfield, Michigan in 1954. Mr. Bell's greeting to attendees at that meet noted: “*This, our first national rally is a milestone. It marks the transition of our club from a small group with a simple bond of appreciation for Continental design and ownership to a recognized national organization. This event ushers in a great new era for the Lincoln Continental Owners Club*”. Mr. Bell's greeting was very prophetic, as LCOC has developed into an International Organization, which now holds three National Concours a year. The Elliston H. Bell Trophy is the most coveted award at any of our National Meets. In San Diego, the “Bell” was awarded to a blue four-door 1958 Lincoln Premier, owned by former Lake Shore member Tom Askounis, of Chicago, Illinois and Palm Springs, California.



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and other artists, effectively ending her career as a singer for a number of years. The 1980s and 1990s saw a dip in her prolific songwriting, but not her active lifestyle. King has been working with the Alliance for the Wild Rockies since 1990, advocating for the passage of the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act (NREPA); she testified before Congress twice in support of the legislation. She also became involved in electoral politics, later becoming a strong supporter of Democratic candidates John Kerry and Hillary Clinton in 2004 and 2008, respectively. By the late 1990s, King was ready to launch something of a comeback in the music industry. She penned the hit "The Reason" for Celine Dion in 1997 and later performed it alongside the Canadian singer at VH1's Divas Live concert.

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In Passing



We are saddened to report the passing of Linda Kughn, wife of prominent LCOC and CCCA member and collector Richard Kughn, at her home in Dearborn, Michigan on Saturday, October 17th.

She was 72 years old. Linda was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and will be deeply missed. Linda was born in Detroit, Michigan in December, 1942. She and her husband, Richard, lived in Dearborn, Michigan for 32 years. They also had a cottage on Mackinac Island for more than a decade as well as having residences in Bay Harbor, Michigan and Naples, Florida.

Linda was blessed to have a large and loving family. She is survived by her husband, Richard; two daughters, Cindy Monroe (Doug); Kimberly McGlynn (Dan); and their four children William Monroe, and Samuel, Emily and Sean Patrick McGlynn. She is also survived by three stepchildren Suzanne Kloster (John), Gary Kughn (Lynn), and Jennifer Munter; their nine children and 12 great-grandchildren. Linda is also survived by her sister Susan Markley (Richard).

Linda earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, with honors. She was a business woman for many years.

Linda was vitally interested in the cars, and an active participant in shows and tours along with Dick. They have very generously supported the CCCA museum building project at the Gilmore Museum. They were

also long time members of the LCOC and actively supported the new Lincoln Museum at Hickory Corners. Their "Queens Car" a custom 1939 Lincoln K, used by the Queen Elizabeth of England during her tour of the United States and Canada is on display at the Lincoln Museum.



Richard and Linda Kughn at the Lincoln Museum, August 2014.

Linda and Richard also shared a strong commitment to contributing to the local community. Linda and Richard's dedicated involvement in numerous organizations and charities significantly

impacted Detroit and beyond. Linda served on a number of Boards and committees which included, among others, the Parade Company, the Michigan Thanksgiving Day Parade Foundation, the Detroit Zoological Society, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Detroit Orchestra Symphony Hall and the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

She will be deeply missed by the many friends she made with Richard in the Classic Car hobby and the other organizations she was dedicated to during her life's journey on our good earth.

Funeral services were held at The First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 West Maple Road, Birmingham Michigan 48009 on October 29, 2015. Internment on Mackinac Island will be conducted at a later date.

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In 2004, King re-recorded a well-received live album on her *Living Room Tour*. More recently, in 2007 she bridged divides of generation and genre by touring Japan with R&B star Mary J. Blige and Fergie of the Black Eyed Peas. In 2010, she linked up with longtime friend James Taylor for the *Troubadour Reunion Tour*. The resulting *Live at the Troubadour* album hit No. 4 on the U.S. charts and confirmed Carole King's lasting power as a force in the music industry. During the course of her long career, she has penned over 400 songs that have been recorded by more than 1,000 artists. When a reporter asked her what she would say now if she could give advice to her younger self, King said simply: "You're going to have a very rich and wonderful life."

Having divorced her fourth husband, Idaho

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Seasons Greetings



Our very best to all of our members for this joyous holiday season. May we see you all at our North Star events in 2016. Bob Johnson, Regional Director; Bob Roth, Director; Roger Wothe, Secretary; Harvey Oberg, Treasurer; Jay White, Activities Director; David Gustafson, Publications and Membership; Directors Tom Brace, Dick Eilers and Dennis Owens. Directors elect for 2016, Matt Foley and Eric Chinquist.



For Sale: 1978 Mark V. White with blue, full padded top. Blue leather interior. Excellent condition, both inside and out. Smooth running 460 makes it a pleasure to drive. Air blows very cold. Truly would be a joy to own. 54K miles, they just don't get much better. Fairly offered at \$9,950. Call Dennis Owens at 612.269.6482 to talk more about this Mark and the price.



1980 Lincoln Continental with 51,956.0 and counting original miles. Second family to own this wonderful car. 5.0 liter engine. Includes original purchase papers, dealership brochure, and owners manual; plus 1980 Ford shop manuals for every system, T80L-50-DVOM, and T80L-50-EEC-II test equipment. New timing gears & chain, new brakes all around, new ECM, new BMAP, and much more maintenance items completed. A very clean and great driving car, was Ziebarted so has very little to no rust. A must see, asking \$6,000.00, call Steven @ 763 433-2859.

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rancher Rick Sorenson, King remains happily single and independent in her mountain home. Of her surroundings in the wilderness she says, "When I wake up every morning, I smile and say, 'Thank you.' Because out of my window I can see the mountains, then go hiking with my dog and share her bounding joy in the world."

In 2013, King made music history as the first woman to receive the Gershwin Prize for Popular Song. President Barack Obama gave her this honor at a special ceremony held at the White House. Around the time she received this award, the legendary singer-songwriter told the Associated Press that she will continue making music and performing. "I still feel that it would be lovely to retire, but that time is not yet here apparently," she said.

From the internet

For Sale All Good Lincolns



FOR SALE: 1997 Lincoln Town Car - Signature Series. Show Car - 1st Place 2012 LCOC Mid-America National Meet. Pearl White ext. Lt., Gray interior. Absolutely looks and drives like new. 76,000 miles. In heated storage, rust free. Serious offers only. Rolland Toenges, 952 938-6200 or rptoenges@aol.com

For Sale: 1987 Lincoln Formal Town Car. Retractable convertible top over driver's compartment, division window, TV, bar, many amenities for the three rear passengers seated on blue leather interior. Less than seven



thousand miles on this two tone blue 20 inch stretch luxury Lincoln built by Cameo Coach. Pre Hemming's price for Northstar Lincoln members, \$9987. Francis Kalvoda, Willmar MN 320-235-5777, fjk@charter.net.



Ken Sampson is offering two cars for sale.

1948 Continental Cabriolet RestoMod. Needs to be finished. Steve Kastl was the former owner-builder, who passed away a few years ago. The car features a Cadillac 500 V8 with a TH400 transmission. Many more changes. This is a well-built car and runs out very well. \$9950/best offer.

1983 Mark VI. Dark Walnut color, saddle tan velour interior. Exceptionally clean, never out during the winter months, only driven during summer months. No rust ever. Maintenance records available. This is a nice running car that needs nothing but a new owner. \$4,450/best offer. Contact Ken at 612.418.4047



What was it? North Star Member Tom St. Martin was the first to get the answer to the editor. It is the sun god RA and graces the top of the hood of a 28 Stutz SV16 and DV32 Models. It's use continued through the early 1930's on this classic car. Look for a new What Is It in the January issue.

You May Be Interested in these Items for Sale

The space on these two pages is provided as a service to our readers who wish to place ads for automobiles, parts and other treasured parts that they wish to find new homes for. In an effort to keep our pages fresh, we will publish your ad for a period of three (3) months.

After that period of time, we will delete it unless we hear from you that you wish to have it continue for another three issues.



Mark VIII file photo

For Sale: 1998 Mark VIII, 65K miles, no winters, Bright Toreador Red Metallic, light tan leather, ready to enjoy and show, \$9500. Charles Hanson, 320-596-2210.

For Sale: 1948 Lincoln Continental Coupe. Rebuilt and balanced V12 engine. New dark green paint. All chrome replated. New tires. New brakes and exhaust system Radiator and gas tank reconditioned. Trunk carpeted. The Lincoln has a good working overdrive unit and runs and drives as new. Lots of extra parts with car. \$14,000.

Call Ted Anderson at 763.561.8143



Northstar Region grille badges are now available. To obtain yours, contact Harvey Oberg at 651.739.9754

For Sale: 1968 Lincoln Continental 4 dr Sedan. Green with green cloth interior and nice green vinyl top. Needs engine work and TLC. Stored in my garage for years. Bring a trailer and \$1500. Bob Schmidt, Willmar, 320-235-4106



For Sale - 1989 Lincoln Signature Series Town Car. Well equipped with all available accessories including sunroof. Spotless leather interior, 70,000 miles. Never driven in winter. Asking \$7,500, but wants to sell and is open to offers. Contact Skip Nolan at 320.260.7547 This is a great car for shows and tours. Call Skip Today!



Preview of Coming Events

- December There are no North Star events/activities planned for December. Please set aside some time to spend with old friends and relatives and enjoy the festivities of the holiday season. While our classic cars are important, there are other things, especially at this time of year that truly deserve your undivided attention.
- January **Sunday Brunch, Roasted Pear, Brooklyn Park, January 10th** at 11:30 AM
North Star *board meeting at 10:30 AM*
2016 LCOC National Board meeting, Tampa, Florida, January 13- 16
- February **CCCA Potluck/Auction, Firefighters Museum**, 664 22 Avenue NE, in Minneapolis on Saturday, (***Date to be determined***) at 5:00 PM. *Board Meeting at 4:00PM*
- March To be determined. See future newsletters.
- April To be determined. See future newsletters.
- May **8th Annual Memorial Day weekend car show, Saturday, May 28.**
Morries Ford Lincoln, Minnetonka, MN 10:00AM to 2:00PM
Board meeting at 1:00 PM
- June **LCOC Mid America National Meet, June 16-20, 2016**, at Dayton Ohio
- July **Out State Lincoln Car Show** Location and date open. We are open to suggestions, let us know your preferences.
- August **Lincoln Motor Car Museum, Second Annual Lincoln Homecoming**, Hickory Corners, Michigan. **August 10-14, 2016**, all Lincoln owners Ford Mercury and Edsel Owners are invited to participate. Hosted by the Road Race Lincoln Club.
Maple Grove Days Car Show, Saturday, August 20. 2016
- September **9th Annual Luther North Country Lincoln Car Show, Saturday, September 10, 10 to 2 PM.**
LCOC Western National Meet, September 14-18, 2016, Denver, Colorado, Hosted by the Rocky Mountain Region.

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North Star Activities



Get 2016 off to a good start.
Join your North Star family for the first brunch of
the New Year, Sunday, January 10, 2016.

Roasted Pear, 9690 Colorado Lane,
Brooklyn Park.

Join us Sunday, January 10, at 11:30AM at the Roasted Pear for our first North Star event of 2016. Meet with your friends and talk about what an exciting year 2015 was and what will happen in 2016. North Star calendars will be given out to those members who did not receive theirs at the November brunch. Come and talk with your board members and offer suggestions for 2016. Door prizes for those who attend. Please RSVP by January 6th to Jay White, 952.432.5939, email: jay@jwhiteandassoc.com

North Star board meeting to be held before the brunch at 10:30am.



Upper Midwest Region of the Classic Car Club of America

POT LUCK DINNER & AUCTION

Planned for February, 2016, Date to be announced
in our next issue. Keep watching this space for
more details on the exact date.

To be held at the
Firefighter's Museum, 664 22nd Ave. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

WELCOME LCOC MEMBERS and FRIENDS!

AUCTION INFO: Please bring quality auto-related items (parts, literature, toy cars, auto-related collectibles, etc.) to donate for the auction. Auction proceeds will be split with the Lincoln Club.