

## My Pride and Joy

This past winter many of us in the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club have received information from Charlie Berry regarding real estate opportunities in the Naples, Florida area. Charlie, a long time LCOC club member and former Northstar Club member left Apple Valley and relocated to Naples, Florida where the warmer climate lets him enjoy this great looking 1954 Capri year around.

We recently emailed Charlie and asked him to tell us a little about his Capri. I had known that he had this car for a while, but I did not know all of the particulars. Here is his story about the Capri Convertible.

The vehicle was acquired in December 1965, in Meriden, CT, when he was living in central CT. It had sat on a local car dealers' lot as a

used car for many months. I tried to swap my 1959 Ford for it, but the dealer wasn't interested in that trade unless I had \$\$ to go with it. I used to drive



original item left on the car. It hurts to think of all the stuff that has been done over the years to this car. Wire wheels have been added, otherwise the car has a stock appearance.

over there on Sundays and genuflect in front of it. One Sunday I was T-boned (broadside collision) by some girls who ran a stop sign in front of me. The '59 Ford was totaled and I received a \$500 settlement check for it. Then the other insurance company came calling to get me to sign a release. I was still seeing a doctor for nose and neck injuries. I said that about \$500 would do it. So now I had a \$1,000. I went immediately to

the dealer and bought the '54 for \$850. I have owned it ever since.

Over time, I have had the car repainted twice. The seats have also been re-upholstered, and all chrome has been replated. The stainless steel trim has also been removed and polished. All of the rubber parts and seals have been replaced. The engine has been rebuilt as has the transmission. The convertible top has been replaced once, in 1983.

Additionally, the trunk lining has been replaced, the power antenna rebuilt along with the radio and windshield wiper motor. The radiator and power steering have also been reconditioned. (Charlie reports that the power steering was a nightmare to do) The steering wheel has also been recast. The door panels are about the only

We want to thank Charlie for sharing this information about his splendid 1954 Capri. He intends to be at Dearborn this June. If you see him, say hello.

Also if you are interested in spending winters in the Naples, Florida, contact Charlie at 800-982-8079, X268. He will help find a winter home for you and a garage for all of your Lincolns.

*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.*

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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 I 494 in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.

## Summertime Cruising Fun.....

Be Bop Cruisers Wed Night Cruise  
Bridgeman's, 6201 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center.

Cannon Cruisers Car Club Friday Night Cruises,  
Grandpa's Garage, Hwy 52 South of Cannon Falls, MN

North St. Paul History Cruise, Friday nights, June 13th –  
September 12th Downtown North St. Paul, MN

Northwest Metro Culver's Cruise, 3rd Wednesday of the  
month, 5:00-9:00, Culver's Restaurant, Buffalo, MN

Northwest Metro Denny's Classic Diner Cruise, 4th  
Wednesday of the month, Denney's Classic Diner, Rogers,  
MN.

Downtown St. Paul, Kellogg Street, Saturday nights, June  
through September. 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Older cars up  
to and including 1965 models. Great way to spend a Sat-  
urday evening.

June 1st, July 12th, and September 14th,  
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (All Sundays)  
Car Show at Wally's Roast Beef in Bloomington, 2113

West 90th. Bring your car and have one of Wally's great roast  
beef sandwiches. Wally's also has great burgers and malts.

Monthly Cruise-In—Forest Lake  
3rd Wednesday of every month, May 21st through September  
17th. Wal-Mart parking lot in Forest Lake, MN.

Let us know of any event held on a regular basis throughout the  
summer months. We will put in the Northstar News.

### Don't Forget.....

The Rochester Road Trip, July 19th, leaving the Twin Cities at  
8:30 AM. See the great Fred Tracles Antique Car Collection.  
More in the July issue.

Our 1st Annual Out State Car Show at Mills Motors in Baxter,  
Minnesota. Baxter is right next to Brainerd. 10:00 AM to 3:00  
PM. See back page for more details. Motel rooms have been  
booked for Friday and Saturday nights at the Country Inn and  
Suites in Baxter. 218-828-2161 and will be held for the North-  
star LCOC until July 1st. If you are planning to go and stay  
overnight, reserve your room now. This show promises to be a  
lot of fun.

Trivia from the Internet.

### More on Edsel Ford

*History points out that Edsel long suffered at the hands of his father, Henry. Frustration and suppressed anger make a poor recipe for good health and long life. Not surprisingly, Edsel fell victim to ulcers. Early in 1942, he underwent abdominal surgery. Ten months later, he was hospitalized again, this time for Undulant Fever. Eventually the doctors discovered that his ulcers had become cancerous, and his condition was deemed inoperable. He was sent home to die.*

*Henry Ford refused to admit the truth about his son's condition. "It was all due to Edsel's high flying lifestyle" he said. "If Edsel would stop smoking or eat a proper diet, or go see other doctors, his health should improve". On May 26th, 1943, in the early morning Edsel Ford died at a early age of 49.*

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## Editors Message

Less than two weeks ago, we had our 4<sup>th</sup> annual All Lincoln show at Whitaker Lincoln Mercury in Inver Grove Heights. The weather was absolutely beautiful, with clear, sunny skies and perfect temperatures. This was a one hundred percent improvement over last year which was on the cold and windy side, with rain threatening most of the day.

The club members turned out with their finest, fielding 42 cars nicely displayed on Whitakers new car sales lot. Included in the 42 were many first timers and a few brought by non-club members. We were all thrilled to see Tom Brace's 1937 K Sedan, fresh from restoration. Gerry Rosenwinkel came to the show with his 1957 Premiere convertible, purchased new by him from Capitol Lincoln-Mercury. Few of our members can say that they have owned their cars continuously for 46 years! We had cars spanning 7 decades of Lincoln Production....from Tom Brace's and Tim Purvis's 37 K's to Jack Caldwell's 1996 low mileage Town Car. (By the way, this very fine Town Car is for sale, please contact Bob Johnson or me for further information.) Every car there was a winner, unique in their own right and beloved by their owners. Thanks to all of the members for coming out with their cars and helping the club make this show a success.

We also want to thank Chuck Whitaker for providing the club with such a nice venue for our show. Chuck provided lunch for the attendees and some prizes that were awarded at the end of the show. We all look forward to coming back again next year.

While we all would like to own one of the great K's from the thirties, this is often difficult to achieve. There are not a lot of them around, and many of these highly desirable Lincolns are beyond the budget that most of us have to dedicate to the hobby. Not to worry, there are still great cars out there that are relatively affordable. There are sedans from the '40s and '50's., Continentals from the '60's (4 doors and Convertibles), and Marks (III, IV, V, VI, VII) that most of us can purchase without selling the family silver to pay for them. Many of these cars you

can buy, drive for a while, and if you want to sell, you should be able to at least break even on your purchase. Maybe even do as good financially as if you had placed the money in a CD or in a dot.com stock. And when is the last time you had any fun taking your CD to a car show or down to Kellogg Boulevard on a Saturday night. As I have stressed many times in the past, the hobby is all about having fun, even if it is just taking your favorite Lincoln out of the garage and cruising down to the Dairy Queen on a Saturday afternoon. For most of us this is not a business, but a hobby, and it should remain fun.

For those of you that are attending the events in Dearborn, try for the trophies, but most of all have a good time, enjoy yourselves and the company of other fine Lincoln owners.

'Till next month.....

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## Ford Celebrates 100 years....

Ford is commemorating one of the 20th century's most fascinating business stories with the approach of its 100th anniversary on June 16th. From its humble beginnings in a converted Detroit wagon shop and \$28,000 in cash, Ford Motor Company grew to put the world on wheels with the Model T and today is a global network of manufacturing plants and dealerships in more than 200 markets on six continents.

Come to the Ford Dearborn proving grounds during the celebration and see some of the Ford airplanes that started the commercial aviation industry, including the famous Ford Tri-Motor. You can view the airplane hangar and runway used by Charles Lindberg during his tenure as Ford Motor Company's Chief Test Pilot. Also learn about Ford's role in America's victory in WW II, including production of the Ford B-24 Liberator so instrumental in the effort over Europe. Take home a photograph of you and your family superimposed with one of these famous airplanes to commemorate your visit to this historic Ford Motor Company site.

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*This story might have had a different ending if Edsel had been able to stand up to his stubborn father, demanding that he be allowed to run the Company without interference. But Edsel was Edsel, putting the feelings of others before his own.*

*Edsel did make an impact during his short life, though:*

*For years Edsel Ford was one of the largest donors to the Detroit Community fund.*

*A talented landscape artist in his own right, Edsel served for many years as President of the Detroit Arts Commission.*

*It was Edsel who influenced his father to take over the bankrupt Lincoln Motor Company, saving one great car from the fate of so many during the '30's.*

*Edsel was the kind of parent who always was there, sharing the joys and*

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## Monthly Director's Meeting

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 10, 2003

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury. Board members present were Dave Gustafson, Bob Gavrilesu, Jay White, Tim Purvis, Bob Johnson, Harvey Oberg and Roger Wothe. Other club members present were Ray Nelson, Jim Jacobsen, Gaye Purvis, Brian Carlson and Faye Oberg. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda for this meeting were approved.

### DIRECTORS REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson announced that the June meeting will be moved back one week to June 19th, because of the conflict with the Ford Centennial event at Dearborn. The annual show at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury will be Saturday, May 17th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. All participants will receive a dash plaque and will be eligible for door prizes. Chuck Whitaker will again be the chef, preparing lunch for everyone. There will be trophies for the Lincoln being driven the longest distance and for the Best of Show.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported that the treasury balance was \$5,068.03 with all bills paid.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson reported that there are now one hundred six dues paying members. Four past members have not renewed. Dave is still looking for some "My Pride and Joy" articles from the membership. He will take them in any form and will help with the editing. The directory is still in process and will be ready for printing soon.

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

Activities Director Jay White reported that the club activities this year have averaged over forty members participating in each event. A road trip to Rochester is planned for Saturday 19 July and a Brainerd show on Saturday 23 August. There will continue to be an on-the-street car show every Saturday evening from 31 May through 27 September on Kellogg Boulevard in St. Paul. All 1965 and older cars are welcome. If you participate as part of a club, there is no restriction on the age of the car. A list of club members attending the Ford Centennial in Dearborn was furnished by the national LCOC. Those signed up to attend are: Tim and Gaye Purvis, Bob and Avis Bliss, Bob and Mary Johnson, Tom Brace, Bob Gavrilesu, Jay and Carol White, Larry and Jack Swenson, Harvey and Faye Oberg, Brian Carlson, John Zwinger, Roger and Barb Wothe, Jack and Julia Vanatta, Ray and Jeanine Nelson, Lloyd and June Pearson, Gordy Jensen, Gary Arneson, Jeff and Jaci Eisenberg, Richard and Clarice Herman and Francis Kalvoda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM. The next meeting will be at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury on Thursday **June 19th**, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

## The Club Needs Your Help.

We are always in need of articles for the newsletter. Write about your favorite car, write about a fun car show, someone *please* write about the Dearborn experience coming up. Those of us who will be staying home will enjoy a first hand report and some pictures.

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problems of his children. Edsel's final irony was the fact that the car that was intended by his family to do him honor turned out to be unsuccessful in the marketplace. And, yes, on his father. In the end, it was Edsel who persuaded the old man to replace the model "T", to mechanize his windshield wipers, to adopt-finally-hydraulic brakes, to engage in some semblance of long range planning and to make peace with organized labor.

Edsel was responsible for many good things in the Company's history- Insistence on verve and dash in product styling, on a reliable and safer product, on fair and courteous relationships with dealers and the public. He possessed an unquenchable sense of fitness, an insistence on doing the right thing. Without him, the Company might never have attained the solid image it is today. He did all the essential things that Henry refused to do and consequently held the Company together during several crises periods in the 1930's.

## Directors Message

By Bob Johnson

Summer arrived on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Whitaker Classic Lincoln Car Show. The day was just beautiful, and the Lincolns were fantastic. We had 42 cars displayed, the oldest was Tim & Gaye Purvis's 1937 K Roadster, Tom Brace's 1937 K two window sedan to the newest Jack Caldwell's 1996 Town Car (car is for sale, 22,000 miles, Jacks phone number is 612-869-7279). 20 first time cars were shown at this car show that is over 65 % new from last years show. We had 12 new or prospective members display cars for the first time.

For the people that left early they missed seeing Tom Braces 1937 Lincoln K Two Window Sedan that he brought at 2:00 PM. The variety and beauty of these cars was worth spending the day just to see them. Two 1954 Lincolns caught my eye, to see one is great but to see two at the same show was awesome. The 1954s belonged to Rick Bauer, Eagan, and Joe Garcia, St Paul.

Richard Magner won the Peoples Choice Award with his 1960 Lincoln Mark V Landau. Dick Jarvi from Owatonna, Minnesota, won the Long Distance Award. Dave Gustafson won the top door prize, a Lincoln quartz wrist watch, and 8 Lincoln baseball caps were given away.

Chuck Whitaker placed several ads in the St Paul and Minneapolis newspapers and donated some door prizes. The dealership provided a BBQ lunch, Chuck did the grilling. Thank you Chuck, it was a great event.

It is definitely car show season, May, Whitaker Car Show; June, 50 Year LCOC Anniversary Show, at Dearborn; August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Out State Lincoln Mills Car Show at Baxter. Region members attending Dearborn meet are listed in Board Meeting Minutes, our region will have

great representation. Our June Board Meeting will be moved out one week to June 19<sup>th</sup>, due to almost everyone being at Dearborn.

Our next region event is on July 19<sup>th</sup>, Road trip 8:30AM to Rochester, Mn. to view Fred Tracles antique car collection. Fred has 1917 Locomobile, 4 door dual windshield phaeton, 1914 Model T, red and black speedster, 1915 Brewster Knight and 1931 Buick 96S Roadmaster. Trip details in next newsletter.

There were major problems with renewals during the past four months at the old LCOC membership office and many of our members have had problems. If you are having problems, please call the new membership office, (Mark Wheeler is the new manager), and he will get your membership straightened out. His phone number is 763-420-7829, here in Minnesota.

Only three months to our next car show. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Out State Classic Lincoln Car Show will be held at Mills Motors Inc, Baxter Mn(Brainerd), on Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003, 10:00AM to 3:00PM. If you want to stay in Baxter, rooms are being held (Friday and Saturday) for us at Country Inn and Suites, just across street from Mills Motors. Call 1-218-828-2161 for reservations: tell them you are with the Northstar Lincoln club. These rooms will be held for us until July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Remember we do have our own web site, [www.northstarlcoc.org](http://www.northstarlcoc.org), please check it out. I think Dave Gustafson has done a great job getting it started.

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



## *Northstar Region's Fourth Annual Whitaker All Lincoln Show*

*By B. Mitchell Carlson*

Now in its fourth year, the Northstar Region's annual car show at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota set a new benchmark for success.

Thanks in no small part to a wonderfully sunny 85 degree day on May 17th, we had a record turnout of 42 cars (over a dozen more than last year's event) Those cars also covered the gamut of Lincoln production, ranging from Tom Brace's recently restored 1937 K Town Sedan, to Jim French's 1993 Mark VIII. In fact, we had at least one representative from each of the Mark series of Continentals, let alone four representatives of the original Continental series. As this event is open to all Lincoln owners, and not just LCOC members, the region gained six new exhibitors this year during the show.

Not only was this event a good reason to get the Lincoln's out (in some cases for the first time this year), it allowed us those of us going to the LCOC Mid-America Meet in less than a month, to compare notes. The LCOC Mid-America will be held concurrent with the Ford Centennial in Dearborn, Michigan.

Apart from the obvious generosity of providing the location for the show, the staff at Whitaker furnished even more hospitality by having a cookout for the club members in attendance.

The Long Distance award went to Dick Jarvi for driving his 1979 Town Car, and the people's choice "Best of Show" to Dick Magner for his 1960 Mark V four door hardtop.

The members would like to thank Chuck Whitaker and all of his staff for not only once again hosting this event, but also making us all feel most welcome.



Shown above is Tom Brace's recently restored 1937 K sedan. A beautiful car from any angle.



Above, Jeff Eisenberg's properly restored 1956 Mark II. A favorite at every show.



Above, Dick Serwat's dark green 1967 Continental Convertible. Dick calls it a "work in progress". Not far from completion, it will be a great car. Dick is from West St. Paul, and we hope a new member to the Northstar Region.



Gary Rosenwinkel purchased this 1957 Premiere convertible new from Capitol Lincoln-Mercury in St. Paul. A very well preserved original car, it would be welcomed in any members garage. We all would like to see more of it at future events.

*Still More Trivia..*

*1903, Henry Ford founded the Ford Motor Company. Orville Wright makes first controlled, powered flight at Kitty Hawk, NC.*

*1909, Henry and Edsel Ford help Charles Van Auken build a primitive monoplane powered by a Model T engine.*

*WWI, Ford mass-produces the American-designed "Liberty" aircraft engine and develops engines for the Kettering "Bug", America's first guided Missile.*

*1923, Edsel Ford invests in the Stout Metal Airplane Company, formed to design and build the first commercial all-metal airplane in the US.*

*1926, Ford builds the first of 196 Tri-Motor Airplanes, which are later used by America's first commercial airlines.*

*1927, Charles Lindberg takes Henry Ford on his first airplane ride and becomes Ford Motor Company's*

## Great Cars For Sale....Books Too.

### Books.....

Large collection of 132 books covering 25 years of collecting. Classic car books and general car books for sale as one unit. Many are now out of print and rare. No manuals. Priced at 2,495.00 plus shipping. Send \$2.00 for a seven page list. Contact Harvey Oberg, 6738 Buckingham Bay, Woodbury, MN 55125. Phone 651-739-9754. Here is your chance to build a fine library.

### Cars...

1977 Lincoln Continental Town Coupe All electrics in working condition. Air Conditioner works excellent. Leather interior in good condition. Rebuild 400 cu inch long block, with about 10,000 miles on motor. You will enjoy driving this car. Fairly priced at \$6,600, but open to offers. Call Robert Kilman, Jr., at 320-982-3088 for more information.

1983 Lincoln Mark VI four door. White with white top and white leather interior. All options except a sunroof. 302 cubic inch engine with automatic. The car was purchased in Florida in 1995 with 105,000 miles and has been driven only 3,000 miles in the last seven years. The car is in excellent condition. Please call Paul Pedersen at 952-473-1386 or cell phone 612-670-3547. A chance to own tomorrows collectable at today's prices.

1975 Mark IV, \$2,500. Car in very good condition, looks like it has 68,000 actual miles. Silver paint, gray cloth seats. Front seat needs recovering. Contact John Wackerfuss, Wackerfuss Auto Sales, Cumberland, Wisconsin. 715-822-2930.

1978 Mark V Diamond Jubilee. This ve-

hicle has never seen snow and is very clean. All options including 460 power and MOON ROOF, CB radio. Finished in stunning blue. Fairly priced at \$4,800, will listen to offers. Call Mike Doran at 952-926-5841 today.

1985 Lincoln Continental, Valentino series. Very nice, no rust. Car has been kept inside and looks very good, both inside and out. Equipped with usual Continental equipment. Another Lincoln fairly priced at \$4,000. Call Ralph Engelhardt at 651-227-6277. Here is a chance to own a great car at a reasonable price.

1949 Lincoln Cosmopolitan. Four door, complete car. Equipped with three speed overdrive. New brake system, lines, shoes, master cylinder, wheel cylinders, gas line, and battery. Runs well, with most of the hard work completed. \$1,500. Call Mel Krugerud at 763-784-4092.

1967 Ford Galaxie 500 2 door HT. Green with black painted top. 289 V8 with automatic. Restored as new both inside and out. This is a beautiful car and would look great in your garage parked next to a Lincoln. This is a two owner car. Contact Dick Herman 507-283-2412 or email dick@hermanmotor.com. Dick Herman, 1303 Northview Drive, Luverne, Mn 55156. Better yet, call Dick and drive over to Luverne and take a look. It's a nice drive even if you don't buy the car.

1996 Town Car, Presidential Series. 22,000 actual one owner miles. Top of the line model, well equipped with all of the fine Lincoln amenities. This car is in spotless condition inside and out. Jack Caldwell brought it to the Whitaker show on May 17th, and is now offering it for sale. Call him at 612-869-7279. This car is as good as new.

# *Preview of Coming Attractions*

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

## June

June 1st. 20th Annual Spring All Ford Show & Swap, Apple Valley Ford.

June 1st. 24th Annual all ford Picnic and No trophy car show, Twin Cities Ford Assembly Plant, Highland Park, St. Paul, MN

June 19th THIS MONTH ONLY, BOARD MEETING JUNE 19TH. 7:00PM WHITAKER L/M

June 20-22 Back to the Fifties weekend, State Fairgrounds.

June 28th. Two Harbors 3rd Annual All Ford Powered Car Show, Two Harbors, MN

## July

Downtown St. Paul on Kellogg Boulevard Date to be determined.

July 12th. 15th Annual Lakeville Pan-O-Prog Car show, Lakeville, MN.

July 19th Road trip to Rochester, Minnesota to view Fred Tracles antique car collection. Unique cars including a 1917 Locomobile, dual phaeton, 1914 Model T speedster, 1915 Brewster Knight and a 1931 Buick 96S Roadmaster. More detail in July Newsletter.

## August

August 23 Mills Motors in Brainerd, our first Annual Out State All Lincoln car show. Mills Motors, Baxter, Minnesota 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Free food by Mills Motors, Free Dash Plaques. No entrance fee. Hotel reservations for Friday and or Saturday night, Call Country Inn and Suites across from Mills Motors. 218-828-2161 for reservations by July 1st. Mention Northstar Lincoln Club.

## September

Annual Picnic....September 28th Where has the summer gone....

## October

Event in planning stage

## November

Event in planning stage

If you have any ideas for future club activities, please let your board members know, or call or email Jay White. We welcome your suggestions for future events.