

## My Pride and Joy....

By Steven Young..

I am a proud owner of a 1968-69 Mark III. I have been in the past years a National LCOC Member since 1986, the very same year I set my eyes on my dream car at a used car dealership in Denver, Colorado while stationed there in the Army. Money changed hands, and it was mine.

I then served overseas in South Korea in the cold war zone for Uncle Sam. My Lincoln remained in Wisconsin in storage during those years in a turkey barn and wood squirrels gnawed the wiring harness bare to the firewall. Little by little since 1989, I have been restoring her as my classic auto project as I am able to afford to. I have had the motor rebuilt and the transmission as well by Ford specialists. I had a Maco repaint (black) over the original teal color, and placed a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the primary in 1999 in Dallas. In 2000, I drove it to St. Louis to

the National Midwest meet. In 1996, I was a Judge at the Plymouth, Minnesota Mid-America, and was entered in the primary with her.

Since those years I have been saving up my shekels and decided I would drive to the Western National Meet in Seattle, Washington this past August. In the mechanical judging, I did not do as well as in the past, so again I found out that I need to continue doing restoration work. After church service and fellow member's prayers for my journey, I got started on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>, leaving Somerset and Houlton, Wisconsin. I reached Fargo, ND on the first leg. That afternoon, I was able to tell that the engine would take me just as far as my heart desired, and I knew I would make it and reach my destination to the West coast. My 445 horsepower with an enlarged crankshaft and stroke was per-

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Steven Young's much loved Mark III

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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forming magnificently. Bruce, my mechanic, at the Country Y garage had looked it over for the trip and installed a set of new points and bled the brakes.

At my age of fifty-seven, I realized that 300-350 miles a day of driving was probably about my limit. On Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup>, after driving through four states, I had one of the biggest scares of my life near Spokane, Washington. The left rear wheel tire suddenly blew out and smoke, fire and flames bellowed from the rear of the car. My prayers were answered when a kind Samaritan from Idaho, stopped and helped me get the wheel off quickly and put out the fire with water from a tank he had in the back of his pick-up truck. I told this gentleman that he had saved my car from disaster and how grateful I was to him. The stranger would not accept any money but did offer to drive me for an ice cream cone. It was then that I realized I had forgotten my fire extinguisher back home in Wisconsin. Because of this occurrence, I was one day late on my arrival at the meet in Seattle

and so I missed the Harold LeMay Auto Museum Tour.

While at the Meet, I met some friendly LCOC members and enjoyed the old steamboat ride on the water the next day. At the awards banquet, I was given the longest drive plaque. On Sunday, the final day of the Meet, we drove to a private auto museum in Bellevue to see some Lincolns and Fords. They were in immaculate condition. There the photographer from California snapped my picture with my longest drive award standing by the door of my Continental. The museum owner was a very friendly gentleman and we enjoyed a long conversation about baseball and his sports memorabilia collection in a glass case. He told me he once played ball on the Seattle Pilots team at second base. They became the Milwaukee Brewers in 1969 and he jokingly accused me of stealing their baseball team. I also am a sports collector of cards, balls, etc.

I then struck out on my trip back that evening, and reached the Mt Saint Helens region in Southern Washington for the night. The next morning I hadn't trav-

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*Trivia from the Internet*



CHARLES  
GOODYEAR

*The story of Charles Goodyear and Vulcanized Rubber...*

*Through years of research and a single stroke of luck, Charles Goodyear saved the doomed rubber industry by inventing a process that made the material durable and resilient enough for industrial use.*

*Goodyear was born in 1800 in New Haven, Connecticut, the son of a hardware store owner. When his father's business*

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*Editors Message*

*January 2008*

We hope that you had a very fine holiday season and that you still had some energy left to ring in the New Year.

Your NorthStar Board of Directors worked overtime to continue the time consuming planning process for our Mid-America Meet that our Region will be hosting in June of 2008. We have put together a packet of information which may be obtained by contacting our Meet Registrar, Roger Wothe, 133 Grove Lane, Wayzata, MN 55391-1618 or by email: [rwothe@mchsi.com](mailto:rwothe@mchsi.com). It is also

available for downloading at our website, [northstarlcc.org](http://northstarlcc.org) and click on the "button" labeled 2008 meet information. We have a lot of activities lined up to keep you busy from early morning to bedtime. Come a few days early and take in some of the many attractions that Duluth offers. I spent the first 25 years of my life in Duluth and I can assure you that you will not be disappointed in your visit to the "air-conditioned" city of the North. With temperatures expected to be in the mid-70's, it should be a welcome relief to those coming from warmer climes. Our host hotel, "The Inn on Lake Superior" is as its name implies. Quite probably, the premier place to stay, it features magnificent views of the largest freshwater body of water in the world. The accommodations and service are positively first class. If you can attend only one LCOC meet in the next five years, this should be the one.

Elsewhere in this issue, we included an article by Mark Phelan of the Detroit Free Press. It is a review of a book about how Detroit's many industries contributed to the war efforts for both the First and Second

World Wars. We have essentially lost our capability to produce steel in any meaningful quantities; our automotive manufacturers are now down to the "not so big" three, Ford, General Motors and Chrysler. None of them are in really sound financial condition. Chrysler is now owned by investment bankers, who will wait for the right time and then sell off bits and pieces of the once proud car and truck maker. What will happen to his country if we ever have to go to war again, a real one, where we burn through lots of tanks, planes, and ships over

a long period of time. With much of our industrial capability going overseas, our dependable supply of war material is at risk. Perhaps we should consider that the next time we purchase a foreign automobile. Most young people believe we will never be at risk for conflicts of that proportion again.

Many folks thought that about both WW1 and WW2, fortunately, we managed to convert

our industries to the war effort and in time all was well again. Kind of makes you wonder how we will ever be able to get Microsoft and Google to build Jeeps, Tanks and airplanes.

We thank Steven Young for sharing his adventures with his Mark III. It is obvious that he really loves his Mark. It has given him good service and lots of fun over the years. And that is what is our hobby is about - doing things that are fun and give us personal satisfaction.

Remember there are only about 90 days till spring, and the days are getting longer.

Till next month.. David, Marion and Faithie



Faithie, whose ancestors came from Northernmost Russia, is the only one at 308 Brandywine who really loves the snow.

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failed in 1830, Goodyear decided to seek his fortune in the new field of rubber products. Natural rubber (also known as "India rubber" or "caoutchouc") is a milky sap that can be drained from a variety of tropical trees. After being coagulated with acid, it remains pliant, soft, and sticky. In the first quarter of the 19th century, dozens of American entrepreneurs with "rubber fever" imported the substance (mainly from Brazil) and opened factories to produce rubber products such as baggage and life preservers.

In 1830, Goodyear presented a unique life preserver air valve he had invented to the manager of a rubber deal-

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## Directors Message by Bob Johnson January 2008



Mary and I, hope that you all had a joyous Christmas, and will have a great new year ahead. This was the first year that we did not

make our annual Christmas trip to Iowa, but stayed home here in Shafer. Winter is here, no one was worried about a White Christmas, it was white and it was like the days I remember when I was young. It was a wonderful time to enjoy family and friends.

As I write this column, I'm thinking back over 2007 what a special yet sad year it was. The passing of our special members Arden "Skip" King, Austin; Bob Bjorndahl, Mah-tomedi; Lee Bundgaard, Breezy Point; and Tim Purvis, Cottage Grove; really brings home the fact how fast our lives can change. For a New Year resolution, please remember to take the time to call that someone special be it family or friend.

Being your Region Director has enabled me to meet so many great people, and more importantly make so many special friends. It has been an honor to serve as your Regional Director and work with a great team of board members, who put forth such a great effort to make our region so special. I am again honored to be elected your Region Director for 2008. You, the members are the North Star Region and your efforts have made this such a wonderful organization.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help or host our activities. We thank all long time members for your continuing support; new members we welcome you to the Lincoln hobby and hope that you have had a fun time at our events and hope you will make new friendships that will last a life time. Please volunteer to help at our activities, remember this North Star Region is what you have made it.

Our calling committee for monthly activities needs new volunteers, we need your help. You would be given about 6 to 8 member names to call before each month's activity to remind them and see if they will attend. This is a way to bring a personal touch by calling selected region members that you may not have met. Please help us with this task, call me at 651-257-1715.

Our first activity for 2008 will be a Sunday Brunch, Tinucci's, 396 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Newport, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM. We will have a private room that we want to fill, so please attend, come and join us for fun and fine food. RSVP to Bob Johnson, 651-257-1715 by Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. A RSVP is a courtesy for the restaurant so they know how many to expect, if you can't RSVP you still can attend as there should be plenty of room.

Dave Gustafson will be sending out Region Membership renewals the middle of January, please help him with this task by promptly returning your Region dues of \$20.00, for 2008.

**It is time for our annual appeal**, not for money, but for your time to write a "My Pride and Joy Article" about your favorite Lincoln. Please take some time to tell everyone about your Lincoln/s and what you enjoy about them. Your articles are so special that many of them have been reprinted in our national club magazine, Lincoln and Continental Comments.

The "Destination Duluth", Mid America National Meet Registration forms are ready, and will be sent out in January to all North Star Region Members. Please register early to help us with our planning and final preparation.

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



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ership in Philadelphia.

*The company was not interested in Goodyear's device, and in fact regretted ever entering the industry: the unusually hot summer had melted their inventory into a reeking, worthless paste. Melting was not the only shortcoming of natural rubber. Cold made it stiffen and crack; and even at room temperature it was too soft to keep its shape and tended to stick to everything it touched.*

*Goodyear, who was by then obsessed with rubber, was not discouraged. He began experimenting, mixing dry powders into the rubber in order to make it less soft and sticky. Goodyear made some progress, but no money: his fam-*

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## 2007 - The North Star Region Year in Review.

### Our Pride and Joy Contributors

**January**, Bob Jensen and Mary Ann Sarauer, St Paul, Maroon, 1965 Continental Sedan.

**February**, Tim Behr, Spring Valley, WI, White 1972 Mark IV

**March**, Francis Kalvoda, Willmar, Silver and Gray 1977 Versailles.

**April**, Charlie Hanson, Correll, Red and Black 1952 Capri

**May**, James and Nancy Dowding, Rapid City, SD, White, 1979 Town Car

**June**, Ray and Arlene Schmit, St Cloud, Black, 1938 Ford Sedan

**July**, Bob and Mary Johnson, Shafer, Black, 1989 Mk VII Convertible

**August**, Tom and Gunta Brace, 1937 Model K in restoration

**September**, Bill and Kathryn Holaday, Monticello, White, 1959 Landau 4 Door

**October**, Bob Gavrilesu, St Paul, 1947 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet

**November**, Bruce and Pam Wylie, Lake Elmo, Yellow 1957 Premiere Convertible

**December**, Tim Purvis, Cottage Grove, Coronation Buff, 1937 Model K Lebaron Roadster.

### Annual North Star Region Picnic

**Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>**, Morrie Wagener's, training/meeting center, Long Lake, hosted by Roger and Barb Wothe. We were able to meet Morrie, see his great car collection, enjoy his hospitality, and beautiful facility. Roger and Barb again cooked a wonderful meal with all the fixings, and we thank them for all their efforts. We had 75 to 80 people attend on a perfect sunny day. Ed Myhre's auctioneering skill, humor and Gladys Traficante bidding helped us gross over \$600 which covered the cost of the meal. Bruce Wylie won our door prize, a Lincoln wrist watch. It truly was a great day. The weather was just right, the food excellent and better yet, we were able to spend time with friends.

**Sunday Brunch**, Time to renew friend ships and enjoy fine food, our second passion after Lincolns

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**, Greenhaven Country Club, Anoka, 50 members packed our private dining room, a good way to start off 2007. Great food and the company of friends was even better. Our door prize, a Black Lincoln flag was won by Ed Haedtke

**February 17<sup>th</sup>**, Potluck and auction with CCCA at Dick Pellow's garage in St. Paul. About 40 to 50 very hardy people attended this cold February night. Ed Myhre entertained us with his auctioneering humor.

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**, Tinucci's Restaurant, Newport, 42 members enjoyed a new restaurant and were not disappointed. Ray Schmit took aim with his Town Car and could have provided a Turkey for our lunch, but it cost his grill.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>**, Majestic Oaks Restaurant, Anoka, we had 33 members attend and enjoy fine food and fellowship. Our door prizes two, "Destination Duluth" sweat shirts were won by Ed Myhre and Dick Serwat.

**August 19<sup>th</sup>**, Lafayette County Club, Lake Minnetonka, with the CCCA, After enjoying a marvelous lunch, Todd Warner tried to give rides on his 1937 55 foot Mahogany Commuter yacht. Over 70 people enjoyed lunch and at least half of them got soaked trying to get a boat ride.

**October 14<sup>th</sup>**, Leaf tour/brunch to Paradise Landing, Balsam Lake, WI, and 13 Lin-

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*ily nearly starved and he was jailed for his debts along the way. His first real breakthrough came in 1834, when he discovered that nitric acid made the rubber surface smooth, dry and non-sticky.*

*His improved rubber won Goodyear a contract from the US Post Office in Boston. But Goodyear's rubber mailbags also melted into a sticky mess when the weather got hot. Poor again, Goodyear kept working. His next breakthrough was to add sulfur to the rubber: this made the substance less sticky and more resistant to changes of temperature; but the rubber was still too soft.*

*In 1839, Goodyear visited a Woburn, Massachusetts general store, to sell his product there. When the locals laughed at him, he began gesturing wildly, with a lump*

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colns made the trip and we met another 6 cars who followed Bob and Nannette Roth, from Sun Ray Shopping Center. Twenty-six members enjoyed the great atmosphere and another great private dinning room. Our door prize was won by Tom Koop, a black Lincoln Flag. . Roger and Barb Wothe's 1942 Continental Cabriolet was the oldest car and the greatest attention getter, what a beautiful Lincoln. What a great day it was to be able to enjoy beautiful scenery, fine food, great friends, a fantastic restaurant, and so many Lincolns.

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**, Year End Brunch, at Al Bakers, Eagan, 46 people attended on a warm and sunny morning. Several members drove a great distance for a tasty brunch; John & Dorothy Palmer drove from Barnum, Roald & Rosalie Storvik drove from Austin and Paul and Deb Andahl drove 450 miles from Bismark, ND. Our door prizes were won by Floyd Homstad, a Lincoln Wrist Watch, and Richard Magnor, a Black Lincoln Flag.

### Caravan-Tour

Black Hills Over Drive Tour, June 8-10, our Region was invited to participate by Jim and Nancy Dowding, Rapid City, SD. Sadly only Ray and Jeanine Nelson, Princeton, made the trip from the North Star Region. They put on 1400 miles and spent \$448.00 on gas but said the trip was great. Jim and Nancy were extremely gracious hosts; it is just too bad we couldn't get more members to attend.

Quad cities tour Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> to Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, What a great trip Karl Flick planned, with Art Whitmire, Lake Shore Region, all the things to see and do when we got there. It was fun following Karl in his 1939 Zephyr 2door Coupe Sedan We saw three great car collections, visited a beautiful mansion, John Deere Exposition Center and topped it off with some good eating. We had 10 cars total from the two regions; it was fun and well worth the trip.

### North Star Region Lincoln Car Shows

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, 5th Annual Out State Lincoln Car Show, at Mills Motors, Ford Lincoln Mercury, Willmar. We had 25 beautiful Lincolns attend on a very nice day. Mills Motors and Francis Kalvoda, donated most of our door prizes. It was a great show. After the show our high light was we were able to view Francis Kalvoda's car collection and then gathered at New London A&W to cruise from back to Willmar, 115 cars went on 25 mile tour.

People Choice Awards for Best of Show:

- First Place –John and Dorothy Palmer, Barnum, White, 1976 Mark IV
  - Second Place –Howard and Myra Hermel, Lime Green, 1960 Continental Mk V 4door Sedan
  - Third Place – Ray and Jeanine Nelson, Princeton, Maroon, 1957 Mark II
- Long Distance Award – John and Dorothy Palmer, Barnum, White, 1976 Mark IV

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*of his rubber in his hand. By chance, some of the sample flew onto the hot surface of a potbellied stove in the room. Goodyear apologetically began to scrape the rubber off, and found that it had become remarkably tough.*

*This led to another five years of humble experiments in the Goodyear home. Again, the family starved, again the father was imprisoned for debt; and he was so sick that he nearly died. After heating his sulfur-fortified rubber by teakettle, oven and iron, Goodyear finally perfected the process of pressure steaming later known as the "vulcanization" (named for the Roman god of fire) of rubber. He won a US patent (#3,633) in 1844, exhibited at World's Fairs in the 1950s, and dreamed of a world where practically everything---*

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**Saturday, July 21st**, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Lincoln Car Show at Whitaker Lincoln Mercury, in Inver Grove Heights. 29 Lincolns enjoyed an almost perfect day with temperatures in the mid 80's. We had 12 great Lincolns shown for the first time. New Lincolns or old Lincolns we love them all.

People Choice Awards for Best of Show:

- First Place – Jeff Eisenberg, Plymouth, Maroon, 1956 Mark II
  - Second Place – Milt and Mardy Peterson, Rosemount, 1970 Continental Sedan
  - Third Place – John Naughter, Maple Wood, Green, 1983 Mk VI
- Long Distance – Richard Herman, Anchorage, AK, 1995 Mk VIII

Our top door prizes "Destination Duluth" sweat shirts were won by Marion Gustafson and Linda Haedtke.

We want to thank Chuck Whitaker for a great lunch, door prizes and for hosting this event at his dealership for the past 8 years and this is a Lincoln Car Show our members look forward to each year.

**Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**, All Lincoln Car Show, at Luther North Country Ford, Lincoln Mercury, Coon Rapids. We had 22 beautiful Lincolns attend despite heavy morning thunderstorms on a very hot and muggy 87 degree day. Thank you; Mark Beithon, for providing so many door prizes and inviting us to a great lunch. This car show was a great success, because of our hardy members who came in spite of the morning storms.

People Choice Awards for Best of Show:

- First Place – Kevin Wilson, Wyoming, with a White 1961 Continental Convertible.
  - Second Place – Paul and Deb Andahl, Bismark ND, with a Maroon 1978 Mark V
  - Third Place – Jim and Anna Taplin, Champlin, with a Black 1957 Premiere.
- Long Distance Award – Paul and Deb Andahl, Bismark ND (450 miles), with a Maroon 1978 Mark V

**Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**, a Judging/detailing seminar was held at Jeff Eisenburg's, this first time event was attended by 27 region members who wanted to learn more about preparing for our Mid America National Meet in Duluth in June. 2008. Tom St Martin showed a video on Judging for the CCCA which is similar to LCOC. Ken Sampson demonstrated many detailing techniques on how to prepare car for judging. Jeff and Rori were perfect hosts with coffee, juice and rolls to start the event off and at noon served lunch, no one left hungry.

## Now Here Is The Deal

Send us an article about your Pride and Joy (your favorite Lincoln), and we will send you a 2008 Northstar Club Calendar.

We know that there are a few new Lincolns that we haven't heard about yet, so send in your musings today along with digital images or nice color photographs. Can we count on you? Articles should be sent to Editor, 308 Brandywine Drive, Burnsville, Minnesota 55337

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*banknotes, musical instruments, business cards, clothes---was made of rubber.*

*Meanwhile, all the formerly frustrated rubber barons, in the US and abroad, began stealing Goodyear's process. Goodyear ended up spending most of his time and money in court. He lost European patents on technicalities, and even spent two weeks in a French debtor's prison before receiving the Cross of the Legion of Honor from Napoleon III. When he died in 1860, Goodyear's American debts totaled \$200,000.*

*It was only after his death that Goodyear's wife and children began to earn enough money from royalties to live well. Nor did Goodyear have anything to do with the **Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company**, named in his honor at its founding in Akron,*

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elled much more than 30 miles when the rear right wheel had a blowout and smoking and fire flames just as the other one had done before. This time a truck driver saw my peril and put out my fire with his extinguisher. The tow truck driver helped me find a good mechanic at a local garage, and also called the AAA to provide me with further help. With both wheel fires, the local fire department was called, along with filing a police report. Copies of these reports are very important to have when it becomes necessary when you are filing an insurance claim.

So, once more, my travel plans were delayed. In both instances, the brakes had to be rebuilt, and this time it was determined that it would be best to also install a replacement master cylinder. I learned heat and friction build-up due to my parking brake sticking caused the wheel fires and blowouts. It was also necessary to purchase another new touring tire, as I had done before in Spokane. Back on the road again, I decided to try and find the lower elevation routes as recommended by my fellow LCOC club members that had traveled these mountainous highways in the past years. I also questioned truck drivers, and people along the Columbia River and they suggested that I take the old Oregon Trail Road, and I set my sites on finding that route. I proceeded onward through the states of Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, and eventually into Colorado to visit my relatives in the Denver area. I lost a hubcap driving over the Elk Mountain Pass in Wyoming.

My Uncle Dave, a retired dentist, drove me up high into the Rocky Mountains to see and help him work on his old log cabin project. We both worked like troopers all day to sundown brushing

liquid preservative on the old logs. The view up there was so spectacular it just took my breath away. I asked Dave if we could see half way to Kansas? He answered "maybe we can" as he chuckled. The elk roam free on his wooded property, and poachers were a problem. I was lightheaded, nauseous, and experiencing altitude sickness. Drinking copious amounts of water helped me to feel better. The restful layover at their home was a welcome oasis for me on the driving trip, and I really appreciated their kind hospitality.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, I fired up the Lincoln, happily waved good by, and drove on to Nebraska. In just three days I reached my home back in Wisconsin. Along the way, I stopped in Mitchell, South Dakota to visit the Corn Palace which I had remembered on a trip I had once taken with my grandparents when I was 11 years old in 1960. I thought It really hadn't changed much since 1960. I followed a more northerly route hoping for cooler driving, as there were hotter temperatures to the South.

Also, I had heard of heavy rains and flooding on the national news. My air conditioning was not working and I ran the fan motor with the windows up to help me to stay cooler behind the wheel. I had been gone on my driving trip exactly three weeks to the day.

I kissed my Lincoln once back in my driveway for giving me my farthest driving journey I have ever made with it, and am looking forward to future driving trips to the National Meets. I'm already starting to make plans for the Midwest Duluth Meet next June. I can hardly wait to get back in the saddle again in my dream car Lincoln.



# Detroit war help was huge by Mark Phelan

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Ohio in 1898. Although half of the rubber manufactured today is synthetic, the \$6 billion per year of American rubber tires and other products might not be produced at all if it were not for the dedication of Charles Goodyear.

NEW GOODYEAR WINTER TIRE bites through snow... runs quietly on bare roads... lasts a season longer!

Now Goodyear brings you the new 3-T "Custom Suburbanite." Also known as the "newest tire in the world," it has more rubber of wear built in, has the new "wedge" tread, and "wedge" tread. 3-T "Custom Suburbanite" is your dealer's, Cleveland, Akron, St. Louis.



Now even roads stop you! The 3-T wedge tread of the "Custom Suburbanite" cuts through snow and ice to give you a firm, straight ahead path.



When the going gets slippery, the new wedge tread "Custom Suburbanite" tread cuts through snow and ice to give you a firm, straight ahead path.

More people ride on GOODYEAR tires than on any other kind.



Goodyear would consider that success enough. He once wrote: "I am not disposed to complain that I have planted and others have gathered the fruits. A man has cause for regret only when he sows and no one reaps."

From the Internet...

America entered World War II 66 years ago after the attack on Pearl Harbor, but Detroit started preparing for it a year earlier.

That's when President Franklin D. Roosevelt coined the term "arsenal of democracy" for America's industrial heartland in one of his nationally broadcast radio fireside chats Dec. 29, 1940.

Barely two months after Dec. 7, 1941, the last civilian vehicle would roll out of a Detroit automaker's factory as the auto industry made a stunningly quick conversion to produce everything from tanks and trucks to bombers and ammunition.

That story, and the tale of Detroit's contributions during World War I and the years between the wars, is chronicled in a new book, "Detroit's Wartime Industry: Arsenal of Democracy," by veteran automotive journalist and historian Michael W.R. Davis of Royal Oak.

In brief text and hundreds of photographs, Davis provides tantalizing glimpses of the lives, work and products of the celebrated and anonymous people who contributed to America's war effort.

Civilian automobile production continued during WWI, but Ford Model T's served as ambulances, and there's a 1918 photo of a GMC ambulance undergoing an off-road test, being driven up the sides of the unfinished reflecting pool in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

In the 1930s, it was clear that trouble was again brewing in Europe. Detroit architect Albert Kahn, who created the Fisher Building and other local landmarks, was commissioned to design air stations along the U.S. coast, in Alaska, the Caribbean and on Pacific islands. The country was worried enough about air and sea attack that the Army said no defense plant could be located within 250 miles

of the coast or the border. GM President William S. Knudsen, whom Roosevelt had put in charge of defense production shortly after Germany invaded Knudsen's native Denmark in 1940, convinced Army brass -- including Gen. George C. Marshall, who would later create the Marshall plan that rebuilt Europe after the war -- that America's industrial strength lay in Detroit, Cleveland, Toledo, Buffalo, N.Y., and Rochester, N.Y., near the Canadian border, and Marshall amended the order.

The book also provides glimpses into the development of iconic vehicles. There are photos of designs for the first Jeep, accompanied by the tidbit that only three companies even bothered to respond when the Army asked 135 to submit proposals for the vehicle. Willys-Overland, of course, won, but the Army insisted that it use one design element from Ford's prototype -- the slotted grille that went on to become Jeep's trademark around the world.

"Detroit's Wartime Industry" also richly illustrates how Detroit and America were fundamentally changed. One photo shows a woman working alongside three men building B24 bombers at Willow Run. Her name may not have been Rosie, but she's wielding a rivet gun and paving the way for women to move out of the home and into the postwar workforce. Another picture depicts five black men being questioned by Detroit police as racial tensions in the city rose when a housing shortage forced some black factory workers to move into areas that had been all white.

From the GIs pushing a Jeep out of a snowdrift during the Battle of the Bulge to amphibious vehicles being tested in the Rouge plant's shipping basin and women donating used slips to be used as gunpowder bags, the book is full of fascinating images and information.

Courtesy of the Detroit Free Press

## Northstar LCOC Welcome Wagon



By Francis J. Kalvoda – Willmar, MN  
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The Lincoln Welcome Wagon has its Goodyear Suburbanite snow tires mounted and is ready for the winter. I sure hope we won't have to put the tire chains on this year.



First let's all welcome **Jim Wik**, 4192 Knob Circle, Eagan, MN 55122-2886, 651-454-7639. Jim has a 2006 Town Car.

Everybody likes convertibles so everyone welcome **Fred and Jan Syrdal**, 4716 Stinson Blvd, Columbia Heights, MN 55421-2002, 763-574-1743, Fred@mncrosley.com. Fred is restoring a 1946 Lincoln Cabriolet. Lincolns are large, Crosleys are small, I think Fred and Jan like them all!

The location of our Fall picnic was FANTASTIC, thanks to our new member, **Morrie Wagener**, Morries Auto Motive Group, 12520 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305-1937. Morrie has hundreds of new cars for you to choose from at his 17 area dealerships. New cars are nice and necessary, but Morrie's private collection of collector cars is AWESOME!

Our newest member is **Chuck Champlinski**, 15901 – 380<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Middle River, MN 56737. Chuck has just finished a three year restoration of a black Lincoln Continental (1956), which he pur-

chased in the Kansas City area. Chuck has a number of cars, including two of the new style Thunderbirds and a Ford Shelby. Chuck's phone number is 218-222-3355 and he also has a Minneapolis Cell, 612-750-4104. I hope we will see Chuck's '56 at Duluth next summer.



Please welcome these new members and add them to your Northstar LCOC Membership Directory. I hope each of the LCOC members will encourage other Lincoln enthusiasts to join the Northstar Chapter. With the 2008 National Meet in Duluth next summer, this is a perfect time to promote our Club.

In the next **Welcome Wagon** column I hope to get the full story on the '56 Lincoln Welcome Wagon owned by Phil Schaefer from Indianapolis, Indiana. If you have pictures or stories of an old Lincoln wagon, please let me know. My Very Best Wishes to all LCOC members for a GREAT 2008!

### NORTHSTAR 2008 Mid-America Meet

Registration Forms and information  
is now available.

Contact Roger Wothe, Meet Registrar  
133 Grove Lane, Wayzata, MN 55391-1618  
email: rwothe@mchsi.com



## *For Sale....*



**1953 Capri**, brand new 1953 Lincoln Capri 50th Anniversary car with 133 miles since ground-up 2 year restoration, the car was rust-free & solid from AZ, it hadn't been licensed since 1964, powder coated frame, gas tank, inner fenders, etc, stainless steel gas and brake lines, new glass except rear window, new rubber gaskets, original color, basecoat, clear coat, 5 new Diamond Back tires, hubcaps restored, engine is overhauled 317 ohv 5-barrel 205 hp, 6-volt with power windows, seat, steering, brakes and antenna, AM-FM stereo, the car is beautiful, Offers in the \$40,000 range would be appreciated. Rodney White 507-438-3753, MN; or email: [rdwhite@smig.net](mailto:rdwhite@smig.net)

## Wanted

1956 or 1957 Mark II in number two condition.

Prefer an Air Conditioned car.

Silver with Red Interior, with White or Maroon a second choice. Mileage to 70,000 acceptable.

Will pay fair market price or better depending on condition and documented history.

Call John W. McDowall 320-251-8640  
email: [johnmc@mcdowallco.com](mailto:johnmc@mcdowallco.com)

## *I need a New Home....*



I am a 1969 Lincoln Mark III, black with black leather interior.

My present owner has worked very hard to try and fix me up, and there are only a few more things left to do. I have new front leather seats, rebuilt engine, newly rebuilt transmission and differential. I have also some new suspension parts, brakes and other things too. I run well, drive good, but just need a little more work to make me look really nice. I am thirty-eight years old, and I have a little rust in my lower quarters, but that can be fixed. My vinyl roof also needs to be replaced. I want to go to a good home to someone in the club, who will take care of me and make me like new. I also have a lot of good parts that go with me if you need them.

Mike Galle, my present owner is asking only \$1600. Please call Mike at 612-866-2350 or 612-269-6569. I really would like to come to your home to live.

## *For Sale - 1974 Continental Two Door*



Just what you have been waiting for. 73,000 miles from new, tan interior, white top, gold lower. 460 Engine, new wiring, looks and shows like new. Pampered all it's life, stored indoors. \$7,000/open to reasonable offers from Lincoln club members. Call Bob Buko at 651-454-0100 - Cell 612-867-9518

## Great Automotive Buys...

### For Sale

#### 1979 Mark V Cartier Edition

Light Champagne, Matching Interior  
Equipped with 400 CID engine and all the  
usual equipment found on a Mark V.  
Low Mileage - 38,300 Miles  
Good Looking, Inside and Out  
\$10,500/Best Offer  
Call Ray at 612-722-9966

### WANTED

Continental Wheel Hump Style Trunk Lid for  
1977 Lincoln. (some limo's had these)

Nice seats for 1979 Lincoln Town Car. '75-  
'79 should work. Prefer tan color since the  
car is painted a gold tone.

For Sale: 1988 Beige Town Car, leather interior,  
109K, \$1900. 320-587-4415  
(Hutchinson)

Call Francis Kalvoda, Willmar 320-235-5777

### 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.

Call Don Peterson at 507-454-3010, 507-429-0476  
or 507-454-5231, Winona, Mn Fairly priced.  
Email: donp@mwsco.com.

### For Sale:

4 – 1993 MK VIII wheels, painted, rare.  
Very good condition \$120.00

4 – 1993 MK VIII wheels, chrome, poor condition  
\$80.00

Call Bob Gavrilescu at 651-488-3878

### For Sale

1979 Mark V, Bill Blass Edition. This Mark  
features a blue exterior, offset by a white  
carriage top and white leather interior with  
blue piping. Second owner since 1991.  
Originally purchased at North Hollywood  
Lincoln Mercury in the Los Angeles area.  
This is a very pristine California Mark, with  
only 58,000 miles. Preprimary trophy winner,  
with only 5,000 miles on tires and  
brakes. Realistically priced at \$10,000.  
Contact Richard Gray, 415-435-3539, email:  
grayr@sutterhealth.org.

### For Sale



1979 Mark V, Bill Blass Edition. Kentucky car, no rust  
ever. Beautiful dark blue full convertible style nylon top.  
Body is white over dark Blue with new Michelin white  
stripe tires. Interior, blue leather with white piping.  
A real head turner with only 65,000 miles. Engine detailed  
like new, including Motorcraft battery. Looks new,  
drive anywhere, **Price Reduced to \$7,900.00.**

Call Jerry Prettyman Alexandria, MN  
1-888-416-0633 or email: [jpservices@charter.net](mailto:jpservices@charter.net)

### FOR SALE

#### 1967 CONTINENTAL CONVERTIBLE

Dark Green, very nice condition inside and out.  
In good condition mechanically

Priced right to sell now  
\$10,000

Please call Richard Serwat 651-554-0716

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

**For Sale**

1959 Lincoln Continental Mark IV - Four door sedan. 1 of 933 manufactured. 430 CI, 350 HP engine. Loaded with options, 50,000 mile, all original car. Presidential Black. Primary First Place at the LCOC MidAmerica 2002 meet in Red Wing, 95 points. \$30,000/offer.

1960 Lincoln Two door Hardtop. Low production model. Featuring 68,000 miles. 430 CI, 315 HP engine. New Presidential black paint, New chrome. Interior is black with white original. It has many, many new parts. \$15,000/offer.

Contact Tom Thill at 651-646-5378.

***DESTINATION DULUTH***

T-Shirts are now available, advertising the 2008 Mid-America Lincoln Meet in Duluth next June. Northstar Club Jacks are also available. Perfect for the fall days ahead.

Call Bob Johnson to get yours today. 651-275-1715

**For Sale**

1972 Lincoln Mark IV  
38,000 Miles, All Original, Trophy Winner  
Gold with Dark Brown Top and Leather  
As new condition. \$10K or fair offer.  
Call Don Pennock 651-488-1596  
Cell 651-253-5516

**For Sale**

46 - 48 Lincoln V12 overdrive transmission, 26 tooth cluster, very good condition, \$650 exchange.

1949-51 Mercury overdrive transmission, very good condition, will fit the V12 motor for open driveshaft changeover. \$500

Transmission mount for this changeover, \$140.

**Call Ted Anderson at 763-561-8143**

**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 1963 Continentals.

*Please call Gordy Jensen at 952-851-2721*

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# *Preview of Coming Events*

The following include scheduled club events

- January      Sunday Brunch, Tinucci's, Newport, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM  
RSVP to Bob Johnson, 651-257-1715 by Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- February      Pot Luck with CCCA    Date to be determined.
- March      Sunday Brunch, Khoury's, 5660 Bishop Ave, Inver Grove Heights, Mn,  
March 9th. 11:30AM
- April      Sunday Brunch, Paradise Landing, Balsam Lake, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM
- May      Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Car Show, Whitakers Lincoln Mer-  
cury, Inver Grove Heights, which will include Detailing and Judging semi-  
nars as an added attraction.
- June      North Star Region, Mid America National Meet, "Destination Duluth"  
Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>
- July      Prior Lake, Summer Pot Luck picnic, Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM.
- August      6th Annual Out State All Lincoln Car Show, more info to follow.  
Eastern National Meet, Columbus, Ohio, August 14-17th
- September    Annual Region Picnic, September 19th.

If you have a special place that you would like the club to visit or that unique restaurant, please let us know. We are making plans for the rest of 2008, and we need your help to find new experiences for the club. We need your help to make the club even better and more fun.

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