

Morrie's Lincoln Show

By Bob Johnson (editors note: normally this space is reserved for our feature, Pride and Joy, but due to the Morrie's show and the Barnum tour, we will devote most of this issue to covering these two events)

WOW, what a turn out for our Second Annual Lincoln Car Show at Morrie's Minnetonka Ford-Lincoln-Mercury on Saturday May 29th. Saying this show was an overwhelming success just does not describe the Lincolns, the fellowship and the fun we had. We enjoyed some of the best weather of the year, with 90 degrees and a good breeze for the whole day.

Two open tents were on hand to shield us from the sun and provided us with some real comfortable space to enjoy the show and visit with other members. We had 48 beautiful cars register for the show and enjoy the day. The real story was how Morrie's Dealership made everyone feel so welcome. This was a great day spent with wonderful people and friends, which is what our old car hobby is about and makes it so very enjoyable. Speaking of fun, our region straight man, Ray Nelson was again up to tricks. Was everyone able to check out Ray's toupee sun visor with his new hair do?



Ford, flags and Lincoln Zephyr. What could be more American?

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.

We had 14 great Lincolns shown for the first time, John and Dorothy Palmer, Barum, arrived in style with their new (for them) 1965 Convertible; Howard and Myra Hermel, with a 1973 Mark IV; John McDowall, St Augusta, with his latest acquisition, a 1956 Mark II. John has been searching high and low, all over the country for one of these. With a fresh interior, it is as near to a 100 point car as you could expect. He



does have a keeper, with a very interesting history. We look forward to reading about it in one of our future issues. Jeff Eisenberg from Plymouth, brought his very beautiful, well detailed 1964 Continental Sedan; Francis Kalvoda, Willmar, drove up in a very stylish 1979 Mark V; Charlie Johnson, Wayzata, with a 1964 Continental Convertible; Shelly Watson, Buffalo, with a 1989 Town Car; Bill

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

More car show

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Holaday, Monticello, with a 1988 Town Car; Irwin Pentel, Minnetrista, with a 1964 Continental Convertible; Brad Koster, Princeton, came with a 1976 Town Coupe; Russ Russell, St Paul, with a 1978 Mark V; Larry Gordhammer, Ogilvie, with a 1947 Continental Coupe and Ed Culbert, Duluth, with a 1999 Town Car. The oldest car at this show was driven by Tom Brace, St Paul, 1937 two window sedan. The newest car was 2010 MKT driven by Marion Gustafson, Burnsville, to chauffeur our mascot Faithie, the Samoeyed. Faithie was busy greeting her friends and giving out wet sloppy kisses to all who stopped by to say hello. The most popular model was the 1960's slab sided Continental Convertible with 8 be-



Ray Nelson, sporting his new "do" is showing the finer points of GPS navigating to Tom Brace.



Tom Brace's award winning 1937 K two window sedan

ing shown, all totaled we had 14 convertibles displayed at this show.

Our Peoples Choice Award for Best of Show, was another story on how good the cars were: we had a four way tie for 1st

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Trivia from the Internet



The All New 1939
Mercury Eight

*Well if I had money
Tell you what I'd do
I'd go downtown
and buy a Mercury
or two
Crazy 'bout a Mer-
cury
Lord, I'm crazy
'bout a Mercury
I'm gonna buy me a
Mercury
And cruise it up and
down the road.
The "Mercury Blues"
sung by Allan Jack-
son.*

Mercury was founded in 1939 by Edsel Ford, son of Henry Ford, to market entry-level-luxury cars slotted between Ford-branded regular models and Lincoln-branded luxury vehicles, similar to General Motors' Buick (and former Oldsmobile) brand, and Chrysler's namesake brand. Currently, all Mercury models are based

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Editors Message

July 2010

We are off and running for the summer. Our Morrie's car show was a great one. We had record attendance with many cars showing up for the very first time. It was followed two weeks later by our Barnum tour, also a very memorable event. Those who attended had great fun. Those who missed should really try to make one of our future tours.

Be sure that you plan to attend the summer picnic hosted by Ray and Jeanine Nelson on July 10th. More information is on the back page of the newsletter. Please be sure to RSVP Ray and Jeanine if you are going to attend so they can plan their menu's accordingly. We hope to see many of you there.

Your board of Directors has also been busy with plans for the 2012 LCOC Mid-America show. We have picked our host hotel and it should provide a venue that will once again make this event one to remember for years to come. Those who attend a North Star region function should go home afterwards with only the best of memories. Once again, this will happen. If you would like to help out in the process, please let us know. We will find a way for you to participate.

If you have some extra space in your garage, you might want to consider

buying a Lincoln now to have as a future show car. There are a lot of really nice Lincolns out there from the late '70's, '80's and early 1990's. There



Ch. Faithie with her fancy headband, is getting ready to celebrate the July 4th weekend. Let's hope the weather cooperates and everyone has fun over this great holiday.

are many fine Mark's at affordable prices. If you are in your 30's and 40's, you will have the years ahead of you to hang on to one of these, drive it a little and have a great future classic. Prices will never be lower and the time is right.

We have been actively campaigning our "Bismarck or Bust" tour for some time. This should be another fun tour. Take a few days and join your friends on this great journey over to Western Minnesota and then on North to Fargo, and finally over to Bismarck. It is planned for four days and three nights and we will cover a lot of territory.

There will be plenty of stops along the way and the chances are you will see many fine cars that you have never seen before. We will also get to spend a lot of time with old friends and get to meet some new folks along the way. If you like fun with your old cars, don't miss out on this trip.

Have a great Fourth of July and spend some time with family and friends.

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

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on Ford platforms. The name "Mercury" is derived from the "messenger of the gods" of Roman mythology, and during its early years, the Mercury brand was known for performance, which was briefly revived in 2003 with the Mercury Marauder.

In 1935, Edsel Ford designed a more luxurious version of the Ford that he intended to call the Falcon. Since he didn't think it fit in with other Fords, he created a new brand named for the Roman god -- Mercury. Mercury's first car was the 1939 Mercury Eight, with a price of \$916, became a hit with more than 155,000 sold before production stopped for World War II. The Mercury Eight offered 95 horsepower, 10 more than the standard V8 Ford offered in its line-ups. After the war, Ford marketed Mercury closer to Lincoln than Ford. Mercury gained its status in 1960's when the Comet and Meteor models were released. These cars pushed the envelope for performance and stylish amenities at reasonable prices. The decade ended with the now famous muscle car, the Mercury Cougar. This was a version

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Directors Message by Bob Johnson

July 2010



June was really a cloudy and wet month, on Tuesday, June 15th we had a 4" cloud burst that hasn't been seen for years in this part of Minnesota. While we had great weather for our car show at Morrie's at the end of May, the weather abruptly turned and was cool and wet for our Barnum week-end. As we have found out over the years, weather isn't everything, the best part of our weekend in Barnum was socializing with our members at John and Dorothy Palmers nice warm garage. More about Morrie's show and our Barnum tour elsewhere in the newsletter.

Do you enjoy "My Pride and Joy" Lincoln articles about cars in the Region? We may not have a July article. It would be a shame to have to put a baked bean recipe on the front page, Please help us now. I have had to put out distress phone calls to see if we can get an article for the July Newsletter. Every Lincoln has a story, please tell us yours. Are you thinking about writing a article, we need you to write one now. If you have already written about your car, write an update about your car. With all the work Dave Gustafson spends doing our Newsletter, the least we can do is furnish him with car articles for our Newsletter.

Our North Star Board Meeting on Thursday, July 1st, will be held at Roger Wothe's new garage and office. ***You are invited to attend***, we will meet at 6:00 PM to order food once we know how many people will be attending. The address is 6317 Cambridge Street, St. Louis Park MN 55416. We will hold our regular meeting at 7:00 PM .

Ray and Jeanine Nelson, have once again invited us to their home in Princeton, MN, for a summer picnic. This grand celebration will be held on Saturday, July 10th, 11:00 till 3:00 PM. We have been to Nelson's before and they have a beautiful home and great car collection. The big change at Nelson's is that they took out their indoor swimming pool, and Ray now has his Model A sitting in its place. This is a can't miss activity provided by the Nelson's that is a high light any time we are invited to their home. Please RSVP to Jeanine Nelson, 763-389-1553 or email twonelsons1@q.com by Wednesday, July 7th, so they have some idea for who is coming.

More details on our Bismarck or Bust tour and car show, starting Thursday, August 12th thru Sunday, August 15th. is located else where in Newsletter. ***If you plan on going to Bismarck, please make you hotel reservations now, the cutoff will be August 3rd.***

Please remember to donate to the Lincoln Motor Car Museum, by August 1st, 2010, any amount will be greatly appreciated and if we all work together, this fine project will get built. All Lincoln Clubs are participating to meet a

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of the Mustang built on the same platform. From the very beginning, Mercury was a division that seemed to have a brand identity that was constantly in the process of finding its place in the North American automotive market. Sometimes, Mercury was presented as a performance division of more mainstay Ford products, while at other times, it was meant to match sales with Detroit crosstown rivals Buick, Oldsmobile and Chrysler during the 1950s through 1980s. Many times, Mercury models shared platforms with Ford products, such as the Mercury Cougar (shared with the Ford Mustang, Thunderbird, and Elite), the Mercury Bobcat (shared with the Ford Pinto), or the Mercury Comet (shared with the Ford Falcon, Fairlane, and Maverick).

Mercury was its own division at Ford until 1945 when it was combined with Lincoln into the Lincoln-Mercury Division, with Ford hoping the brand would be known as a "junior Lincoln," rather than an upmarket Ford. In 1949, Mer-

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Faithie happily greeting her good friend, Dick Serwat

proud.

We had several other Ford classic's of note: Twylah Suhsen, Delano, with a 1953 Mercury Convertible: Dave Bodziak, Minneapolis, with a 1956 T-Bird: Winston Peterson, Golden Valley, with a 1919 Model T: Paul Pederson, Wayzata, with a 1950 Mercury Station Wagon: and Lowell Brekke, Austin, with a 1989 Town Car. Some of our members were unable to bring a Lincoln but still attended to see old friends and

Place. We had to vote a second time to get *ONE* Best of Show. 1st Place went to the Maroon 1937 two window sedan, owned by Tom Brace, St Paul. Our 2nd place award went to a Light Yellow 1951 Baby Lincoln Sedan, Larry and Twylah Suhsen, Delano. Our 3rd place award went to a Light Blue 1965 Continental Convertible, John and Dorothy Palmer, Barnum.

Our Long Distance Award was presented to Mike Homstad who flew up from Norman GA, to drive Carol Ann's 1962 Continental Convertible, this award was received by both Mother and Son, who would have made our late friend and member Floyd Homstad very



Larry and Twylah Suhsen's 1953 Mercury convertible and 1951 Lincoln.



Larry Gordhammer's 1947 Continental Coupe, First time shown at a North Star event.

beautiful Lincolns. Harvey & Faye Oberg, Ken Barthel, Bryon Olsen, Morrie Wagener and Fred Zimmerman.

I hope everyone was able to check out the new red leather interior in Bob Gavrilesu's 1947 Continental Cabriolet. Steve Young, Houlton, WI, bought his 1969 Mark III, his restoration has really made a beautiful looking car, great job Steve.

We had over 15 door prizes

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cury introduced the first of its "new look," integrated bodies, at the same time that Ford and Lincoln also changed styling radically. Again in 1952, Mercury offered a further modernization in its look. In 1958, the Lincoln-Mercury Division and the ill-fated Edsel brand were joined into the Mercury-Edsel-Lincoln Division; with the demise of Edsel in 1960, it has been in the Lincoln-Mercury Division ever since.

Mercury, like the defunct Edsel, was created from scratch, rather than being a takeover of an existing company like Lincoln. Mercury's heyday was in the 1950s, when its formula of stretching and lowering existing Ford platforms was very successful. The marque has changed several times throughout its history. During the 1940s and 1950s, the make moved between as a "gussied up" Ford, to a "junior Lincoln" and even to having its own body designs. From the late 1950s, through the 1960s and early 1970s, Mercury began to distance itself from Ford and offered several different looking models such as the Turnpike Cruiser, Park Lane, Cougar and Marquis. Dur-

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to handout; Morrie's donated several very nice items. Ken Barthel donated a 1960's Lincoln car picture poster won by Jeanine Nelson, who presented it to John and Dorothy Palmer, Dick Eilers won a Lincoln Wrist Watch, Roald and Rosalee Storvick won a Lincoln coffee cup, and Dave Gustafson won a White



1960's era convertibles were very well represented at the Lincoln show.

Lincoln or Mercury, we would like to have you consider stopping by Morrie's and letting them show you what they might be able to do for you. Ford is making some very fine products these days, and you will be pleasantly surprised at just how affordable a new car from Ford and especially Morrie's can be.

We want to thank every one who attended this car show; your effort to bring your car to this type of event is appreciated by others that are not fortunate enough to have a Lincoln. As a result of this show, we



Bob Johnson presenting John Aretz of Morrie's a commemorative plaque on behalf of the North Star Region.



John McDowell's 1956 Mark II

Lincoln Flag,

We want to thank Morrie's, for supplying door prizes, a very nice lunch and hosting this event at their dealership. A special thank goes to John Aretz General Manager and staff for all their work to make this such a great car show. We look forward to doing another show in 2011, again on Saturday, Memorial Day weekend. If you are considering buying a new Ford,



Morrie's provided lots of very good food.

Our next North Star Lincoln show will be held at Eide Ford Lincoln Mercury and will be part of the Bismark or Bust tour in August. See page 13 for more information on this exciting trip.

North Star Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 3, 2010

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM at Culver's in Maplewood. Board members present were Bob Johnson, Harvey Oberg, Dave Gustafson, Bob Gavrilescu, Bob Roth and Roger Wothe. Member Faye Oberg was also present. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson reported that the search committee for the 2012 Mid America Meet location has decided the host hotel will be the Park Plaza in Bloomington MN. Contact person at the hotel is Scott Graff, 952-960-0011. Bob is looking for a few more members to fill the various chairpersons' duties. This year's Mid America Meet is September 15 – 19 at Lincoln NE. Bob has contacted Kathy Kieffer who will fabricate a 12" x 12" metal sign with a picture of your vehicle. Bob will place instructions for ordering signs in the newsletter.

Secretary Roger Wothe reported that the July Board meeting will be at his shop at 6317 Cambridge Street, St. Louis Park.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported the treasury balance to be \$2,614.35 with all bills paid.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson reported that we have four new members. Dave has printed one hundred fifty-four 2010 Rosters and has mailed sixty-seven. The remainder has been and will be passed out at chapter events to save postage costs.

Activities: Are posted in the 2010 Calendar of Events in the newsletter.

Nominations: The terms of both Bob Gavrilescu and Roger Wothe will expire at the end of 2010. Both have volunteered to run again. Please forward any other nominations for elections this fall to Roger Wothe, rwothe@mchsi.com or 952-473-3038.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 1st, at 7:00 PM with a light dinner at 6:30 PM at Roger Wothe's shop at 6317 Cambridge Street, St. Louis Park MN.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

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ing Ford Division's "Total Performance" era in the early 1960s, Mercury produced some equivalent models, such as the full-size S-55 and the Ma-rauder, which shared the same body styles and mechanics as the Ford Galaxie 500/XL sports models. These big Mercurys were somewhat successful in racing. But in the late 1970s to the early 1980s the brand was joined at the hip with Ford again and its image suffered as a result.

The first logo of the Mercury brand was its namesake, the Roman god Mercury. The side profile of his head, complete with the signature bowl hat with wings was used during the early years. In the 1950s, the logo became a simple "M" with horizontal bars extending outward from the bottom of its vertical elements in each direction. This was described in advertising as "The Big M" - probably most notably as the prime sponsor of The Ed Sullivan Show.

During the late 1960s and up to the mid-

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1980s, the Mercury used the "Sign of the Cat" ad campaign based on its popular Cougar model. Many of the cars during this time carried cat related names such as the Lynx and Bobcat. On some of the upper-tier models, such as the Marquis and Grand Marquis, Mercury used a shield or cross, sometimes surrounded by a wreath, which was shared by some de luxe Ford models as well. Some iterations bore a resemblance to Lincoln's diamond logo. During the mid 1980s, the logo changed from the Cougar to a highly stylized letter M (nicknamed 'the Waterfall' by some). This logo was introduced on the all new 1984 Mercury Topaz, and continued on the new-for-1986 Sable, new 1988 Tracer, and the 1988 Grand Marquis. The reason behind this new logo has never been fully explained, but it is still being used today. Another possible explanation is that it is a stylized foot with a small horizontal wing at the top, an allusion to Mercury, Roman messenger of the gods. Since 1999, the Mercury logo has "Mercury" written on the top part of the logo.

The revival of the Mer-

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by Francis J. Kalvoda Willmar MN 320-235-5777 fjk@charter.net

For me June started off on a sad note. Ford announced that Mercury is being discontinued. For years my business card has declared "DRIVE A MERCURY, KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL!" I never said it had to be a new Mercury, but every old Mercury was a new Mercury at one time. For over 70 years, Mercury was a worthy competitor for Pontiac, Oldsmobile, and Buick. Only Buick is left. My parent's first Mercury was a '59 Monterey. With twelve vintage Mercs, I will continue to be crazy about old Mercurys, and also Lincolns!

Please contact our new members and welcome them to the Northstar Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. We have several great events this summer – enjoy everyone you can.



You will find **Larry and Carol Gordhamer** at 2362 421st Ave NW, Ogilvie, MN 56358; 320-396-3707 lgordhamer@yahoo.com Larry and Carol recently moved from Wisconsin, back to Minnesota after Larry re-

tired as an engineer. They have enjoyed their membership in the Lincoln Zephyr Club and Early Ford V8 Club. Larry has liked flathead Fords for nearly 50 years and ten years ago a Lincoln V12 became a member of the family. The dignified 1947 Continental Coupe joined the '32 Ford, '34 Ford wrecker, '50 Mercury, '51 Ford ½ ton, '53 Mercury and the '52 Mercury which Larry has had since 1962! The '55 – '56 Mercurys have always been some of my personal favorites and they don't come much nicer than the '55 Montclair pictured with Larry.



Our newest member is **Rolland "Rollie" Toenges**, 505 Blake Road South, Edina, MN 55343, 952-938-6200, rptoenges@aol.com. Like Rollie, I too like large comfortable American cars. Rollie's collection includes a 1959 Buick Electra which he purchased in 1959! The Buick has earned top awards at National AACA and Buick Club of America judged meets. The attached photo of the Buick was taken at the World of Wheels Car Show. Rollie also has a beautiful blue 1996 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham. He is the second owner of an



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cury Marauder in 2003 brought a brief return of the original "Winged Messenger" logo, for that model only. Early advertising claimed that Mercury had more power per pound than most cars and had aircraft-inspired styling. The company would show the new Mercury's alongside airplanes using slogans like: "The aviation idea in an automobile," and "The big car that stands alone in economy." But Mercury wasn't any bigger inside than the Ford, it wasn't any more aircraft-inspired than a Ford, and it wasn't all that economical.

Mercury sales peaked in 1978 at 580,000 and again in 1993 at over 480,000. Since then, sales have declined by more than half to roughly 200,000 annually. In the mid-1990s the Mercury car brand received some very good free public relations when country music star Alan Jackson scored a hit with a cover of K. C. Douglas' "Mercury Blues", a song which heaps complimentary praise on their vehicle range.

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extremely nice 1997 Lincoln Town Car, his first Lincoln. After attending



the Morris Lincoln show, he was impressed with the cars and the friendly Lincoln owners. Rollie has some great cars which all receive the best of care. I think he will be in good company in the LCOC.

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\$300,000 challenge grant from Jerry Capizzi and Chris Dunn.

News from the LCOC national front: During the past four months LCOC has gained 29 members, I believe this is due to our Directors calling and reminding former members that their membership had expired. With this effort, it could be the beginning of a very good trend. With your help we may have a membership increase for the first time in several years. If we do have a membership increase for 2012, will it be because of your effort? We still need every member to try and recruit at least one new member for LCOC during 2010.

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

North Star Elections

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

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

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

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On June 2, 2010, Ford officially announced the closure of the Mercury line by the end of the year. Mercury represents only 1 percent of North America's Automobile Market, while Ford has a 16 percent share. Ford Motor Company has stated that additional Lincoln models will be introduced to help replace any shortfall from the discontinued Mercury brand. At the time of the announcement of Mercury's closure, Mercury was selling fewer than 90,000 units a year, which is less than both Plymouth and Oldsmobile right before they were phased out.

Those of us who love cars almost as much as anything else, are naturally saddened to watch another dear friend relegated to history. My favorites were the 1940 pre-war models and later on the 1951 cars which sported many of the styling cues of their larger brother, the Lincoln. Of course, the 1952 through the 1954's are also high on my list for being great, dependable drivers.

Hopefully, these fine cars will be preserved and enjoyed for decades to come by automobile collectors.

Barnum Car Show

Friday, June 11th was a humid and overcast day, with promise of rain, as those of us from the Twin Cities area set out on our journey to Barnum, some 120 miles to the North East. It was necessary to use the wipers for most of the way to keep the windshield clear from the very light rain encountered along the way.

Arriving first at North Pine motel in Barnum were Bob and Mary Johnson and David Gustafson, followed a bit later by Bob and Nan Roth, Ray and Jeanine Nelson, Roger and Barb Wothe and Brad and Carole Yoho. It was a bit on the cool side, temperatures in the 50's and a little windy. A typical June day in Minnesota's North Country.



Around the dinner hour, the socializing began in Bob and Mary Johnson's room, where toasts were being made to all of us making a rather uneventful journey to Barnum. Our hosts, John and Dorothy Palmer arrived and announced that there were reservations for us at Gampers over in the adjacent community of Moose Lake (about 5 miles South). Gampers is just the sort of place that you would expect to find in a small town. A really nice restaurant, what you see is what you get. Great service, lots of good food and very reasonable prices. You will never find that anywhere in the Twin Cities or in any metropolitan area. A number of folks ordered the fish dinner. The portions were so large that most couldn't finish. There was a steak on the



menu that also was good. There was an abundant salad bar to go with dinner that just made everything seem right. Gampers is reminiscent of the supper clubs that were ever popular during the 1940's and '50's in the Midwest.

With our hunger satiated, we returned back to the ever popular room 14 (Bob and Mary Johnson's) and enjoyed a few more libations, and to greet the arrival of the Andahl's who got caught up in a traffic delay due to an accident near

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More Barnum Show

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Park Rapids, MN. It is reported that many celebrated to the very wee hours of Saturday morning.

For a few, morning came far too early.

While no one looked exactly blurry eyed, it appeared that some could have used another 20 winks or so. John and Dorothy gathered us all up and led the journey over to the fairgrounds where the show was being held. After all the rain, the prospect of having alternating mud and sodden grass for the show field seemed something less than uninspiring. But, our fears were dismayed. The exhibition area was in pretty decent shape, all things considered. In spite of the weather, we had 18 Northstar members turn out for the show. We are a hardy group, that seem not to fear neither overly warm days or cold dreary days. We came to enjoy the cars and visit with fellow enthusiasts, and we were not disappointed.



With fewer cars in attendance due to the weather, there was plenty of room for parking, leaving more than adequate space between the cars for folks to easily move about.

A pancake breakfast was served at the show, complete with syrup, strawberries, whipped cream and sausages on the side. Plenty of good coffee made for the perfect way to begin the day. The old adage is “the army travels on it’s stomach”. The North Star club travels with their stomachs, and never passes up an opportunity to fill them. What simple pleasures we enjoy.

After the pancakes, we all returned back to the show field, got out the folding chairs, and proceeded to spend most of the day socializing. It was a bit on the chilly side, with a slight breeze and a jacket saved the day.

As this is a show that many of us had never attended before, it was an excellent chance to see some cars that we had not seen before. A black and white 1956 Cadillac convertible was parked next to our group. It appeared to be mostly original and in fine condition. You just can’t beat those mid-fifties Cadillac cars for styling and just being overall eye catchers. Also, not too far from us was a very fine, nicely restored, red Chrysler 300F two door hardtop. One of the original muscle cars, the F featured a 413 Wedge engine, rated at 375HP or for those from across the sea, 280 Kilowatts. It came equipped with a “cross-ram” induction manifold to which two (count them) two four barrel



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carburetors were affixed. In it's day, this was a very fast car, capable of going from zero to sixty in about seven seconds, while consuming huge quantities of 25 cent per gallon gasoline. It stickered out for \$5,500, not an insignificant price, but it came with a lot of equipment including swivel front seats, which made getting in and out a lot easier. This feature was especially nice for the older folks that bought this car, and they did, because they were the only ones with the money to do so.

Time passed quickly, and before we knew it, it was time for the awards. Everyone went home with a trophy. Bob and Nan Roth literally scored big with a 4 foot trophy for "Best Lincoln in it's Class". This award was sponsored by Palmer Logging (John and Dorothy). Since this was open marquee car show, some of our members showed some of their other make cars. John Palmer exhibited a 1934 Ford four door sedan with a modified later model Ford block, which did win Best of Show, Custom Class; Dorothy Palmer, with her 1956 T Bird, Roger and Barb Wothe, their 1957 T Bird, slightly modified; Brad and Carole Yoho, showing their 1965 Mustang and Ed Myhre, a 1959 Ford Custom sedan. Members who exhibited Lincolns included Bob and Nan Roth, 1980 Mark VI; Ray and Jeanine Nelson, their 1957 Mark II, David Gustafson, a 1995 Mark VIII and Bob and Mary Johnson showed their 1989 Mark VII. Paul and Deb Andahl arrived in their 2001 LS8 sedan, but did not show it. Harvey and Judy Burski came down from Proctor, and had planned to bring one of their older, classic Corvettes, but left it at home due to the rain.



After the awards, we all caravanned over to John and Dorothy Palmers home for a late afternoon and evening full of socializing. John and Dorothy laid out a super buffet dinner for us, along with plenty of refreshments to quench even Bob Johnson's (trekking across the Sahara Desert) thirst. Not only was the hospitality great, but we were able to see the Palmer's very fine collection of Lincolns, Fords and the token Packard, sort of adopted by the other fine cars. Stories were exchanged, jokes were told and the party lasted well into the night.

Once again, morning came a bit on the early side for some. John and Dorothy came by and got us together and away we went to Lou's Diner in Barnum for breakfast. Lou's is nothing fancy, just the best place for a good hearty breakfast to properly stoke the fires for the drive back home. Waffles, pancakes, French toast, along eggs, omelets, sausages, bacon and ham provided many choices for our members to deal with their hunger. Our visit to Lou's was good, the prices very low and the food good. A few of us took home some of their caramel rolls to enjoy later on that day. After Lou's, we bid each other a safe journey home and we all were looking forward to the next North Star tour. Paul and Deb Andahl had the farthest to go, back to Bismarck, ND, about a seven hour drive. Bob and Nan Roth were seen driving their Mark Northward toward the Black Bear Casino. We hoped they won big.



The great weekend that was shared by our members was made possible by John and Dorothy's invitation to join them at the Barnum car show and their gracious hospitality extended to all who came. Our Region is so very lucky to have them as members and our fine members are what make our Region one of the very best in the LCOC. Our sincere thanks to the Palmers for all of their efforts in organizing this event. Hopefully, we can do this again.

This Coming August, Bismarck or Bust

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

Thursday, August 12th, 8:30 AM, meet at Morrie's, Minnetonka, leave at 9:00AM to begin tour.

Thursday August 12th, we will visit car collections of North Star Members, Francis Kalvoda, Pennock, MN and Charlie Hanson, Correll, MN. Pennock at 11AM to see Francis Kalvoda's collection and a bathroom break (at the PIT STOP Convenience Store across the street)

Benson at 12:30PM to eat. The restaurant next to Country Inn and Suites will do a buffet for us.

1:45PM at Charles & Pam Hanson near Correll.

3:00PM at Ortonville Museum to see Charles' world acclaimed waterfowl and animal mounts and many other items (also bathroom stop)

5:45PM reach Fargo to see two collections, eat, arrive at the hotel, get fuel.

Thursday afternoon, visit John Trandem car collection plus another car collection. Thursday night, we will stay in Fargo.

Friday morning drive to Bismarck, where we will stay on Friday and Saturday nights, tentative visit Lyman Keim, car collection in Jamestown on the way. Friday Afternoon, visit Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park/ Custer Home, and the Fort Lincoln Trolley ride. Friday night, Julia and Jack Vanatta have a daughter that works at the Mysteria Dinner Theater, Restaurant and Bar, in Mandan, ND and they recommend this as a possible place to go on Friday night. Please check out web site <http://www.mysteriatheater.com> and call Bob Johnson, if interested in attending. (651-257-1715)

Saturday, 10:00AM, 8th Annual Out State Car Show, Eide Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Bismarck. Saturday, after Eide Car show, Paul and Deb Andahl will have us out to visit at their home for food and refreshments. Sunday, Visit Local North Dakota Historical Heritage center and possible visit to another car collection.

Sunday afternoon leave for home, no planned stops

We have reserved 20 rooms at each hotel for your use; room block will be released on July 16th. Please reserve now. Ask for North Star Lincoln Club rate.

We will have special hotel rates in Fargo on Thursday, August 12th. Fargo-West Acres, Holiday Inn Express, 1040 40th Street South. The room rate is \$104, which includes full breakfast. Call 701-282-2000 to reserve your room now. Ask for the North Star Lincoln Club rate.

We will stay in Bismarck, on Friday, August 13th and Saturday, August 14th at Best Western Ramkota Hotel, 800 S 3rd St. Room rate is \$84. Hotel has Season's Café and Lounge plus several establishments close by. Call 701-258-7700, to reserve your room now. Ask for North Star Lincoln Club rate

You can tag along for what ever part of the tour you want to participate in, or enjoy just the weekend in Fargo/Bismarck. There are many places to visit while in North Dakota, you might want to stay longer and take in many other attractions.

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

For Sale

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

Gordy Jensen 612.819.2107

For Sale

1957 Lincoln Premiere Two door hardtop



Frame off restoration, with everything either rebuilt or replaced by a long time Ford mechanic. It has been done right and the car is probably in better condition than when it left the factory in 1957. Body work and paint done by a well known area shop. It is absolutely beautiful, and would easily score close to 100 points at any LCOC meet. Over \$41,000 restoration costs. This Premiere has all of the accessories, with the exception of air conditioning. If you want one of the finest 1957 Premieres, **please call John Boegeman at 952.445.3004.**

For Sale

1996 Continental, extremely well maintained, very nice car, 140 K, \$5000.
Call Bud Bloomquist, 320-220-4667.

For Sale

I am retiring and relocating to Idaho, and I do need to part with a few of my Lincolns.

The following are offered for sale at this time. All are in above average condition, look very good and are very sound mechanically. Affordably and realistically priced at or below current market value. All reasonable offers will be considered.

1988 Mark VII LSC
1974 Mark IV

1978 Mark V
1967 Convertible

Call Dick Serwat at 651-554-0716

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.

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Preview of Coming Events

- July **Board of Directors Meeting, July 1st.** Roger Wothe's new office and garage, 6317 Cambridge Street, St. Louis Park. All are welcome and we will meet at 6:00PM and order out for dinner. Meeting at 7:00PM and some visiting afterward.
Summer picnic, Ray and Jeanine Nelson's, Princeton, MN, **Saturday, July 10th**, 11:00 till 3:00 PM Once again Ray and Jeanine have invited the club to their home near Princeton, MN for a summer picnic. Lots of fun and very good food will make for a fun way to spend a Saturday. Ray and Jeanine have a great car collection which you really need to see. Don't miss great event. Map and directions are on the back page..
- August **8th Annual Out State Lincoln Car Show, Saturday, August 14th**, at Eide Ford Lincoln Mercury, 800 E Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND. This will include four day tour, starting **Thursday, August 12th thru Sunday, August 15th**. We will visit North Star Member collections also on Thursday August 12th, Francis Kalvoda, Charlie Hanson, and John Trandem. Paul and Deb Andahl will host us at their home and are planning other activities.
- September **Northstar Potluck Picnic**, Morrie's Conference Center in Long Lake.
Sunday, September 12th
LCOC Mid America, Lincoln, Nebraska, **September 15 - 19th.**
Info and meet packet at: www.lcoc.org/documents/Meets/2010_MANM_Package.pdf
- October North Country Ford All Lincoln Car Show Saturday, October 2nd. More information in August newsletter.
- November Annual Year End Sunday Brunch. More in future issues.
Put the cars away for the dreary months ahead. Spring is just around the corner.

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

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North Star Activities



SATURDAY, July 10th

The Lincoln Club, once again, has been invited to Ray and Jeanine Nelson's for a traditional summer picnic.

Ray and Jeanine Nelson have an outstanding collection of older Lincolns that must be seen to be believed. And there is a Model A in the living room.

Don't forget, set aside Saturday, June 17th.

And remember to drive your older Lincoln to the picnic. RSVP Ray and Jeanine at 763-389-1553 or email twonelsons1@q.com by Wednesday July 7th, so they can make sure that no one goes home hungry.

How to get there: Highway 169 North of the Twin Cities to 12505 - 312th Avenue, Princeton. The location is on the West side of highway 169. If you get to Princeton, you've gone too far. Ray and Jeanine live about 1.2 miles South of Princeton. Set your GPS and carry your cell phone. Call 763-389-1553 if you get lost along the way.



How about this great metal sign featuring your favorite Lincoln. Check out the picture on the left. 12" x 12" and looks great anywhere. The perfect gift for anyone. Only \$35.

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