

## My Pride and Joys



Jerry Loberg's 1986 Mark VII LSC

*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.*

Back in 2001 I was looking to buy a car. I needed one to replace my daily driver which was getting a little "ratty". At that time I had a friend that owned a body shop in Minneapolis and one day I stopped in for a little lunch and some "bull" trading. I found out that he, also was looking for a daily driver and that a friend of his wife was had something for sale but he didn't know what kind of car it was.

A few days later I get a call from my friend telling me that I should go over to look at this car and that he would negotiate the sale for me and get me a good deal if I should decide to buy it. I asked: "What kind of car is it?"

Well, my good friend, being the

prankster that he was, WOULDN'T TELL ME!

He gave me an address and told me to get myself over there because the owner was ready to start advertising the car.

It turned out that the owner lived in an exclusive area of Golden Valley. I finally got there and saw the car for the very first time. It was an apparently very well kept 1986 Lincoln Mark VII LSC. My initial reaction was that this beautiful car was a little "over the top" to serve me as a simple daily driver. I was thinking about a Toyota or a Honda but I came all this way and decided to have a peek.

The owner came out and after some

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## *Pride and Joy continued.*

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pleasantries gave me the key and invited me to take it for a little spin. I did. Up to this point I owned a lot of “special” cars and usually they were sport cars aside from daily drivers. But I never considered a Lincoln. During my little joy ride this car made an immediate statement of value. It was a very solid car. When I got back the owner told me this car was what he considered to be a “property car” meaning that he just used the car for business trips in Florida. He was a real estate developer that was going to retire and was spending his winters in Florida to buy or build something for his impending retirement. This car was his “trip car”. He found what he wanted and now he and his wife used a Lincoln Town Car for their winter trips to Florida and the Mark just became an “extra car” in the garage that was used by their daughter who came to visit in the summer.

The price was a little bit more that I wanted to spend but my good friend apparently arranged a lower price and if I decided to buy, that I was to get the same deal. I told you that he was a good friend! I bought the car.

I took the car to my mechanics shop and told him that all the records were lost and that I wanted to start from scratch. So after a tune up, brakes, and a couple of new tires and rest, my Lincoln was ready for a trip.

I wanted to go to Iowa City, Iowa which is six hours away. I drove it non-stop. The car was so comfortable and easy to drive that after six hours I felt like I didn’t go anywhere at all! I knew that I made a “good buy”, with the help of my good buddy. I also knew that this car just didn’t fit my interpretation of what a daily driver should be. I decided that this Lincoln was going to be my “trip/vacation car”.

When I got back from Iowa I realized that I really didn’t know anything at all about Lincoln. The idea struck me to join a car club. I found the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club and joined. It was there that I

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## Trivia from the Internet



Chattanooga  
Choo Choo

**"Chattanooga Choo Choo"** is a song by Harry Warren (music) and Mack Gordon (words). It was recorded in a big-band/swing manner by Glenn Miller and his orchestra and featured in the 1941 movie *Sun Valley Serenade*, which starred Sonja Henie, John Payne, Glenn Miller and his orchestra, The Modernaires, Milton Berle and Joan Davis. The song was performed in the film as an extended production number, featuring vocals by Tex Beneke, Paula Kelly, and the Modernaires, followed by a production number showcasing Dorothy Dandridge and an acrobatic dance sequence by The Nicholas Brothers.

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## Editors Message

June 2012

June is here. Here's hoping that it will be a bit dryer than May. It's not too much fun to take an old car out in the rain, especially when you have a problem with your vacuum wipers. See my story about meet events, the rain and the wipers. Fortunately there is a fellow out there that does a very good job rebuilding Trico wiper motors. The hard part is getting the motor out of the car. When you are my age, it is a real challenge to do almost anything under the dash.

The Eastern National Meet is now history along with our Morries car show. Both fun events. Lincoln club activities really are a lot of fun. It's not just about cars, but the relationships that you build with other members throughout our fine country. So, don't miss out on the fun this summer. Get your registration materials in now for our MidAmerica meet this August at the Park Plaza hotel in Bloomington, MN.

Ford keeps making progress with their products and especially Lincoln. Early in May, I was invited out to Morries to test drive the 2013 MKS and MKT. I took a MKT out for a few miles and was impressed in the improvements that have been made over my 2010 model. The dash layout has changed and the suspension has been also refined to provide a bet-

ter experience for both the driver and passengers. The exterior has also been changed a bit. The grill isn't quite as pronounced as the earlier models. They just keep getting better and better.

The Northstar LCOC is made up of some real dedicated member and that is what I believe makes our club



It's Memorial day and Faithie is enjoying a nice afternoon outside. She is checking out the Northstar 2012 directory, which will go in the mail in the next day or two.

a little more successful than some of the other regional clubs or branches of our parent. Membership involvement builds a good organization and we showed that at our car show at Morries Minnetonka Ford Lincoln show on May 26th. In spite of really poor weather, we had about 18 cars show up. A few of our members; Paul and Deb Andahl (450 miles), John and Dorothy Palmer (150 miles) and Ro-

Storvick (100 miles) made the journey to spend part of the day enjoying friendship of other club members and seeing some nice Lincolns. Truly, our members are the best part of our very fine club.

Please take notice of our club activities, more details are on the last page. Marion and I will be there and we look forward to seeing you there too.

Till next month....David, Marion and the very sweet Faithie, the Samoyed.



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*The Glenn Miller re-recording, RCA Bluebird B-11230-B, became the #1 song across the United States on December 7, 1941, and remained at #1 for nine weeks on the Billboard Best Sellers chart.*

*The 78-rpm commercial version of the song was recorded on May 7, 1941 for RCA Victor's Bluebird label and became the first to be certified a gold disc on February 10, 1942, for sales of 1,200,000. The transcription of this award ceremony can be heard on the first of three volumes of RCA's "Legendary Performer" compilations on Glenn released by RCA in the 1970s. In the early 1990s a two-channel recording of a portion of the Sun Valley Serenade soundtrack was discovered, allowing reconstruction of a true-stereo version of the film performance.*

*In 1996, the 1941 re-recording of "Chattanooga Choo Choo" by Glenn Miller and His Orchestra was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.*

*The song was writ-*

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## *Directors Message by Bob Johnson*

*June 2012*



What a summer day, on Friday May 18, 2012, 92 degrees, now that is the start of summer. We have had our Mark VII and Mark III out for some nice drives already.

On Wednesday night, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 cars showed up for Medina's Monthly Cruise In. we were able to see some very nice cars and bikes. Roger and Barb Wothe's 1942 Continental Cabriolet was selected best car at Cruise In. While the turnout was sparse,

the food and fellowship were the best and worth the drive. Members have asked for us to do some events during the week, so we will try another Cruise In during June.

Hope you were able to attend our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Car Show, Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at Morries, Minnetonka Ford Lincoln, this past Memorial Weekend. Complete article about show will be in July Newsletter.

Sunday Brunch, June 10<sup>th</sup> you are invited to enjoy a beautiful day on the premier Lake Minnetonka charter boat, the *Lady of the Lake*. The *Lady of the Lake* offers an exquisite and historic backdrop for an outing on Lake Minnetonka. The charm of this paddlewheel boat offers an experience almost lost in our modern world. ***Jay may still be able to get you on this Brunch, call him ASAP if you now can attend, 952-432-5939.*** The boarding time is 9:30 AM and will take about 3 hours. Address is: 8 Water Street, Excelsior, MN 55331. We will see some of the more sumptuous homes on the lake from a lake view along with a very interesting narrative about them and other points of interest about the lake.

On Sunday, July 15th we will enjoy a great brunch at the Hubbell House in Mantorville, Minnesota. Frank Mantor and John Hubbell staked the claim to Mantorville when they got off the stage on their way to Wabasha. They created the town of Mantorville in 1854. This was the year that the Hubbell House, was built. It soon became an important stopping off point for travelers on their way to the new frontier. We will travel by our updated "stages" on July 15 and enjoy an antique town with lots of old stores and shops that will take you back to the "olden days" of yore. The food will be first quality and back then Power steering and air conditioning weren't even dreams so the drive there will be less eventful than 1854.(hopefully) Plan on joining us for the "get out and go" short tour of southern Minnesota that is about 60 miles south of Burnsville, that just happens to have a great restaurant and places to shop to your hearts content that comes along with it. We will meet at Little Oscar's Restaurant, Highway 52, 23470 Emery Ave, Hampton, MN 55031. Phone 651-437-6327, at 9:30 AM and leave at 10AM.

Speaking of time flying, our Bloomington Meet is now only 75 days from now. We sure hope you will take the time to attend this grand event. Do you have your Bloomington Meet packet? If you have not received one by mail or email. You can down load from our [www.Northstarlcoc.org](http://www.Northstarlcoc.org) or National [www.lcoc.org](http://www.lcoc.org) web site. If you do not have internet, call 952-473-3038, Roger Wothe. If you have any questions about registering for the Meet you can also

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ten by the team of Mack Gordon and Harry Warren while traveling on the Southern Railway's *Birmingham Special* train. The song tells the story of traveling from New York City to Chattanooga. However, the inspiration for the song was a small, wood-burning steam locomotive of the 2-6-0 type which belonged to the Cincinnati Southern Railway, which is now part of the Norfolk Southern Railway system. That train is now a museum artifact (see below). From 1880, most trains bound for America's South passed through the southeastern Tennessee city of Chattanooga, often on to the super-hub of Atlanta. The Chattanooga Choo Choo did not refer to any particular train, though some<sup>[who?]</sup> have incorrectly asserted that it referred to Louisville and Nashville's Dixie Flyer or the Southern Railway's Crescent Limited.

RCA awarded its first "gold record"

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## May Northstar Board Meeting

May 3, 2012

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, Jay White, Tom Brace and Roger Wothe. Other region members present were Mary Johnson, Faye Oberg and Barb Wothe. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson provided an update on planning for the 2012 Mid America Meet including estimates for attendance. He has arranged for trailer and RV parking one block west of the hotel. There will be a paid Security Service for the show cars on Friday and Saturday from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM for \$500.00. Golf cart rental for the Meet is \$200.00. The delivery and pick up is an additional \$150.00 unless someone in the Region can provide that service. Lincoln parts vendors will be introduced on Thursday evening. Bob Roth is ready to accept orders for the Lighted Acrylic Lincoln Displays. The banquet tables will be identified with a year, model and car owner's name instead of a table number.

Meet Registrar Roger Wothe reported that there were fifteen registrations so far. He passed out a spread sheet showing the details supplied by registrants.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported the treasury balance to be \$3,651.91 with all bills paid.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson reported the paid membership to be just over one hundred fifty. He will be publishing the 2012 Directory soon.

Project Director Bob Gavrilescu led a discussion on possible club projects. Rain coats and pants were suggested.

Activities Director Jay White suggested that the Region members attend the cruise-in at the Medina Ballroom on Wednesday May 16, from 5:00 PM until dusk. He will propose a meeting area so that the club members can caravan together to the Medina Ballroom. At the car show at Morries Ridgedale on May 26, Tom St. Martin will present a judging seminar in Morries showroom. Jay is planning a Sunday brunch on June 10 on the charter boat the *Lady of the Lake*. Details of the brunch cruise and a tour to the Hubble House in Mantorville on 15 July will be in the *Northstar News*.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next Board Meeting will be on June 7, at Culvers in Maplewood at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

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award to Glenn Miller and His Orchestra in 1942 for selling one million copies of their recording of "Chattanooga Cho Choo"

Over the years, the song has been recorded by numerous artists, including Beegie Adair, The Andrews Sisters, Ray Anthony, Asleep at the Wheel, BBC Big Band, George Benson, John Bunch, Caravelli, Regina Carter, Ray Charles, Harry Connick, Jr., Ray Conniff, Ernie Fields, Stephane Grappelli & Marc Fosset, John Hammond, Jr., The Harmonizing Four, Harmony Grass, Ted Heath, Betty Johnson, Susannah McCorkle, Ray McKinley, Big Miller, Glenn Miller, Richard Perlmutter, Oscar Peterson, Elvis Presley, Spike Robinson, Harry Roy, Jan Savitt, Hank Snow, Teddy Stauffer, Dave Taylor, Claude Thornhill, The Tornados, and Guy Van Duser[1] Other nota-

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email Roger; at [rwothe@mchsi.com](mailto:rwothe@mchsi.com).

Please call our Park Plaza Hotel to reserve your rooms now for August 15-19, 2012, at 952-831-3131. Room with free breakfast is \$99 plus tax. If you want to upgrade to a really nice Suite, you can get that for \$114 plus tax with a free breakfast. Please reserve your room now so we can plan on you coming even before we get your paid registration. As of May 16<sup>th</sup> we have 35 members who have called and reserved their room.

If you will be staying at home and not the hotel please consider your driving time to attend our daily events and having to drive home at night after nightly events. Traffic on I494 will be very busy, plus it is our prime time for road construction. You may want to reconsider not staying at hotel. The price of gas and time driving may not be worth the hassle of computing back and forth during our Mid America Meet- just something to think about. Judging Class information for the Bloomington Mid America National Meet article is in this newsletter to help explain where to enter your Lincoln for judging.

Please register as early as possible so we know you are going to attend the meet. Your reserved Hotel room is our only way to know your intentions before you pay your Meet registration, please reserve your room early. When reserving hotel room at Park Plaza, tell then you are with the North Star Region LCOC or Lincoln Continental Owners Club.

Send your paid Meet Registration to Roger Wothe before June 1, 2012, and you will be eligible for drawing for one free room night at the Park Plaza Hotel. Register early, you may win.

We really would like you to register now if you can. Make your room reservation now and help our planning process.

LCOC and Region response is very good, as of the 16<sup>th</sup> of May, we are still estimating about 100 Lincolns and 200 People will attend our Bloomington Meet. Let us pray that gas prices do not go over our current price.

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

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found people that were not only Lincoln lovers but also a "walking and talking" encyclopedia of knowledge. PAYDIRT!!!

The members educated me on everything I wanted or needed to know... and then some!

The LCOC and the North Star Region, for me, was worth every penny of the membership dues. This club is a college education for the price of Coke!

My Lincoln is my trip car and continues to be to this day. It has served me well and it's still in excellent condition throughout and very road worthy. Everything works as expected and there is nothing missing. It is a "true survivor".

However due to advancing age and health reasons, I would like to sell my Lincoln.

Will consider trading for a daily driver.

Please contact: Jerry / 651-224-6612. Mornings / Evenings are best.



## *Lincoln Club Activities in May*

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ble performances include:

*Cab Calloway and His Orchestra recorded a cover version of "Chattanooga Choo Choo" on the Conqueror record label (Conqueror 9914) in 1941.*

*Carmen Miranda recorded a cover on July 25, 1942 and sang it in the movie *Springtime in the Rockies*.*

*Bill Haley & His Comets released a cover of "Chattanooga Choo Choo" as an Essex 45 single (Essex 348) in 1954.*

*Pianist Floyd Cramer recorded a single version on RCA Records in 1962.*

*The American musical group Harpers Bizarre released a cover version of the song "Chattanooga Choo Choo", which reached #45 on the U.S. pop chart and spent two weeks at #1 on the Easy Listening chart in 1967.*

*In 1978, the studio group Tuxedo Junction recorded a disco version that hit the American Top 40; it would peak at #32 pop and #18 on the Easy Listening chart.*

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Lincoln club activities are really a lot of fun. This past May was really a good example that this is true.

The Eastern National Meet down in Chattanooga, May 16 through May 20, was an overwhelming success. About 65 cars were on the show field for Saturday's judging and the quality was some of the very best. Six decades of cars were on display, from the 1940's through the early 2000 models. Most were from the 1960 and 1970 era, including a good number of very fine "Slab-sided" Continentals. There were also a number of Mark II's, all in pristine condition, waiting for the judges to confirm what their owners already knew.

As Marion and Faithie chose to remain home, it was a bit more cost effective for me to fly down to Atlanta, rent a car and drive up to Chattanooga for the meet. In addition to saving a few dollars in travel costs, I also benefited by not having to worry about making sure the car was all clean and ready to show. I could do a little more sightseeing and visiting with other club members. As my outgoing flight on Wednesday, the 16th, was delayed by mechanical issues, I didn't get up to the Choo-Choo hotel till about 7:30PM Wednesday night.

The Choo-Choo hotel is at the site of the old Terminal Station, which was once scheduled for demolition in the early 1970's after passenger rail service was discontinued. A group of forward thinking business people in the city came together to save this historic landmark from becoming just a memory for city residents. The main station was converted into the front desk, administrative offices, a number of fine restaurants and gift shops. Three separate buildings

house hotel rooms and suites, and another building on the complex is reserved for banquet and associated functions. A number of railway cars have been converted to "sleeper car" service so a few travelers, willing to spend a little more can experience sleeping in a railcar to nowhere.



The Incline Railway Station awaits LCOC members to board the train for the trip up Lookout Mountain

Thursday was a driving tour to historic battlefields and then a cable car ride to the top of Lookout Mountain. As my internal clock was off from traveling and the timezone change, I missed the group going on the first part of the tour, but eventually caught up with them and made the incline cable car trip up the side of the mountain. It is a steep angle, almost 73 degrees and one of the steepest in the world. The view from the top is quite breathtaking, and you can easily see for miles in many directions.

Thursday afternoon was open for sightseeing on your own, or visiting with members back at the hotel. The hospitality room was open in the evening for further opportunities to visit with other LCOC members and meet some new ones.

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*In the 1970s, the tune was used in the UK on an advert for Toffee Crisp candy bars, starting with "Pardon me, boy, is that a Toffee Crisp you chew chew," and ending with the final punch line "Chew chew Toffee crisp, and you'll go far."*

*Trains are on permanent display at the Terminal Station, in Chattanooga, Tennessee.*

*Today, trains have pride of place in Chattanooga's former Terminal Station. Once owned and operated by the Southern Railway, the station was saved from demolition after the withdrawal of passenger rail service in the early 1970s, and it is now part of a 30-acre (12-hectare) resort complex, including the Chattanooga Choo-Choo Hotel, and numerous historical railway exhibits. Hotel guests can stay in half of a restored passenger railway car. Dining at the complex includes the Gardens restaurant in the Terminal Station itself, The Station House (which is housed*

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## More May Activities

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A great looking Auburn in the Coker Tire collection

Friday morning was another tour, this time by bus. The bus was a big charter unit, which the driver skillfully maneuvered through the some what narrow streets of Chattanooga to our first stop, the Coker Tire Company. Housed in a very old building, Coker does not manufacture any tires there.

All are made elsewhere, at other firms under contract to Coker. It is a sales office, but with a large area housing the Coker antique auto collection. Mostly cars from the late teens, twenty's and thirty's, but a few newer ones too. I think the newest one was a '67 Chevrolet, which was the young kid on the block. There were also a lot of older motorbikes and small cycles too. Only one Lincoln, a 41 Continental Cabriolet, very nice too.

Back on the bus for a short drive to the International Towing and Recovery museum. Sometime ago, I remembered reading about this museum in Old Cars Weekly and what a nice display of towing vehicles they had. It is housed in a fairly new building. They have a interesting collection of towing trucks of all ages,

very nicely exhibited. From the teens through the '70's or 80's, large and small, all completely restored and looking as though they had never dropped the hook down to tow a car. The smallest was a two cylinder vehicle with a small bed and a small tow mechanism installed. I am guessing that about all it could tow would be a motorcycle. One of the largest ever built was also there. It looked as though it could easily pull the largest eighteen wheeler ever made, filled with gold bars. They even had a small pickup based tow truck from Sauk Rapids, MN.



A late 20's Packard long wheelbase sedan converted for towing service.

In the lobby area was a Packard Limo that had been converted to a tow truck. I believe that it was from the very late twenties. All white, and nicely done, it must have served the original owners well towing vehicles during the classic era.

Later Friday night, there was a buffet dinner, which was very good and a silent auction. There were some nice items offered and those who submitted a bid went home with great Lincoln stuff.

Saturday morning, everyone was out on the field with their favorite Lincoln all carefully cleaned and

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in a former baggage storage room) and the "Dinner in the Diner" which is the complex's fine dining venue, housed in a restored 1941 Class A dining car. The city's other historic station, Union Station, parts of which predated the Civil War, was demolished in 1973; its site is now an office building housing the corporate offices of the Krystal restaurant chain. In addition to the railroad exhibits at "the Choo Choo", there are further exhibits at Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum, in the suburb of East Chattanooga.

The reputation given to the city by the song also lent itself to making Chattanooga the home of the National Model Railroad Association. In addition, the athletic mascot of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is a rather menacing-looking anthropomorphized mockingbird named Scrappy, who is dressed as a railroad engineer and is sometimes depicted at the throttle of a steam locomotive.

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## Lincoln owners converge on Chattanooga



Harvey and Marie Bane roll into the parking lot of the Chattanooga Choo Choo on Wednesday, May 16, in a 1958 Continental Mark III as they and other enthusiasts gather for the Eastern National Meet of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club.

By Clint Cooper, courtesy of the Chattanooga Times Free Press.

Driving a Lincoln Continental, said Jeanne Talbourdet, "is like taking the living room out for a spin."

For members of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club like the Massachusetts resident, though, there's nothing better.

In truth, said several owners who brought their classic behemoths to the Chattanooga Choo Choo for the club's Eastern National Meet last week, it's all about the style.

"Lincoln's always been a style setter," said James Kaster, meet chairman. "It's been known [for that]."

The 1961 Continental, for example, won a major design award and is considered by many to be the pinnacle of Lincoln style.

Luxury cars of the 1950s-1970s were marketed with somewhat of an aspirational message, said John B. Fryday, Southern Region director of the club. The marketing hinted the cars were something you could move up to.

"I think Detroit missed the boat," he said. "That's been lost. I think that's why you have this feeling [of nostalgia]."

The Lincoln division of Ford Motor Co. may be changing that, according to Kaster. It is slated to offer seven new models over the next two years, including one this fall, he said.

Indeed, Lincoln and Continental Owners Club officials compared the hoped-for renaissance of their favorite model with the renaissance of Chattanooga at the meeting, which drew members from at least 16 states and Canada.

"We're pushing them to see Chattanooga," Kaster, 49, said after arriving in the city. "We want them to see how Chattanooga regenerated itself."

The Lincoln Continental owners hope the new models have the same panache as the ones they drove to the meeting, such as the 1958 black four-door from West Virginia, the 1961 yellow, four-door convertible from North Carolina and the 1969 two-door, blue and white coupe from North Carolina.

But it's not likely they'll have foot after foot of chrome, a trunk that would hold a Smart car and weigh up to 5,700 pounds like those at the Choo Choo, though.

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Roy Rogers had just purchased a new set of boots. Going out one day to check on Trigger, Roy stepped in a pile of ... well suffice it to say that Dale told him to leave his boots outside on the porch until he could clean them up. Roy did so and went inside for dinner. In the meantime a cougar wandering around on the property spied the boots, grabbed them up in his mouth and headed for the wilderness. Roy, seeing his new boots heading for the hills, pulled on a pair of old boots, ran out and saddled up Trigger and headed for the hills to cut off the escape path of the cougar. Several hours later Roy returned, new boots in hand and the cougar stretched over the back of Trigger. Dale looking at the scene in front of her said "Pardon me Roy is that the cat who chewed your new shoes? Answer: "Pardon me boys. Is that the Chattanooga Choo-Choo?"

## Lincoln Owners in Chattanooga

Fryday, 60, who drove his 1961 yellow convertible with turquoise interior, said his love of Continentals started early with a 1961 model owned by a close neighbor of the grandparents who raised him.

"I would wash it and wax it," he said. "I went to my high school prom in that car."

It was the 1961 model, Fryday said, that killed the late 1950s-era tailfin.

"Everything looked old and dated" when it debuted, he said.

The smaller, restrained styling -- with its trademark "suicide doors" -- set it apart from its main luxury rival, the Cadillac, Kaster said.

"It had subtle, slick sides instead of sculpting," he said.

It was also the model -- a 1961 with 1963 updates -- in which President John F. Kennedy was riding when he was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963.

"It is a big, luxurious car that people recognize," Fryday said.

Lincolns and Continentals at last week's gathering -- they'll pull out of the Choo Choo this morning -- were a combination of low-mileage originals, complete restorations or somewhere in between.

Talbourdet, 54, and her husband, John, have owned the 1966 Venetian Yellow convertible they drove for more than 20 years. In fact, they love the model so much they've got another one -- copper with a white top -- on the way.

"It's coming from San Diego," she said, having purchased it from another club member. "I have known it for 15 years. They drive real nice."

Kaster's 1969 Continental Mark III -- its license reads 68.5 MK3 -- has been restored to original with the exception of the two-tone paint scheme he had applied in the style of a 1979 model.

"My father and I bonded through cars," he said, explaining that the two would go to car lots on Sundays when blue laws prohibited dealers from opening that day. "He drove Mercurys but lusted after Lincolns."

## NORTHSTAR LCOC WELCOME WAGON

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Bob Johnson encourages us all to increase the LCOC membership so I feel I am doing my part this month. This month I hope you will all welcome a very special member to the Northstar LCOC, Mary "Micki" Zent, very soon to be Micki Kalvoda. Micki and I will be married on June 8 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bismarck, ND at 4 pm. **We will have an open house reception in Willmar, MN on Saturday, June 30 from 2-5 pm at the Willmar Community Center, 624 Hwy 71 NE; Northstar LCOC members are most welcome to attend.** [The photo was taken at the May 5<sup>th</sup> Car Buffs' Breakfast at Litchfield MN]





## May Activities continued

awaiting the judges. From what others said, the judging went fairly quickly and smoothly, and was completed by 2:30PM. There were some of the best cars that I have seen there.



A beautiful 1995 Town Car owned by Gaye Purvis

Every car was indeed, a fine example of the model and year. Being a fan of the '50's, I was impressed with two particular Lincolns. A red and white Capri two door hardtop, beautifully restored to better than new condition. It was shown by Raymond Pedigo of Woodbury, TN. It truly was one of the finest 1955 Capri's that I have ever seen. The second one was the 1958 Mark III Continental Convertible owned by Harvey and Marie Bane of Martinsburg, WV. This too, is a very fine car, better than any other 1958 that I have ever seen. Over the years, Harvey has brought the glory back to this classic example of what late '50's automobiles were about. And the best part, it is always driven to meets, never rides on a trailer. Harvey and Marie brought this car up to Duluth in 2008 and we look forward to seeing them again in Bloomington this August.

Our Northstar members that attended also exhibited fine cars and everyone of them went home with an award. Gaye Purvis and Dick Eilers came with Gaye's latest acquisition, a sparkling black, low mileage 1995 Town Car. Perfect in every respect, this car should continue to move up the ladder toward bigger and better trophies.

Gordy Jensen, quite probably one of the most knowledgeable owners of the slab sided convertibles and sedans, showed his latest, a red with a white top 1967 Continental convertible. Just recently restored, it was one of the finest 67's shown in recent years. Gordy went home with an award for this fine car and will surely be receiving another in Bloomington,

later this summer at the MidAmerica. Jack and Marilyn Fletcher drove in with their 1961 Continental sedan. A wonderful car, it looks and also drives like new. Jack and Marilyn also went home with an award.



Gordy Jensen's 1967 Continental convertible is one of the finest examples of what Lincolns of this era should look like.



John and Dorothy Palmer showed their 1989 Mark VII. A very, very original car.

John and Dorothy Palmer showed their 1989 Mark VII, a very, very low mileage original car, again the perfect example of what a brand new Mark VII should look like. Never driven in rain or snow, always kept indoors, absolutely perfect. John and Dorothy won once again with the Mark VII. Steve Young from Houlton, WI also attended with his 1969 Mark III. This car has undergone a remarkable transformation in the past seven or eight years. A lot of work has been done on this car and it clearly

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shows. Steve won again in the primary class and we will be seeing that car in Bloomington for sure.

The Saturday awards banquet went well. The food and service were good and the presentation ceremonies were well done. John Talbordet, the LCOC Chief Judge presented the awards and many wound up scoring in several categories. John Fryday of the Southern Region served as master of ceremonies and had an interesting presentation about Lincolns of the 1950's, tying in their theme, "Celebrating Modern Living" which served to set apart the 1952 through 1957 Lincolns from every other fine car in America at the time.

Our sincere thanks to John Fryday, Southern Region Director, James Kaster, 2012 ENM Chairman, John Bailey and Jimmy Alston for all of the fun that our Northstar Members had at the ENM in Chattanooga.

This past Saturday, May 26th was our annual Spring Lincoln show held out at Morries Minnetonka Ford Lincoln. The weather forecasts promised that we would have rain on Saturday, and for once, they were spot on. Marion and I left Burnsville a little after 9:00AM and encountered no rain till we had finished parking the car next to the nice large tent that John Aretz, General Manager of Morries arranged for us. I drove the Cosmopolitan and Marion followed with the MKT and brought the 2012 Northstar club directories and some fresh donuts to pass out.

The rain came down in buckets for a while. It was nice having the tent and lawn chairs so we could stay reasonably dry till the rain stopped.

Tom St. Martin graciously led us through what to look for and just how to judge a car. This was held indoors and Jay White was parked on the showroom floor and was the center of attention during Tom St. Martins examination and commentary. It was well done and our members learned a lot about what is involved in the Judges deliberative processes. The Lincoln club rules state that no more than ten minutes should be spent on any car during the process. A good seasoned judge should be able to come up with a accurate assessment of a car in that time period.



On Morries showroom floor, Tom St. Martin conducts a judging seminar featuring Jay White's Lin-



A perfectly dreary day for our annual car show.

Eventually the weather cleared and the rain stopped. It was on the cool side, with temperatures in the '60's. If you had a jacket, you were good. About 11:00AM, the grill was fired up and Morries folks grilled hot dogs for us. The were good and they had to make another run to Costco to pick up

some more for the very eager eaters.

We had about 18 cars, not bad for a somewhat dreary day. Karl and Sharon Flick arrived in their pre-war Zephyr, the oldest car and Marion came with the MKT, the newest one. A nice spread of 60's, '70's and '80's were there too. Shortly after



These two buddies, belonging to Brad and Joanie Videen greeted our members with much excitement.

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2:00PM, the votes were tallied and the results would be announced after the drawing for door prizes. Morrie donated some hats and Lincoln key chains, one of which I was lucky enough to win. Everyone went home with something on Saturday.



Marion Gustafson presenting Bob and Mary Johnson with their new puppy "Lincoln." Fully housebroken and well trained, he is a perfect addition to The Johnson household.



Third Place went to Bill Allen.

Bob Johnson was presented with Lincoln, a very cute puppy dog. During his run for elective office, which was mentioned in the April newsletter, along with campaign buttons

and other literature, all children present were sent home with a free puppy. Marion was in charge of this program and they were all given away before the end of the day, and Bob and Mary had to go home with out one. Marion was able to track down a very fine "rescue" puppy and presented it to Bob and Mary at the show.

Award plaques were handed out to third best car shown, Bill and Donna Allen of Prior Lake; second place to Brad and Carole Yoho from Stillwater and first place to Jay White of Apple Valley. The long

distance award was presented to Roald and Rosie Storvick from Austin. John Aretz of Morries was presented with a plaque expressing the Northstar club's appreciation for all their efforts in making this

Right-Bob Johnson presents John Aretz of Morries Minnetonka Ford Lincoln with a commemorative plaque expression our appreciation for continuing



Left-Bob Johnson presenting Carole Yoho with Second Place award for their great looking green 1978 Continental Town Car.

Right-Jay White receives the best of show award for his 1964 Continental Convertible.



Roald and Rosalee Storvick

show a success in spite of the threat of rain. The rain began again as we were leaving. I made most of the journey in light rain, which kept coming down harder and harder as we got closer to home. My 1951 Trico vacuum powered windshield wipers finally stopped working altogether, but we did make it home and into the garage without incident.

May was a good month, and the summer should get better as we move into June and July.



## *You May Be Interested in these Items for Sale*

**I need a new home! I am a 1968 Thunderbird, four door Landau, fully loaded with all the good stuff that was offered in 1968.** I have a new A/C compressor, converted to R134A refrigerant, and I now blow nice cold air. I have had three owners and my history is available. I have but traveled by 77,000 miles and most folks say that I am in mint condition. You can have me for around \$8,500 or a good offer close to that. To take me home, Call North Star Member Don Peterson at 507-454-3010, 507-429-0476 or 507-454-5231, Winona, MN email: dop@mwsco.com

For Sale: **I am really anxious to sell my 1948 Continental Coupe.** Has had a complete engine rebuild 400 miles ago by Adelman engines.. New brakes, battery, chrome has been re-plated, new dark green paint, new tires, good working overdrive. Needs upholstery. **Reduced to \$16,000 or make a good offer.** Call Ted Anderson, 763.561.8143.

For Sale:

**1982 Mark VI 2dr** with Sun Roof. 132,000 miles \$1,000; **1983 Lincoln Continental 4dr**, no title and doesn't run \$500. **Parts cars: 1956 Lincoln Capri Sedan, 1955 Custom Sedan, 1954 Lincoln Front Clip, 1953 Lincoln Cosmopolitan Sedan.** Contact Elrod Kaufman, 27951 440 Avenue, Freeman, SD 57029 Call after 6PM for more details 605.925.4986

For Sale:

**1989 Lincoln Town Car**, Black exterior, Grey Leather interior, 60,100 miles. One owner, Excellent Condition, 5.0 V8 Engine, Automatic Overdrive Transmission. Michelin Tires, Power Glass Moon Roof, Dual Power Heater Mirrors. Keyless Entry, Power Everything, Listed new for \$32,938, Asking \$5,695.00 Del at 608.837.5990 **Great car with a Great price**

For Sale:

**1981 Mark VI Signature Series.** White, moon roof, padded trunk lid, lots of extras. All interior features work. Red cloth interior. Mileage on high side, 161,700. Started recently after long term storage. Call Karl Westenfield (C) 763-229-2183

For Sale:

**1971 Continental Mark III**, white, blue leather interior, clean car. \$2,500obo.  
**1975 Continental**, four door, yellow with gold-white leather interior. \$2,500 obo Nice original condition. Call Rodney at 701-252-2222 or 252-4149.

For Sale:

I need a new home. I am a **1969 MK III** with only 103,000 miles and I am green with a like new green interior. Front windows need some work. Call Rich at 715.321.1938 Best offer will own me.

For Sale:

**1980 Mark VI Givenchy Coupe**, New FoMoCo 302 V8 has 40,000 miles; car needs a little TLC, \$2500/offer. 320-429-0139

For Sale:

**1979 Mark V.** Car is very nice, 78,000 miles. No rust and has been very well maintained over the years. Has all the usual Mark V options. I really want to sell this fine car. \$3,900 or best offer. Please call Walter Ranua at 763.458.6053.



# *Preview of Coming Events*

- June      **Sunday, June 10th. Sunday Cruise and Brunch on the “Lady of the Lake”.** See all the details on the last page.  
**Saturday, June 30th. Come celebrate the marriage of Francis Kalvoda and Micki Zent** at the Willmar Community Center, 624 Highway 71NE, Willmar, MN. From 2PM to 5PM All Northstar Lincoln club members are invited to come and help celebrate.
- July      **Sunday, July 15th. Brunch at the Hubbell House, Mantorville.**  
See all the details on the back page.  
**Saturday, July 28th, Kolacky Days Classic Car Show,.** Downtown First Street in Montgomery, MN. 9am to 3:00pm Entry fee \$8.00
- August      **Mark your calendar right now for the LCOC Mid-America show, hosted by the Northstar Region, August 15 - 19, 2012, in Bloomington, MN** This will be our signature event this year, one that you will surely not want to miss. Sign up now for more information. Contact Bob Johnson, 651-257-1715 or email: arborbob41@aol.com.
- September      **6<sup>th</sup> Annual North Star Region, Lincoln Car Show, Luther North Country, Ford, Lincoln , Coon Rapids, Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
**Western National Meet, Concord CA, September 26-30**
- October      **Annual Region Pot Luck Picnic and Auction, Morries, Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**
- November      Wrap up 2012 with our end of year brunch. We will review 2012 and take a peek at 2013.

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Sunday Brunch and a Cruise aboard the  
“Lady of the Lake” make for one real great  
Sunday, June 10th, 9:30AM

You are invited to enjoy a beautiful day on the premier Lake Minnetonka charter boat, the Lady of the Lake. The Lady offers an exquisite and historic backdrop for an outing on spectacular Lake Minnetonka.

The charm of this paddlewheel boat offers an experience almost lost in our modern. Our brunch and cruise cost is \$31.00 per person, if you plan to attend, you must contact Jay immediately at (952)432-5939. The deadline for reservations has passed, but there still may a few seats available, provided you call upon receipt of the newsletter. The boarding time is 9:30 AM and will take about 3 hours. Address is: #8 Water Street, Excelsior, MN 55331.

Make your plans now to attend this great Sunday event. See you there.



Sunday, July 15, Join us at the historic  
Hubbell House in Mantorville, for  
A Sunday Brunch.

Great food and exceptionally fine service are the hallmark of this landmark restaurant in Southern Minnesota. Located in Mantorville, named after Frank Mantor,, who with John Hubbell, started serving meals to travelers in 1854, with the tradition continuing on to present day.

Those of us North of Mantorville, will meet at Little Oscar’s restaurant, Highway 62, 23470 Emery Avenue in Hampton, MN, and caravan over the back country roads South to Mantorville. Plan to be at Little Oscar’s at 9:30AM as we will leave from there at 10:00AM for the leisurely drive South, arriving in Mantorville at about 11:30AM. After brunch, take some time and visit some of the old stores that take you back into another place and time. See what life was like before Cub and WalMart.