

NORTHSTAR NEWS

My Pride and Joy



Bob Roth's New Lincoln MKC

I purchased the new 2015 Lincoln MKC as I was downsizing from a large SUV to a smaller one. After researching various models that both looked good and were within the price range that I had set for a new vehicle, it was narrowed down to an Acura RDX and the new Lincoln MKC. In many respects both cars are quite similar, in size and with a lot of the same features. They are also quite close in price. I did test drive both the RDX and the MKC. The Lincoln won out due to the better performance provided by the 2.3 liter engine with EcoBoost and the all-wheel drive package. One of the nice features that I have already used in this cold spring weather is the heated steering wheel and side mirrors. The only extra was heated steering wheel and mirrors. It has so many bells and whistles that are standard that I will never use.

Shortly after I got the Lincoln, I made a trip out to Montana to visit an old high school classmate. The GPS said it was a little over a thousand miles and would take about 14 hours of drive time. This would be a great chance to try out the MKC on a long road trip.

I left Minneapolis at 4:00AM and drove all the way through. The MKC is

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Welcome to the Northstar News, the monthly publication of the Northstar Region of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. We value your opinions and appreciate your input concerning this newsletter and the operation of the club. This is your club.

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

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such a comfortable car to drive and stopping every two hours, I had no problem. I will say that I was tired when I arrived, and did sleep well that night. The only negative is that it has a relatively small (15 gallon) fuel tank and I do have a heavy foot, so don't ask me what kind of mileage I got. I think most people fudge that one anyway.

I was warned by my friend, don't let your fuel tank get below half full. The route that I laid out, was the shortest possible and most towns were often 50 miles apart. Running out of fuel would not be much fun in unfamiliar territory. It might be a long wait for AAA road service to show up. The plus side was that there was very little traffic. There were times where I didn't see another car for 50 miles.

I did have one occasion, where I had a little old lady just enjoying her trip to somewhere. With eco boost, I was able to quickly pass. I looked down and I was going 100 MPH and I didn't even know it. Yes, I quickly slowed back down to 80MPH.

While in Montana, I decided to go down to Big Sky, about 4 hours from where I was. As you enter Big Sky, the roads are quite winding and when the road signs say 45 MPH, they really mean it. If you are on the outside lane, there is no side protection if you lose control. It snowed that night in the ski area and the roads down were slippery and snow packed. The MKC shows its best when driving in adverse weather. It held the road very well and at no time did I feel uncomfortable driving in wintery weather conditions.

All in all, I put 3500+ miles on the MKC and they were very comfortable miles. Yes, I would say, if you're looking for a mid-size SUV, take a test drive in the MKC. And, please take that test drive at Morries.

Editors note: Our thanks to Bob Roth for telling us about his new MKC. We would like to hear from any of you who have had good experiences with recent model Lincolns. They are great cars.

Trivia from the Internet



John D McDonald
Author
1916 - 1986

John Dann MacDonald was an American writer of novels and short stories, known for his thrillers.

MacDonald was a prolific author of crime and suspense novels, many of them set in his adopted home of Florida. His best-known works include the popular and critically acclaimed Travis McGee series, and his novel The Executioners, which was adapted into the film Cape Fear. In 1972, MacDonald was named a grandmaster of the Mystery Writers of America, and he won a 1980 U.S. National Book Award in the one-year category Mystery. Stephen King praised MacDonald as "the

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Editors Message

June 2015

May is history and June is here. Hopefully, June will have a lot of very nice weather and provide us with ample opportunity to get our older cars out for a few nice drives. And another good thing to look forward to is the beginning of summer, when once again, the days start getting shorter.

With each day that goes by, my

vision is slowly getting better and better. I do have a more or less permanent prescription for lenses that now give me good (corrected) 20-20 vision. I do need a lot less correction than I had before the cataract surgery, but still need bifocal lenses for reading and distance. But, everything is much brighter and much clearer than before, which I guess, is the desired outcome.

Our thanks to Bob Roth, who wrote about his new MKC. We are glad that Bob is having a good experience with his new Lincoln and we would appreciate hearing from anyone else that has recently purchased a new Lincoln that would be willing to let us know what they like about it. The MKC is turning out to be a very good car for Lincoln, it is their best selling model now. The new Continental is expected to be in dealers showrooms in early 2016. Lincoln will be going head to head with Cadillac and their new CT6. Both will be fine cars and both companies will be working hard

to once again build cars that compete with foreign cars and succeed in the luxury car segment of the marketplace. We wish both companies well and look forward to their new models in the years ahead.

Our Memorial weekend car show was a great success. Nice cars and nicer people, what could be better.



Olga did her "Mona Lisa smile" pose for Jay White at the Morries Memorial weekend car show. She was dog tired from meeting and greeting all the folks at the show and at the end of the day came home and crashed on the living room floor.

The weather was about as close to perfect as you could get. We were planning on taking our Mark VIII, but somewhere along the line, most of the coolant disappeared, so it sat in the garage. It only has about 250 miles on it since having the engine replaced, so it needs to be

checked out a little further.

Al and Kathy Longley came with their newly acquired 1951 Cosmopolitan. About 7 or 8 years ago, I purchased a dark blue 1951 Cosmo from Al. I thought it would be a good companion for the light blue one that Marion and I had owned since 1980. After speaking with Al, we decided that Al should take over stewardship of the light blue one. What a nice job he has done in turning the Cosmo into a very presentable car. The engine bay looks as good as it did when it was first delivered. And the interior looks even better. Thanks Al, for taking such good care of this Cosmo.

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

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great entertainer of our age, and a mesmerizing storyteller." Kingsley Amis said, MacDonald "is by any standards a better writer than Saul Bellow, only MacDonald writes thrillers and Bellow is a human-heart chap, so guess who wears the top-grade laurels?"

MacDonald was born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, where his father worked for Savage Arms. The family moved to Utica, New York in 1926, where his father became treasurer of the Utica branch of the Savage Arms Corporation. In 1934, MacDonald was sent to Europe for several weeks, which whetted his appetite for travel and for photography.

After graduating from high school, he enrolled at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, but he dropped out during his sophomore year. MacDonald worked at menial jobs in New York City for a short time, then was admitted to Syracuse University, where he met his future wife, Dorothy Prentiss. They married in 1937, and he graduated from Syracuse the following year.

In 1939, MacDonald

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Directors Message by Bob Johnson

June 2015



This winter may finally be over, but we had frost this past Wednesday morning, May 20th, here in Shafer. The winter was not as bad as the snowy one we had last year. But, it is now time to turn the page and have nicer, warmer weather for a change.

I hope you were able to work on your cars and get them all spruced up for some of our events that are listed on the Activities Calendar. Be sure and RSVP to the appropriate people listed for the activities or call hotels to reserve rooms as soon as possible. In fairness to the restaurants and other event locations, we do need to let them know how many of us are coming so that everyone can enjoy the day.

The past month was busy with updating North Star records with Federal tax filings, reinstatement of Region nonprofit status with the State of Minnesota, and our updating the region checking account. Believe it or not, but Mike Gerner and Dick Larson were still listed on our business records as active club officers. Several long overdue changes have been made and we are now up to date. Our thanks to the help provided by Greg Langbehn, Harvey Oberg, Bob Gavrilesu and Roger Wothe, region members who spent a lot of time making things right.

Mary and I hope that you will be able to attend our 50th Wedding Anniversary, on Saturday, June 27th at our home in Shafer. Just come and enjoy the moment, food and refreshments will be served under a tent. We will have a special area for your classic Lincoln. RSVP's was by May 20th, but we want you to come help us celebrate this grand event. You can still come, but please RSVP within the next few days. We genuinely look forward to seeing many of our very special Lincoln friends celebrating with us here in Shafer. Your friendship has meant a great deal to us over the years and the LCOC has been responsible for bringing so many of us together.

The North Star Region is holding the 12th Annual Outstate Classic Lincoln Car Show, Saturday, July 18th, at Sioux Falls Ford Lincoln, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. All the information is in the back of the newsletter.

Hotel information about our 2015 Driving tours is located elsewhere in this newsletter, please call and make your reservations now.

Dave and Marion Gustafson have mailed our 2015 Region Directories to you. What do you think about the added contact names in back of the directory? We hope this will help you in the future when you may need a service performed on your Lincoln. If you want to recommend more services, please send contact information to Dave Gustafson.

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

Northstar Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 24, 2015

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm at Morrie's Ridgedale Ford Lincoln Dealership. Board members present were Bob Johnson, Harvey Oberg, Dave Gustafson, Tom Brace, Jay White, Dennis Owens and Roger Wothe. Board member Dick Eilers is absent and recovering from surgery. Other regional member present was Faye Oberg. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson reported that he has updated the North Star Region business records with the 2015 Federal tax filing, reinstated the State of Minnesota nonprofit status and updated the checking account signatures. The 2015 Directory with forty-two suppliers and vendors has been completed by Dave and Marion Gustafson. To recommend more suppliers and vendors please send the information to Dave Gustafson for the next Directory. Bob reviewed the driving tours and hotel accommodations for the Mid America Meet at Hickory Corners MI. He has also ordered four black satin baseball award style region jackets, three of which have been sold for \$80.00 each. The LCOC national merchandise is now being handled by Cornerstone Registration.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported the treasury balance to be \$3,722.54 with all bills paid. Harvey also announced that after many years' of faithful service he will be retiring from the Treasurer's position at the end of this year.

Projects: Tom Brace will follow up inquires for regional lapel badges. Harvey has thirty-five grille badges remaining for sale.

Secretary Roger Wothe suggested that the regional members may be interested in attending the Wednesday Car Show every other week in downtown Victoria MN.

Activities will be found listed near the end of the *Northstar News*.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm to join the remainder of the group at the 7th Annual Lincoln Classic Car Show at Morrie's Ridgedale Ford Lincoln Dealership.

The next Board Meeting will be Thursday, June 4, at Morrie's Ridgedale Ford Lincoln Dealership at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

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received an MBA from Harvard University. He was later able to make good use of his education in business and economics by incorporating elaborate business swindles into the plots of several of his novels.

In 1940, MacDonald accepted a direct commission as a first lieutenant in the Army Ordnance Corps. During World War II, he served in the OSS in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations. He was discharged in September 1945 as a lieutenant colonel.

MacDonald's literary career began almost by accident. In 1945, while still in the Army, he wrote a short story and mailed it to his wife. She submitted it to *Esquire* magazine, which rejected it. She then sent it to *Story* magazine, which accepted for \$25, good money for that time. He learned of this just after his ship arrived in the United States.

After his discharge, MacDonald spent four months writing short stories, generating some

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About the Lincoln MKC



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800,000 words and losing 20 pounds, while typing 14 hours a day, seven days a week. He received hundreds of rejection slips, but finally a \$40 sale to the pulp magazine *Dime Detective* set his career in motion. He would eventually sell nearly 500 short stories to the detective, mystery, adventure, sports, Western, and science fiction magazines. Several times, MacDonald's stories were the only ones in an issue of a magazine, but this was hidden by using pseudonyms.

As the boom in paperback novels expanded, MacDonald successfully made the jump to longer fiction with his first novel, *The Brass Cupcake*, published in 1950, by Fawcett Publications' Gold Medal Books.

His science fiction included the stories "Cosmetics" in *Astounding* (1948) and "Common Denominator" in *Galaxy Science Fiction* (1951), and the three novels *Wine of the Dreamers* (1951), *Ballroom of the Skies* (1952), and *The Girl, the Gold Watch, & Everything* (1962),

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The 2015 Lincoln MKC approaches a German-luxury-like balance of driving dynamism and comfort, and enters the segment as a truly competitive player.

The second act in Lincoln's modern-day reinvention is the all-new 2015 MKC compact luxury SUV, following the MKZ sedan's 2013 redesign. At the 2013 Los Angeles Auto Show, Cars.com's team of editors were convinced the MKC had the right attitude to jump into its extremely competitive segment with a full head of steam; we unanimously named it a "Winner" in our auto show postmortem. Now that it's on sale, I've driven a round of preproduction versions.

The MKC is one of Lincoln's best efforts in recent years, which is impressive considering the compact SUV's well-hidden roots as a Ford Escape. The MKC is re-engineered with a wider suspension track, a unique optional 285-horsepower, turbocharged, 2.3-liter four-cylinder, and a significantly rethought interior and exterior. The MKC is up against stiff competition in the Acura RDX, Audi Q5 and BMW X3, which you can compare with the MKC here.

The MKC's standard engine is a 240-hp, turbocharged, 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine that pairs with front- or all-wheel drive, while the optional engine comes attached only to an all-

wheel-drive system. Lincoln's trim levels are the Select and Reserve Equipment Groups that include numerous optional features above the standard Premiere. I spent most of my time driving a fully loaded 2.3-liter Reserve, though I briefly drove a 2.0-liter Reserve with all-wheel drive.

Lincoln's design department should get a high-five for the contemporary new look. Tight proportions, oozing style, and a mean, aggressive stance are traits that breathe fresh air into the Lincoln brand. There's little indication the MKC is based off Ford's Escape platform; the MKC is sleeker, has a wider body and track, and the exterior and interior are just as impressive now as they were when we first caught a glimpse of the MKC concept car — a concept to which the production version has stayed true.

Walking up to the MKC at night is a very different experience from doing so during the day, thanks to Lincoln's standard approach detection. The SUV senses an approaching driver and creates a light show at night, as a soft glow emanates from the door handles and an LED shines the Lincoln logo onto the ground on either side of the car — think Batman's Bat-Signal.

Lincoln chose a peculiar selection of pavement for our introductory drive, consisting of high-speed canyon roads with countless tight turns, dips and elevation changes. It's the kind of road motorcycles and sports cars call home, but not small SUVs. Did I mention this is a Lincoln — a brand that doesn't have the most sporting reputation? Yet the MKC handled those roads with the aptitude of a sports sedan and the comfort of a much-less-athletic SUV.

The MKC's surprising agility is

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which were collected as an omnibus in *Time and Tomorrow* (1980).

Between 1953 and 1964, MacDonald specialized in crime thrillers, many of which are now considered masterpieces of the hardboiled genre. Most of these novels were published as paperback originals, although some were later republished in hard-bound editions. Many, such as *Dead Low Tide* (1953) and *Murder in the Wind* (1956), were set in his adopted home of Florida, and were effective in suggesting a sinister aura lurking beneath the glittery surface of that state. Novels such as *The Executioners* (1957) (which was twice filmed as *Cape Fear*, first in 1962 and again in 1991) and *One Monday We Killed Them All* (1962) penetrated the minds of psychopathic killers. As MacDonald honed his craft, he developed his narrative "voice," one of the most distinctive in the suspense fiction field.

He is credited with writing about the effect of the building boom on the environment, and his novel *A Flash of Green* (New York: Simon and Schuster,

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something almost all compact luxury SUVs promise; some deliver more than others. Few MKC owners will take their car on these kinds of canyon roads, but the well-balanced MKC has significantly more cornering grip and handling confidence than you'd expect from a Lincoln SUV.

Best of all, everyday ride quality is still luxury-like, even with the MKC's surprising dynamics. That combination is rare, as many SUVs veer one way or the other — though BMW has always done a superb job combining both traits, as does Audi's high-performance SQ5. All-wheel-drive MKCs use Lincoln's automatically controlled adaptive-damping suspension to adjust shock absorber firmness on the fly, and it works to a big extent. The SUV hunkers down in Sport mode and reduces body motion to almost nil compared with the comfy, isolated default mode.

Both available engines use a six-speed automatic transmission with steering-wheel paddles for manual shifting. The 2.3-liter engine is not offered on the Ford Escape, and while its power is good, I wouldn't call it particularly fun or a huge upgrade, considering the 2.0-liter offers similar punch with 240 hp. The missing 45 horsepower doesn't change the experience much, as the 2.0-liter isn't any less refined or undesirable as an engine; both engines are whisper quiet. Lincoln's power ratings are measured using premium fuel; regular can be used but won't return the same power. For my money, I'd stick with the MKC's 2.0-liter. Choosing the smaller engine doesn't limit the MKC's tech and feature availability, and the performance drop-off won't

be noticeable to most.



The small, but powerful turbocharged engine is attractively packaged in the engine bay of the MKC.

The 2.3-liter is offered only with the Select and Reserve, which puts its premium at more than \$4,000 versus a base, 2.0-liter, all-wheel-drive Premium. Being paired only with all-wheel drive, it also has the worst fuel economy of the bunch, at an estimated 18/26/21 mpg city/highway/combined. A front-wheel-drive 2.0-liter is rated 20/29/23 mpg, and with all-wheel drive that engine is rated 19/26/22 mpg. The MKC's mileage is on par with other gasoline-powered SUVs in the segment, like the 273-hp, V-6-powered RDX, which has combined ratings of 23 and 22 mpg for front- and all-wheel-drive models, respectively. BMW's and Audi's mileages are similar for their turbocharged gasoline engines, though both offer higher-mileage diesel variants and higher-performance six-cylinders.

The interior is luxurious, competitive and a significantly different overall experience from what some may think of as a prettied-up Escape. Active noise cancellation and acoustic glass are a couple of ways Lincoln successfully suppresses unwanted noises. There's a slight whistle of

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1962) is a good example of this. Many later Florida crime, detective and mystery writers, such as Paul Levine, Randy Wayne White, James Hall and Jonathon King, have followed suit.

MacDonald's protagonists were often intelligent and introspective men, sometimes with a hard cynical streak. Travis McGee, the "salvage consultant" and "knight-errant," was all of that. McGee made his living by recovering the loot from thefts and swindles, keeping half to finance his "retirement," which he took in pieces as he went along. He first appeared in the 1964 novel *The Deep Blue Good-bye* and was last seen in *The Lonely Silver Rain* in 1985. All titles in the 21-volume series include a color, a mnemonic device which was suggested by his publisher so that when harried travelers in airports looked to buy a book, they could at once see those MacDonald titles they had not yet read.

The McGee novels feature an ever-changing array of female companions, some particularly nasty villains, exotic locales in

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wind noise at highway speeds, though the excellent optional THX sound system can drown that out with ease.

The MKC looks as good as it does without much sacrifice to interior room. Up front, the experience is all comfort, with supple, wide seating. Aggressive rooflines have potential to cut into rear headroom, but I sat comfortably in the backseat's 38.7 inches of headroom; an Escape has 39 inches in the back. The MKC's overall passenger volume of 98 cubic feet mirrors the Escape's, and is a few cubic feet short of the RDX's 103 cubic feet and the Q5's 101 cubic feet of passenger volume.



Standard seating surfaces are imitation leather upholstery called Lincoln Soft-Touch and include front heated seats standard. I spent my time in the optional leather seats — Bridge of Weir Fine Scottish leather, to be exact — and didn't find anything too opulent about the more-expensive seating surface, but I wasn't exposed to the standard Lincoln Soft-Touch seating surface for comparison. The leather is included into the Select (\$37,225) and Reserve (\$40,930) trims. The Premiere also adds ambient lighting, a leather-wrapped steering wheel, 18-inch wheels, a cargo cover and auto-folding side mirrors. The Reserve adds cooled front seats, a panoramic moonroof, navigation,

blind-spot monitoring, a hands-free liftgate and more.

A highlight of the interior is the open-pore wood trim on Select and Reserve trims, an increasingly popular style of interior trim with little dimples that give a more authentic wood appearance. The standard aluminum trim is the real deal as well.

Lincoln carries over a push-button gear selector from the MKZ. It's there to free up space on the center console, and dares to be different. I, however, prefer the grab and go feel of a traditional shifter and don't see anything groundbreaking about how the freed-up center console space is used. A small cubby houses two USB ports and two cupholders — a space usually found in other luxury SUVs that use a console shifter.

Ergonomics and Electronics. You've seen "optional" used frequently above. Loaded with equipment — like Bridge of Weir leather seating, 19-inch wheels, a panoramic moonroof, navigation, blind spot warning, a power tilt/telescoping steering wheel, a THX stereo, a Technology Package with adaptive cruise control and active park assist, and a lot more, the MKC I tested was a pricey \$50,405. The SUV's low entry price of \$33,995 skyrockets quickly in Select (\$37,225) and Reserve (\$40,930) trims.

If you buy one, what won't be skyrocketing is your blood pressure while using Lincoln's 8-inch MyLincoln touch-screen system, a derivative of the maligned MyFord Touch. Lincoln and Ford have retooled their formerly touch-sensitive panel and touch-screen-reliant systems to use many more mechanical dials and buttons in the MKC. The end result is a signifi-

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Florida, Mexico, and the Caribbean, and appearances by a sidekick known only as "Meyer," an economist of international renown and a Ph.D. As Sherlock Holmes had his well-known address on Baker Street, McGee had his trademark lodgings on his 52-foot houseboat, the Busted Flush, named for the poker hand that started the run of luck in which he won her. She is docked at Slip F-18, Bahía Marina, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

A 1970 film adaptation of the novel Darker than Amber was directed by Robert Clouse from a screenplay by MacDonald and Ed Waters. It starred Rod Taylor as the main series character: Travis McGee. The 1980 TV movie Condominium, based on MacDonald's novel, starred Dan Haggerty and Barbara Eden. Sam Elliott played Travis McGee in the T.V. movie of The Empty Copper Sea, titled "Travis McGee" (1983). It relocated McGee to California, eliminating the Florida locales central to the novel.

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cantly improved technology experience, though the quadrant-based interface is still frustrating when you do have to use the touch-screen.

Standard technology includes a smart key intelligent access system with push-button start, an 8-inch touch screen, two USB ports, a nine-speaker stereo with a subwoofer, and satellite radio with a six-month subscription.

Cargo and Storage. Out back, the Lincoln's rear wraparound liftgate is one of the luxury SUV's differentiating styling cues. Different doesn't always mean good, and the way the liftgate cuts into the side profile will be a look for buyers to decide if they love or hate.



The liftgate encloses 53.1 cubic feet of cargo space with the backseat folded, down from the Escape's 67.8 cubic feet and a little short of competitors. The RDX has 61.3 cubic feet of cargo space, the Q5 gets 57.3 cubic feet and the X3 56.5 cubic feet. Like the Escape, an optional hands-free power liftgate (standard on high-end Reserve models only) can be operated by waving your foot under the rear bumper.

The 2015 Lincoln MKC had not been crash-tested at the time of writing. Buyers can stuff an MKC full of optional driving aids like a lane-

keeping system that detects when the SUV is drifting and nudges the steering to keep it in its lane; a forward collision warning that alerts drivers to approaching objects; and a blind spot monitoring system with rear cross-traffic alert. A backup camera is standard.

The MKC is a well-rounded luxury car with athletic looks and a driving experience to match, along with all the luxury goods buyers expect in the segment. Lincoln sold roughly 600 MKCs per month during its first two months on sale, May and June 2014. Cars.com's national inventory is quickly populating with MKCs, and most run from \$40,000-\$45,000, a price range in which the MKC should be a serious consideration. If you get greedy with the options — which you don't need to do in order to get the MKC's best experience — you may be struck with sticker shock, as I know I was when looking at the pricing sheet of the loaded \$50,000 test cars I drove.

From the internet and courtesy of Courtesy Joe Bruzek Cars.com

For Sale

1993 Lincoln Town Car

From the estate of North Star member David Kotz. Dark Blue, with a spotless Velour interior. Well maintained and never driven in winter. Runs and drives well, 122K miles. \$3,800 or any reasonable offer. Contact Duane Warren at 612.201.8084 or email: cadillacdewey@aol.com

Morries 7th Annual Car Show

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trail that MacDonald and McGee blazed, including Carl Hiaasen in an introduction to a 1990s edition of *The Deep Blue Good-bye*: "Most readers loved MacDonald's work because he told a rip-roaring yarn. I loved it because he was the first modern writer to nail Florida dead-center, to capture all its languid sleaze, racy sense of promise, and breath-grabbing beauty." Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., wrote another memorable tribute: "To diggers a thousand years from now . . . the works of John D. MacDonald would be a treasure on the order of the tomb of Tutankhamen."

Most of the current crop of Florida-based mystery writers acknowledge a debt to MacDonald, including Randy Wayne White, James Hall, Les Standiford, Jonathon King and Tim Dorsey. Lawrence Block's New York-based fictional hero, Matthew Scudder, is a character who makes his living doing just what McGee does— favors for friends who have no other recourse, then taking his cut.

Homage to MacDonald was evident in

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The forecasted rain held off, to make our car show Saturday, May 23rd, a picture perfect day. No wind, very mild temperatures and no rain made it the right day for our Lincolns and their wonderful owners to come out in force. It was really hard to believe that this was our seventh year at Morries Minnetonka Ford-Lincoln.



John and Dorothy Palmer own this very nice 1978 Town Car.

Saying this show was a tremendous success just does not describe the fellowship had by all that attended. It was a great day spent with wonderful people and good friends, which is what the old car hobby is all about. There were a few members that had recently returned from Florida and Arizona that we have not seen since last fall.



One of the finest 1937 Lincoln Model K sedans in the US belongs to Tom Brace. It is always a welcome sight at one of our North Star Lincoln car shows.



While searching for a pre-war Lincoln, Jack and Ronda Zimmer came upon this sweet little 1941 Mercury Convertible. It has twin carbs and an Offenhauser intake manifold. Who could resist buying this Mercury...

The attendance of 32 cars was one of our best ever car shows at Morries. Every year the real story is how Morrie's Dealership makes everyone feel so very welcome. Once again they furnished a tent for shelter from the sun, some great door prizes and lunch. Just think about the time it took to clear three full rows of new cars for us to park our Lincolns in, now that is not a small task.



Al and Kathy Longley showed their recently acquired 1951 Cosmopolitan. The Cosmo, which had belonged to your editor for about 35 years, now has been a fresh new look by Al. Once again it is a proud example of what Lincolns looked like in 1951.

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the 1981-88 CBS-TV series *Simon & Simon* with scenes showing Rick Simon's boat docked at Slip F-18 in San Diego.

Stephen King stated in the book *Faces of Fear*: "John D. MacDonald has written a novel called *The End of the Night* which I would argue is one of the greatest American novels of the twentieth century. It ranks with *Death of a Salesman*, it ranks with *An American Tragedy*."

The science fiction writer Spider Robinson has made it clear that he is also among MacDonald's admirers. The bartender in Callahan's *Crosstime Saloon*, Mike Callahan, is married to Lady Sally McGee, whose last name is almost certainly a tribute to Travis. In a recent sequel to the Callahan's series, *Callahan's Key*, a group of regulars from the former saloon decide they've had enough of Long Island, so they move to Key West, Florida, in a colorful caravan of modified school buses. On their way to Key West, they stop at a marina near Fort Lauderdale specifically to visit Slip F-18 (where *Busted Flush* was usu-

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This 1980 Mark VI is owned by Bob Roth, who reports that it drives every bit as good as it looks.



Brian Carlson drives this 1978 Mark V Diamond Jubilee. Pictures do not do this car justice. It is about as perfect as you could expect.

We had 12 great Lincolns shown for the first time, Ed Myhre, Circle Pines, driving a 1995 Mark VIII; John and Dorothy Palmer, with their recent acquisition, a 1978 Town Car; Andy Holzer, Oak Grove, came with a 1963 Continental Sedan; Richard Eilers and Gaye Purvis, Cottage Grove, driving a 1997 Town Car; Dick Koop, Dardenne Prairie, Missouri, sporting a 2001 LS Sedan; Al and Kathy Longley, Dayton, came with their newly acquired 1951 Cosmopolitan Sedan; Dave and Sally Barry, new members from Robinsdale, driving a 1962 Continental Sedan; Jack and Ronda Zimmer, Minnetonka, driving a delightful 1941 Mercury Monterey Convertible; Dan

Wjk, Isanti, came with a 1971 Mark III; Roger Leppla, Stillwater, arrived in a 2006 LS Sedan; Mike Fiterman, Minnetonka, showed us his very nice 1959 Mark IV Convertible; and Paul and Deb Andahl, Bismarck, North Dakota, driving a 2013 MKZ. The oldest car at this show was driven by Tom Brace, a 1937 K two Window Sedan. The newest car was a 2013 MKZ driven by Paul and Deb Andahl, Bismarck, North Dakota.



Dave and Sally Barry, with their First Place Award, People's Choice.

Our People's Choice Award for Best of Show, 1st Place Award went to a 1962 Continental Sedan, Dave and Sally Barry, Robinsdale, who are new LCOC and North Star Region Members attending their first club event. Our 2nd Place Award went to a 2013 MKT, Dave and Marion Gustafson, Burnsville (it was neat to see Mike Fiterman trying to get Dave to pose for his picture and I think Dave even smiled. We understand that Mike is considering abandoning

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ally moored) and meet a local who was the prototype for McGee's sidekick Meyer. The slip is empty, with a small plaque mentioning *Busted Flush*.

The popular mystery writer Dean Koontz has also acknowledged in an interview with *Bookreporter.com's* Marlene Taylor that MacDonald is "(His) favorite author of all time... I've read everything he wrote four or five times." His character Odd Thomas in *Odd Apocalypse* finds himself in the 1920s, and worries about being stuck in a world with no penicillin, no polio vaccine, no Teflon cookware, no John D MacDonald novels.."

Winners of the John D. MacDonald Award for Excellence in Florida Fiction, presented by the JDM Bibliophile, include James W. Hall, Elmore Leonard, Paul Levine, and Charles Willeford.

MacDonald died at age 70, on December 28, 1986, at St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from complications of an earlier heart bypass operation. From the internet...

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his day job and becoming a celebrity photographer). Our 3rd place award went to a 1978 Town Car, John and Dorothy Palmer, Barnum. Our Long Distance Award was presented to Dick Koop, driving a 2001 LS sedan from Dardenne Prairie, Missouri.



David Gustafson with his Second Place, Peoples Choice Award.



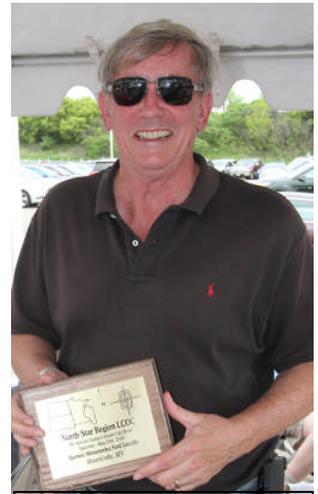
John and Dorothy Palmer of Barnum, MN were the Third Place Peoples Choice Award winners.

Door prizes were awarded at 2:00 PM, almost everyone who registered went home with something. We want to again thank Morrie's, for supplying door prizes, a great lunch and hosting this event at their dealership.

A special thank you goes to John Aretz, General Manager, Glen Saunders, New Car Manager and the whole Morries staff for all their work to make this such a great car show.

We look forward to doing the 8th Annual Classic Lincoln Car Show in 2016, again at Morries Ford Lincoln dealership on Saturday, of Memorial Day weekend.

We want to thank everyone who attended this event. You all have interesting and special Lincolns and we appreciate your time and effort getting them ready and bringing them to our show.



Dick Koop received the Long Distance Award.



Glen Saunders, New Car Manager for Morries Ford Lincoln

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Mark VIII file photo

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

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

Call Ted Anderson at 763.561.8143



Northstar Region grille badges are now available.

To obtain yours, contact Harvey Oberg at 651.739.9754



Just in time for the Spring driving season

1977 Lincoln Continental Mark V for sale. 18,000 miles, two owners, \$15,500. Fresh, quality, repaint in original Dark Cordovan Metallic; matching leather interior. Undercarriage and engine bay are super clean, portions repainted. All bright work is straight, smooth, polished, beautiful. Everything works including the clock that keeps time and ice cold A/C from original unmodified R-12 system. New tires, belts, battery, complete true dual exhaust, much more.

The full story with pictures can be found on thelincolnforum.net at

<http://www.thelincolnforum.net/phpbb3/viewtopic.php?f=15&t=46235>

Please call Perry Bush at 920-205-1295 or email pab1063@new.rr.com

Preview of Coming Events

- June **Board Meeting** at Morries Ford Lincoln, **Thursday June 4th at 7:00PM**
10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance, Sunday June 7, Excelsior Commons on Lake Minnetonka, 10 am to 4 PM. Car classes thru 1971, information at www.10000lakesconcours.com
Eastern National Meet, June 10-14, 2015, at Concordville, PA
MSRA "42nd BACK TO THE 50s", June 19-21, 2015, Minnesota Fairgrounds, St Paul.
Saturday, June 27th, 50th Wedding Anniversary, Mary and Bob Johnson's home, Shafer, MN. Just come and enjoy the moment, food and refreshments will be served under a tent. Our family, friends and the North Star Region members are invited to this grand celebration. We will have a special area for Lincoln parking.
- July **Board Meeting** at Morries Ford Lincoln, **Thursday July 9th at 7:00PM**
12th Annual Outstate Classic Lincoln Car Show, Saturday, July 18, Sioux Falls Ford Lincoln, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. 10 AM to 2PM. Driving tour, Friday 8:30 AM leave Burnsville for "the Grotto", West Bend IA, then on to Sioux Falls. Car show on Saturday, special tour Saturday afternoon. Sunday, leave for home, stopping in Tyler MN to visit the other Bob Johnson.
- August **LCOC Mid America National Meet**. Hosted by the LCOC. **August 6-9, 2015**. All Lincoln owners are invited to participate. LCOC will have Judging and Exhibition non-judged classes.

Driving tour on way to Lincoln Museum event, we will visit the Pontiac Motor car museum, in Pontiac, Illinois on Tuesday, August 6th, then tour south of Chicago to Kalamazoo, Michigan.
Board Meeting at Morries Ford Lincoln, **Thursday August 13 at 7:00PM**
- September **8th Annual Luther North Country Lincoln Car Show, Saturday, September 12**, 10 to 2 PM **Board Meeting at 1:00PM**
- October **Board Meeting** at Morries Ford Lincoln, **Thursday October 8th at 7:00PM**
Annual North Star Potluck and Action at Morries in Long Lake, **Sunday, October 11, 10 AM to 2 PM**
Western National Meet, October 14-18, 2015, at San Diego, CA
- November **Year End Sunday Brunch** at the Roasted Pear, Brooklyn Park, (Date to be determined) **Board meeting at 10:30 AM**

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North Star Activities



50 YEARS 50

Come celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of two of LCOC's finest, Bob and Mary Johnson. Join us on Saturday, June 27 at our home, 29205 St. Croix Trail, Shafer, MN. Food and refreshments will be served, beginning at 3:00PM. All Lincoln Club members are invited to share the afternoon with Bob and Mary. Please RSVP as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

We are again offering Black Region Jackets for sale. These Jackets are Black Satin, 100% nylon shell, flannel lined, snap-front closure, knit collar, cuffs and waist band. Jackets will be embroidered with LCOC National Emblem in gold, back centered and North Star Emblem, front upper Left side. Cost of jacket will be \$80.00, which will include shipping to your home. Sizes available are M, L, XL, XXL Please send information and check to Bob Johnson, (address in Directory) by May 7th, as we may be able to have them before our May car show. Please make your check out to "North Star Region LCOC". Jackets will be sized for men. Women's sizes are a little smaller, so please order accordingly.

SIoux FALLS



12th Annual Outstate Classic Lincoln Show
Saturday, July 18, 2015
10AM to 2PM

Join us at Sioux Falls Ford Lincoln, Sioux Falls, South Dakota for our very first South Dakota Classic Car Show.

Our driving tour will begin on Friday, July 18th, departing from Burnsville, MN at 8:30AM for the "The Grotto", located in West Bend, IA. After the tour, we will go on to Sioux Falls, have dinner and spend the night. Saturday AM, the Car Show and a easy afternoon, with a possible tour. Dinner, and depart Sioux Falls Sunday morning for Tyler, MN to visit North Star member (the other) Bob Johnson. Then on to home.... More details on page 16.

Make your plans now for July *and* August North Star events. Hotel space is going fast, get your reservations in now to make sure that you have a room to rest your weary body at the end of the day.

In July, our 12th Annual Outstate Classic Lincoln Car Show will be Saturday, July 18, at Sioux Falls Ford Lincoln, Sioux Falls, SD. **Hotel information for Friday and Saturday nights: we have a block of rooms reserved for two nights at the Best Western Empire Towers, 4100 W Shirley Place, Sioux Falls. Room rate is \$124.00 per night which includes breakfast.** Please reserve your rooms now by calling 605.361.3118, these rates are good till June 29, ask for **the Lincoln Owners Club rate**

In August the LCOC Mid America National Meet will be in Hickory Corners, MI, LCOC National is hosting, August 5-9, 2015. We will caravan from McDonalds, Hudson WI, on Tuesday August 4, at 8:30 AM to Pontiac IL, and visit the Pontiac Motor car museum, on Wednesday morning before touring south of Chicago to Kalamazoo.

Hotel information for Tuesday night: we have a block of rooms reserved at the Best Western Pontiac Inn, 1821 W Reynolds St, Pontiac, IL. The room rate is \$94.49 per night which includes breakfast. Please call 815.842.3777 before July 4. To get this great rate, **ask for the Lincoln Owners Club rate.** Please call Bob Johnson if you plan on attending at 651.257.1715 or email arborbob41@aol.com as we would like this information for planning purposes.

Kalamazoo Hotel ---- **Four Points Kalamazoo by Sheraton** hotel is just over 15 miles from Hickory Corners, where our new museum awaits your viewing. Enjoy recreational amenities such as an indoor pool and a fitness center, and a complementary hot breakfast for two is included in your room rate of \$109.00 plus tax. The hotel address is 3600 E Cork Street, Kalamazoo, MI. Please call 269.385.3922 and use the code **LINCOLN OWN** to get this special room rate (which is good for three days prior to and after the meet). The room reservation cut-off date is July 10, 2015.