

# NORTHSTAR NEWS

## My Pride and Joy

My 1964 Continental as told by Jay White.

Two of America's most classic cars in my opinion are the two seat Thunderbirds and the 60's Lincolns. The

1961 Lincoln was even chosen by several presidents as their parade car. My wife, Carol and I, had acquired a 1957 T-Bird in 1996 and I had in the back of my mind that I should have

the classic Lincoln too. The Thunderbird is white, and so the Lincoln would have to be white as well. What can I say, when you last name is White and you're from Fargo, N.D.



1964 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL

if I wanted it, I'd have to make up my mind quick. I hate that!!! It was huge. After all, I was used to the T-Bird!!! Everything seemed to work that was supposed to, and Richard promised me that the top also

worked. I wasn't about to try it in the heat of late November. We stored it and in March while we were in Florida on Spring break, Jim French, took it to his garage and started looking it over. He e-

mailed me every night in Florida letting me know what needed fixing. I could hardly wait to get in from the beach to get his note each night. Jim was impressed with the car which made me feel great. No rust anywhere. We did replace the brake hoses, and some of the rubber tubing in the engine compartment. Getting Jim's read on the car was like following a treasure map. It originated in Florida and had been parked under some pine trees as we were forever pulling pine needles out of everywhere. The transmission needed attention, as well as the radiator needed to be re-cored. I try to work on something on the car each year and this year it was the rear window relays and the rear deck cylinders. If you remember on the 60's four door convertibles, the rear window drops down 6-8 inches when the rear door is opened to allow the window to clear

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it all seems to fit. A gentlemen from the T-Bird club, Bruce Johnson, buys and sells old cars, so I gave him the word that if he ever found a white 60's Lincoln to let me know. In November, after Thanksgiving in 1998, he called informing me that he came across a white '64 at the Flying Cloud Airport in a hanger. Carol and I drove out to see in the dark. Richard Bauer, from the Lincoln club had several great cars there, but this white Lincoln was to be shipped out to Kansas City in the next two days, so

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

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Members and guests are welcome to attend the Board Meetings which are held the second Thursday of every month except December at 7:00 PM at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury on South Robert Street just north of Highways 110 and 1494 in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.

## Facts and Figures - 1964

The 1964 Lincoln was a continuation and improvement of the revolutionary new styling that was introduced in 1961. For 1964, the wheelbase grew to 126 inches, where it would stay through 1969, but the basic styling would remain the same. A slightly convex vertical-bar grille, a broader rear window and a low-contour convertible top were the only alterations. Flat sided windows appeared for the 1964 through 1969, in lieu of the curved style of the 1961-1963 models. There was also a new dash design.

Lincoln only offered the Continental during this period, and it was available in either the four door sedan style or the unique four door convertible.

Model 82, Sedan	
Weight (factory)	5,055 pounds
Price (factory)	\$6,292
Wheelbase	126.0 inches
Production	32,969 units

Model 86 Convertible sedan	
Weight (factory)	5,393 pounds
Price (factory)	\$6,938
Wheelbase	126.0 inches
Production	3,328 units

All Lincoln Continentals were powered by a V8 engine, 430.0 cubic inch, with a bore of 4.30 inches and a stroke of 3.70 inches. Horsepower rating of 320. Compression ratio 10.00:1

Overall length of 216.3 inches. Width of 78.6 inches. Tire size—9.15 x 15 inches.

All Continentals were equipped with automatic transmission, radio, power seats, power windows, power brakes and power steering. Air conditioning was extra at \$504.60; Cruise control \$96.80; AM/FM radio, \$84.70; Tinted glass, \$53.65; auto headlight dimmer, \$45.60; and power trunk lock, \$53.40.

*The Year - 1964*  
*World Events... Nelson Mandela sentenced to life imprisonment in South Africa on June 11th. Congress approves Gulf of Tonkin Resolution after North Vietnamese torpedo boats allegedly attack US destroyers on August 6th. Khrushchev is deposed; Kosygin becomes premier and Brezhnev becomes first secretary of the Communist Party in October. China detonates its first atomic bomb.*

*In the US...Lyndon B. Johnson, President, no vice president. Population: 191,888,791. Supreme Court rules that Congressional districts should be roughly equal in population. Three civil rights workers...Schwerner, Goodman, and Cheney were murdered in Mississippi in June. President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy issues Warren Report concluding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. Jack Ruby convicted of murder in slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald. A gallon of gasoline costs 30 cents. Anticipating the baby*

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## Editors Message

Cheer up! Spring is just around the corner. The days appear to be getting longer, and we can expect to be able to open the garage door for the driving season in about 60 days. When you think of it in terms of days, it doesn't seem that long. Forever the optimist.

Our next big event is up at the Ellingson car museum on Saturday, February 23. This has turned into an annual affair with the CCCA. Arrive at 5:00 PM. Tour the museum, and share the potluck dinner. Bring some food to share with the others, and an item to donate to the auction. It is a lot of fun, and a chance to visit with our good friends with the CCCA. It is a lot better than staying home and watching TV. See back page for more details and RSVP.

We are well underway with our preparations for the Mid-Continent LCOC meet to be held this August at Treasure Island, near Red Wing, Minnesota. We welcome your hands and ideas. Help us make this a success, contact one of the board members to volunteer your services.

The other evening, I talked with Bill Kortsch, who lives in Riverside, California. Bill has been a member of the Northstar Region for sometime. He was originally from Winona, and has lived in Riverside for a long time. In addition to a 1942 Continental, Bill has just purchased a 1977 Custom convertible from the New Hampshire area, and hopes to go out there when the weather gets better, and drive it back.

We are hoping that Bill will time it so we can see the car at one of our events. Perhaps he will send us a picture and a few paragraphs, so we can feature it in some future issue.

We had a super great turn out for our Sunday brunch at the Lake Elmo Inn. Marion and I got there a bit late, and due to the size of the crowd, we were relegated to sitting in the main dining room away from the other club members. We were able to visit with Mike Doran and Marlin Hansen, who like us, were also late. Tim Howley, the editor of the Continental Comments, was able to join us at Lake Elmo. Tim was over at New Richmond, where the Comments is printed, checking on the progress. Tim was originally from Minnesota many years ago, and now lives in California, where your old cars can come out everyday. It was a pleasure for our group to meet and visit with Tim. He has contributed greatly to the field of automobile journalism over the years, and has written some exceptionally fine articles about our beloved Lincolns.

Our thanks to Jay White for organizing this event. It was one of the best attended in a long time. There were some long time Northstar LCOC members that we have not seen in quite a while. It must have been the combination of the unseasonably warm weather and the promise of good food. Let us repeat it soon.

Till next month.....-30-

## Directors Message

This month of January was capped with a terrific brunch at the Lake Elmo Inn on Sunday, January 27th. About 34 people attended and I hope that everyone had the opportunity to meet our special guest, Tim Howley, Editor of our Continental Comments magazine. While talking to Tim on the phone about summer Mid-America LCOC meet at Red Wing, I found out that he was going to be in town at the time of our Brunch. Every January, Tim comes to the twin Cities to proof read the January-February Meet issue. The St. Croix Press in New Richmond prints our magazine and Tim does everything possible to eliminate errors and make sure all the names and awards are printed correctly. I hope that we can have Tim's presence at our future January events. I will be calling

Tim to let him know how much we appreciated his stories and visit.

If we could have planned on the beautiful weather this January, we would have had some of our marvelous Lincolns at the Lake Elmo Inn. I like fine food, but what I really love to see is all the great Lincolns that our members bring out. Drive those great cars, that is how we can advertise our Lincoln club. Now, I want to see some of those pictures that Mavis had us pose for. I want to see if Bob G had his best side toward the camera.

On Saturday, February 23rd, at 5:00 PM, is our annual potluck supper with the CCCA at

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 boomers, a bar in San Francisco introduces a topless bar. Later that year the bottoms go, too. The Beatles invade the U.S. on February 7th and appeared first on the Ed Sullivan Show. Federal Spending was \$118.53 Billion, Federal Debt was \$316.1 Billion. Unemployment was 5.7% and the cost of a first-class stamp was 5 cents.

*In sports: St. Louis Cardinals defeated the New York Yankees 4-3. The NBA Championship had Boston over SF Warriors 4-1. The Stanley Cup was won by Toronto over Detroit 4-3. The Kentucky Derby Champion this year was Northern Dancer. The NCAA Basketball champs were UCLA over Duke, 98-83.*

*Entertainment...Folk musician Bob Dylan becomes increasingly popular during this time of social protest with songs expressing objection to the condition of American society. Peyton Place premieres on ABC and is the first prime-time soap opera. Color television makes its way into US homes.*

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 the weather-strip. The engineering to make that happen requires lots of wires and switches that are prone to breaking down. At this point, everything works and is very smooth. The engine is so quiet that you hardly even hear it running. Driving the car is like sitting on your couch with a 430 cubic inch engine attached. They don't make them this comfortable any more. The fun is putting the top down. No matter where it's done, it always draws a crowd. The mechanism all works basically from one switch on the dashboard. Today, I'm sure it would be done by computer and micro-chips.

It does drink fuel. It weighs 5800 pounds, and I keep my eye on the road and the gas gage. It has a Carter AFB four barrel carburetor with a water heated choke. I think the water heated choke was dropped soon after this model year.

This means nothing to Carol, she and I really just like to drive on warm summer evenings. Our favorite trip is to go to Northfield for coffee after dinner. We also like to get up early on a Saturday morning and eat breakfast out, and then drive down to South East Minnesota in the bluff country and stay overnight at a bed and breakfast. The Lincoln just floats along and the drive is relaxing and very comfortable. Winter is such an insult to the whole idea of owning this car, that you just have to get in as many drives as possible. I'm looking forward to a great summer in '02 with lots of outings with the club.

## Directors Meeting Minutes

Newly elected Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury at 7:05 PM. Board members present were Jay White, Dave Gustafson, Tim Purvis, Bob Johnson, Harvey Oberg and Roger Wothe. Other members present were Gaye Purvis, Faye Oberg, Jim Jacobson, Tim Behr and Ray Nelson. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

### Director's Reports

Regional Director Bob Johnson reported that he had visited Frank Warner's car collection in Centuria, Wisconsin, and will arrange a club

tour to see the collection.

Secretary Roger Wothe reported that twenty ballots had been returned and that Bob Johnson and Jay White had been unanimously elected to the positions of Regional Director and Activities Director respectively.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported that the balance of the treasury was \$4,146.90 with all known bills paid.

Membership Director Dave Gustafson announced that he would be sending out dues notices.

Projects Director Bob Gavrilesco notified Bob Johnson that two sets of weather-strips and one transmission shield have been sold since the last meeting. He has also requested an insurance certificate from LCOC National for the Mid-America meet at Treasure Island.

Activities Director Jay White reported that there were fourteen responses to his email asking about the use of email to reach most of our members with events, notices and general information from and to the membership. The responses were unanimously in favor of using this method. Twelve members have been selected or volunteered to be on a calling committee to call others with details of up coming events and to encourage them to attend.

### New Business

For the next hour there was a discussion of details and duties for the Mid-America Meet. Bob requested that anyone having any financial details of the 1996 Mid-America Meet to send them to him.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 14, 2002. (Bring your Valentines) at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

Editors Note: All club members are invited to attend the Northstar LCOC monthly board meetings. Please get involved, and help us make your club better.

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 Movies included *Red Desert*, *Dr. Strange-love*, *My Fair Lady*, *Mary Poppins*, *Zorba the Greek* and *Becket*. *Academy Award, Best Picture: Tom Jones*, *Tony Richardson, producer. Grammy's: "The Days of Wine and Roses," Henry Mancini. The Album of the Year: The Barbra Streisand Album. "Hello Dolly," "Funny Girl," and "Fiddler on the Roof" premier in New York. It is another terrific year for Broadway. Miss America: Donna Axum from Arkansas.*

*Further Trivia. US Surgeon General Luther Terry affirms that cigarette smoking causes cancer. Ranger VII takes 4,316 high resolution pictures of the moon.*

*Born this Year: Courtney Love, Rob Lowe, Chris Farley, Matt Dillon, Mariska Hargitay, Bridget Fonda, Nicolas Cage and Stephen Bratt.*

*Those who left us included: Herbert Hoover, Cole Porter, Harpo Marx, Douglas MacArthur Leo Szilard, and Alan Ladd.*

*Information from the Internet.*

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the Ellingson Car Museum in Rogers, MN. After eating we will have a parts auction, so bring something to auction off. This a great place with Classic cars and a 50's style café for us to eat in. If the weather is dry, drive your Lincoln.

I'm learning fast about all of the contracts, requirements, people, planning, coordinating and telephone calls it takes to find out what is required to put this summers LCOC meet on in Red Wing. One of the interesting tasks is contacting Lincoln vendors to sponsor or conduct certain events during our meet. The Lincoln businesses want our meet to succeed because they want to stay in business and show their appreciation.

I hope by the end of February we will have the cost and contracts approved with the Treasure Island Casino, so we can proceed with planning and completing all the tasks for this meet. If you can help, please call me.

See you at Ellingson's....Keep the journey continuing in our marvelous Lincolns.

Bob Johnson

## Special Note....

For Sale. 1956 Lincoln engine and transmission. 1956 Lincoln ornament, 1 set of 1956 fender skirts. 1 1946-48 front axle complete.

Wanted: For 1946-48 Lincoln, 26 tooth cluster gear for transmission, 1 set V12 front motor mounts, 1 set of rear fender gravel guards.

Please call Ted Anderson at (763) 561-8143 or write to him at 6224 Brooklyn Drive, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430.

Wanted: Someone driving to the Frederic, MD area. I need two car wheels and a box of automobile items picked up for me. Call Harvey V. Oberg at (651) 739-9754.

## The Competition 1964

Cadillac was a formidable competitor in 1964. A full range of models was offered ranging from the Series 62, which also included the DeVille series, and the Eldorado Biarritz series, the Sixty-Special Fleetwood models, and the Fleetwood 75 models, ever popular with the livery trade, funeral directors, and corporation heads. A total of 165,847 1964 Cadillacs rolled of the production lines and into owners hands in 1964. The lowest priced model was the 62 2 door hardtop, which was priced at \$5,048 and sold 12,166 copies. The most popular model was the DeVille 4 door 4 window hardtop, priced at \$5,655, with 39,674 being sold. Cadillacs were powered by a 429 cubic inch V8 engine, rated at 340 hp. Also new was a Turbo-Hydrumatic, a three speed unit, which included a torque converter, and replaced the older 4 speed fluid coupling unit. New this year was the Comfort Control system, which featured automatic temperature control of both heating and cooling. When it worked, it worked very well.

In 1964 Chrysler continued to offer their exclusive Imperial series, which competed to some extent with Lincoln. There were two series, the Crown, and the LeBaron. The Imperial was attractively restyled this year, and had a appearance not unlike the Continental, when viewed from the side.

Prices ran from \$5,581 for a Crown four door hardtop to \$6,455 for the LeBaron 4 door hardtop. All Imperials were powered by a 413 cubic inch V8 engines, rated at 340 hp. There were only 3 models offered in the Crown series, a 4 door hardtop, a 2 door hardtop and a 2 door convertible, of which there were 922 produced. The LeBaron series turned out 2,949 units, the Crown Imperial 4 door Limo style, sold only 10 units, at a price of \$18,500.

For the 1964 model year there were a total of 23,285 Imperials manufactured and sold. 77% were equipped with air conditioning, and 98.8 were equipped with a radio. There was a full line of factory installed accessories, including dual air conditioning, priced out at \$649.85; Autopilot at \$96.80.

A fine car it was, but not fine enough to win over either Cadillac or Lincoln owners in any significant measure.

## *Preview of Coming Attractions*

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

February 9-11 39th Annual World of Wheels... St. Paul River Center, St. Paul, MN

February 23 **Annual potluck supper with the CCCA** at Ellingsons car museum at Rogers, MN. Saturday 5:00 pm—9:30 pm. **RSVP Webster Peterson, 952-922-2334** Home or Cell 612-804-9406. Let him know what you can bring...Hot dish, Entrée or Salad. Also bring something to be auctioned off. It can be auto related, parts, literature, toys, and anything else that may be of value to others. This is always a fun evening to start off the new year. Plan to attend and meet your friends from the CCCA. We will see you there. Ellingson's phone is (763) 428-7337.

March 3-11 28th Annual St. Paul & Minneapolis Auto Show  
Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN

March 10 Noon Sunday Brunch at KOZLAK'S Royal Oak Restaurant, 4785 Hodgson Rd, Shoreview, MN 651-484-8484. This is a Northstar LCOC Club Event.

April 28 Sunday Brunch at Tobey's by the Lake.

May 12-13 31st Annual First Fifty Auto Show & Swap Meet  
6:00 am - 5:00 pm Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

May 19 Annual Car Show at Whitaker Lincoln Mercury 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Whitaker Lincoln Mercury, Hwy 110 at South Robert, Inver Grove Heights, MN  
All years of Lincolns, Continentals and Zephyrs welcome. No entry fee. Prize drawings

June Back to the 50's car show at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds.

August 22-25 Mid America National Lincoln and Continental Owners Club Meet at Treasure Island hotel and casino, near Red Wing, MN.

September 22 Annual Northstar LCOC Picnic at Environments.