

My Pride and Joy

How I Spent My Last Week of Summer Vacation by Francis J. Kalvoda.

The weekend before I had to go back to school (my 34th year of teaching mathematics at Willmar Senior High School), I attended the Central National Lincoln Continental Owners Club Meet at Red Wing, Minnesota. I just recently joined the National Lincoln Club but have been a member of the Minnesota Northstar Chapter for a couple years.

This was my first Lincoln meet ever and my sister Anna and I took the 26,000 mile Lincoln Town



1977 LINCOLN TOWN COUPE

Coupe which my mother and I ordered and purchased new in 1977. I spent a few days cleaning and polishing every nook and cranny of the Cordovan and White Coupe. The two tone leather interior, engine compartment, trunk, wheels, chrome, glass, and body all received my

One of 1347

best efforts.

After driving through 100 miles of haze and mist and about 50 more miles of rain, we arrived at Treasure Island Casino just in time for the 1 pm shopping bus to Red Wing. Anna took the bus and I started cleaning - again. I pulled in between two other Continentals, a diamond blue '79 Town Coupe and a midnight blue '79

Town Car. In talking to the owners, I found that I had the high miler of the trio. The '79 Coupe had 16k miles and the '79 4 door had 23k. David Saxan of Toledo, Ohio, the owner of the 4 door was extremely helpful as a long time Lincoln Club member and he had owned his car since new also. Since his car had won first place he would be judged in the Senior class while I would be judged in the Primary class. His beautiful 4 door had been judged as *high* as 99.5 points out of 100--I was impressed! He said the judges might question my glass top Coupe as he had never seen one. I showed him a letter I

received in 1981 from the American Sun-roof Corporation. Of the 95,600 1977 Continentals produced, 1347 two door Continentals received the larger version of the fixed

glass moon roof and 1591 4 door Continentals had the

smaller fixed glass moon roof. I also had a copy of the window sticker for my car which shows the \$960 option for the fixed glass moon roof.

The morning of judgment day (concoors) was very foggy and the heavy dew needed to be wiped off before the photo session of each car. Over 100 Lincolns from 1927 to 1992. I had never seen so many beautiful vintage Lincolns in one place. Many cars came out of the comfort of their trailers for the photos and the judging which began at 10 am. My car was judged at 2:30 pm. Every item on the car is inspected for authenticity, function and performance; interior, exterior, drive train, engine compartment, trunk; everything is to look and perform as it did when the car came off the assembly line. Every acces-

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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 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.

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sorry is tested. The judges kept me so busy that it was not until I looked at the pictures Anna took of the judges inspecting my car, that I noticed another team of judges were doing the Mark V parked next to me.

At the banquet that night, I did receive the first place plaque for my class ('75-'79 Continentals) and to my surprise the first place trophy in my division ('70-'80 Lincolns). A few weeks later I received the judges scoring reports. My car received 99.16 points out of 100 (two wrong hose clamps and paint flaws), so in future Lincoln meets, the Town Coupe will need to compete in the Senior class. I am thrilled -- and I think my mother would be proud too. She always took pride in owning and driving a clean good looking car. The Lincoln meet was truly a learning experience for me and an opportunity to meet a whole lot of very nice people. I think that was a great way to end my summer vacation!

Editors note: Our thanks to Francis Kalvoda of Willmar, Mn for telling us about his fine, like new Lincoln. We hope to see it later this summer at Brainerd.

Ice Chunks, by the late Dave Moore

The best part of winter, the best part by far
Is kicking those ice chunks that form on your car.
No matter our ages, or races or genders
We all enjoy booting that frozen slush from our fenders.
It's deeply fulfilling that contact and sound,
A boot hitting chunk and chunk hitting ground.
Makes you feel better, makes your day brighter,
Makes your winter cruiser about twenty pounds lighter.
Boy what a workout, we all could be hunks,
By starting the morning by kicking some chunks.
So next time you spot one no matter how awesome,
Don't wait until you think it might thaw some.
Go after it mister, attack it with zeal,
And firmly give it the back of you heal.
It may take you weeks but that is good too,
The winter goes faster with something to do.

Our thanks to Francis Kalvoda for bringing us this poem. Dave Moore anchored WCCO-TV newscasts for 34 years, retiring in 1991. He continued to do a weekly Sunday show until ill health in September of 1997 brought an end to his great career. He passed away in January 1998, following complications from bypass surgery. He contributed much to the lives of most Twin Cities television viewers.

Great Trivia.....
From the Internet
for the Year 1977...

Deng Ziaoping,
purged Chinese
leader, restored to
power as Gang of
Four is expelled
from the Communist
Party. South Afri-
can activist Steve
Biko dies in police
custody. Nuclear-
proliferation pact,
curbing spread of
nuclear weapons, is
signed by 15 coun-
tries, including US
and USSR.

In the US...

President: James
Earl Carter, Jr., V
ice President: Wal-
ter F. Mondale.
Population:
220,239,425. Life
expectance: 73.3
years. Federal
spending: 409.22
billion, Federal debt:
\$706.4 billion, Me-
dian Household In-
come \$13,572. Unem-
ployment: 7.7% Cost
of a first-class
stamp: 13 cents.

First woman Episco-
pal priest ordained.
Scientists identify
previously unknown
bacterium as cause
of mysterious
"legionnaire's dis-
ease". President

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Editors Message

Sunday evening, February 23, 2003.

It seems like it was just November and we were all complaining about the long winter ahead. I would like to look a bit on the optimistic side and say that winter is going to be with us for only four to six weeks more. April will find us with our beloved cars back on the road once again. My 1951 needs some attention, along with a few of the others in our garage. It seems as though there is never enough time or money to get everything done at once. Maybe that is just as well. Anticipation is sometimes better than realization. And that can be said about a lot of things.

Our Evening at Ellingsons was fun as usual. There is a lot of crossover between these two great clubs and this annual potluck dinner seems to make February a month to look forward to. The auction went well, Ray Kroll, and Tom Brace did a fine job pitching the items. These two can get top dollar for almost anything. Kari Albers and Web Peterson also worked hard on the details.

The end of March will feature another Sunday brunch. Mark your calendars for the 30th at Piccadilly's in Mahtomedi. We were there last year. The food was very good and the prices modest. A map will be attached to the newsletter to help you find your way. Please call Bob Johnson if you plan on attending so we can reserve adequate space.

April will bring us spring showers, no snow requested, and our annual visit to Tobey's by the Lake. We have been going there for about 10 years and it has now become a tradition. A good one too. Hopefully, the weather will permit us to bring out many of our fine old Lincolns on that day. Harvey Oberg our unofficial club weatherman will put in an order for the best.

May will bring the 4th annual Whitaker Lincoln show. If you know anyone that has a interesting Lincoln, please ask them to attend. The club is always looking for new members, and this show is a good way of introducing the Northstar LCOC to others who may be interested in joining our organization. Owning a Lincoln is not necessary, only having an interest in them.

Till next month.... 30 ..

For Sale....

Books.....

Large collection of 132 books covering 25 years of collection classic car books and general car books for sale as one unit. Many are now out of print and rare. No manuals. Priced at 2,495.00 plus shipping. Send \$2.00 for a seven page list. Contact Harvey Oberg, 6738 Buckingham Bay, Woodbury, MN 55125. Phone 651-739-9754. Here is your chance to build a fine library.

1977 Lincoln Continental Town Coupe
All electrics in working condition. Air Conditioner works excellent. Leather interior in good condition. Rebuild 400 cu inch long block, with about 10,000 miles on motor. You will enjoy driving this car. Fairly priced at \$6,600, but open to offers. Call Robert Kilman, Jr., at 320-982-3088 for more information.

1983 Lincoln Mark VI four door.
White with white top and white leather interior. All options except a sunroof. 302 cubic inch engine with automatic. The car was purchased in Florida in 1995 with 105,000 miles and has been driven only 3,000 miles in the last seven years. The car is in excellent condition. Please call Paul Pedersen at 952-473-1386 or cell phone 612-670-3547. A chance to own tomorrow's collectable at today's prices.

Set of 4 Blizzak radial tires 225/70 - 15 inch mounted on new FOMOCO wheels with OEM Lincoln covers. Like new, with only 1500 miles, excellent winter tires, from a 1999 Lincoln Town Car.

Price secondary, to use by Lincoln owner who appreciates the package.
Call Frank at 952-929-8959

For Rent....

Garage for rent in St. Paul, near Highland Park. Available from now until 4/30/03. \$65/mo. Contact Jerry Loberg at 651-224-6612 for details:

Jackets...

Jackets are now available. Please see the flyer in last months issue. Please write or call Bob Johnson or the Editor for copies of the ordering information. With spring arriving soon, these club jackets will be right in style. Order yours today.

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Carter pardons Vietnam war draft evaders.

In sports:

Superbowl; Oakland over Minnesota (32-14) World Series; NY Yankees defeated LA Dodgers (4-2). NBA Champs; Portland over Boston (4-0). Kentucky Derby Champion - Seattle Slew.

Entertainment:

The TV miniseries Roots draws an audience of 130 million. Star Wars hits the theaters for the first time and will go on to be the second highest grossing film of all time. Saturday Night Fever sparks the disco inferno and the popularity of movie soundtracks. Saturday Night Fever, directed by John Badham, featured John Travolta, Karen Lynn Gorney, Barry Miller, Joseph Call and Paul Page. The white polyester suit. The Bee Gees soundtrack. The electric moves. Travolta strutted into stardom, full of attitude, to define the disco

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Monthly Director's Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 13, 2003

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury. Board members present were Bob Johnson, Harvey Oberg, David Gustafson, Bob Gavrilescu, Jay White, Tim Purvis and Roger Wothe. Other chapter members present were Faythe Oberg, Gaye Purvis, Tim Behr and Jim Jacobsen.

Director's Reports

Regional Director Bob Johnson reported on his trip to the LCOC Winter Meeting in Florida. Several changes were made, namely: Exhibition cars will be on the judging field with all other cars. Certified Custom Class eliminated, now in regular class. Because LCOC lost money in 2002, membership dues will be increased \$6.00 per year. Executive committee appointments: Nubs Schactner, VP for Regions; Michael Black, VP Communications and Jeanne Talbourdet, VP Information Technology. More experts are needed for technical advice. All people attending the Ford Centennial may receive the event license plate. Those having a car on display will receive a plate with a picture of their year car on it. Bob Johnson has also arranged to have a Lincoln show at Mills Motors in Brainerd on August 23rd.

Secretary Roger Wothe reported that the chapter logo is almost ready for production.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported that the treasury balance was \$5,223.80 with all bills paid. The chapter will sell the remaining Mark II bronze model to LCOC to be raffled.

Membership and Publications Director David Gustafson reported that the chapter web site (northstarlcoc.org) would be up and running soon. He will also provide an updated roster to Roger for printing.

Projects Director Bob Gavrilescu reported that there were no new sales this past two months.

Activities Director Jay White reported on the events calendar. Brunch at Tobey's on April

27th, the Whitaker Show on May 17th, possible Rochester show/tour in June along with Back to the 50's, a get together on Kellogg Avenue in St. Paul in July, the Mills Motors show on August 23rd, and the Fall picnic is changed to September 28th. There may be a trip to LaCrosse in October. Please forward any suggestions for a chapter event to Jay (email: Jay-white@frontiernet.net)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next meeting will be at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury on March 13th, and 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

Evening at Ellingsons



Above Tom Brace in fine form.

Our second event of the year was the annual pot luck dinner on Saturday, February 8th, with the Classic Car Club of America at Ellingsons. There were over 80 in attendance with about 35 Northstar LCOC club members on hand for the evening. A great supply of food, fun, and friends made the evening go quickly. The collection was open for browsing before dinner, and the auction was held afterward. Ray Kroll and Tom Brace, shown above worked hard to sell the crowd on some great bargains. Web Peterson and Kari Albers, provided valuable assistance in handling the auction items. Some of the best buys were auto manuals and magazines of all vintages. Many model cars were up for auction and caused some very spirited bidding. It was nice to see Bob Gavrilescu and Brian Carlson reach down deep in their billfolds and come up with the cash to buy many of the fantastic items offered for sale. It is a February highlight, and we all look forward to attending this fun event.

Thanks to Bob Johnson for this article.

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era in this dark tale of a working-class kid who finds escapism in dancing. Best picture show, Rocky, produced by Irwin Winkler and Robert Chartoff. Other movies included Annie Hall and Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

We also must note the passing of Elvis Presley, (August 8th 1977) singer, actor, born in Tupelo Mississippi on January 8, 1935. Singer and actor whose first recordings fused black rural blues with gospel and country, igniting the rock explosion and making Presley an enduring pop icon. His hits include "Heartbreak Hotel" (1956), "Hound Dog" (1956) and "Jailhouse Rock" (1957) His films include Love me Tender (1956) and Viva Las Vegas (1964) His home, Graceland, remains a much visited tourist attraction.

Others who left us included Charles Chaplin, Bing Crosby and Groucho

Directors Message

By Bob Johnson

Mary and I arrived back to the winter wonderland from our Florida trip on Thursday, the 6th of February. Here in Shafer, we received over 12 inches of snow on Sunday, the 2nd of February. It was not a nice welcome home; we got stuck in our driveway, because I wasn't smart enough to have it plowed out before we returned. After we got settled in from our trip, I blew out the snow around the car and was able to move it, so I could finish blowing out our long drive way. About half way down the driveway, the double link chain that drives the power take off to the snow blower broke. I was able to push the snow and clear a path wide enough to drive on with out getting stuck. It was a five hour repair job to remove power take off/electric clutch, install new chain and reinstall on tractor.

Our trip to Florida went great. We stopped in Lafayette, Indiana, at our daughters and spent a weekend there. The night before we left, Indiana, they received over five inches of snow and it was 11 below zero. We drove to Atlanta, Georgia, then the next day we made it to Clearwater, Florida and 70 degree weather. The only problem we had was when we had the car washed in Tifton, Georgia, the two front bullet LCS hubcaps were knocked off and I didn't notice until we were in Florida at a rest stop.

Our week in Florida went fast as we spent most of our time at the LCOC Winter Board Meeting. My write up on winter meeting is else where in this newsletter. We did put the top down on the convertible and drove about 200 miles back up to Ocala, Florida, where we visited with friends. On our way back we stopped it Chattanooga, Tennessee. The last night of our trip we again stayed at our daughters, in Lafayette. We had to celebrate her big 3-0 birthday, plus we couldn't miss a chance to see our only granddaughter.

After being home for three days, I talked Mary into making the trip to Ellingson's on Saturday, February 8th. Over 80 people, about 35 from our club, attended the potluck dinner and auction with the CCCA. The potluck was very tasty; Ray Kroll and Tom Brace conducted the auction. Webster Peterson and Kari Albers assisted handling all CLASSIC items with various elaborate descriptions of the high class do-

nations. The best buys were auto manuals and magazines. Many model cars were up for action and caused some very lively bidding. It was nice to see Bob Garvilescu and Brian Carlson again dig in and get many fantastic items (there is a better description, but I will let you fill in). They now should be ready for our fall picnic/auction.

The Northstar Region will try having a Out-State Car Show this year in Brainerd, at Mills Ford, Lincoln Mercury Inc., on Saturday, 23rd of August. I will be meeting with them later in February to finalize the details. Please let me know if you can attend and if you can help get other Lincoln owners in that area to attend. This type of event is a way of getting exposure of our classic Lincolns, plus having an event closer to our out state members. Next year the plan is have a Out-State Car Show in southern Minnesota.

Our Next event will be Sunday Brunch, at Piccadilly's in Mahtomedi on March 30th at 12:30 PM. Please call me for reservations if you plan on attending.

As always keep the journey continuing in our marvelous Lincolns.

Tell Us Your Story.....

Your editor needs some help. Please tell me about your Lincoln. Our readers are anxious to learn about your prized possession. There are a few from the 20's and 30's out there that we should know about. In fact we would like to hear about any of them. New or old, there must have been some reason why you purchased a particular Lincoln that you now own and enjoy. Write or email me today. Your help is appreciated by all our readers.

You are welcome....

To attend the monthly Northstar LCOC board meetings held at Whitaker Lincoln Mercury on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Participate in your club and contribute to the decision making process. See you there.

Preview of Coming Attractions

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

- March March 30th Piccadilly's in Mahtomedi at 12:30 PM. See attached flyer for directions. Please call Bob Johnson and let him know if you are planning on attending. We want to reserve enough space for us all to be together. We were there last year and the food was good and the prices are reasonable.
- April Tobey's by the Lake, April 27th, 11:30 AM. Our annual visit. Great place, great food.
- May Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury annual car show. May 17th, Saturday 9:30 AM till 2:30 PM Door prizes and Dash Plaques. It is free, and food will be served courtesy of Whitaker-Lincoln Mercury.
- May May 18th. 23rd Annual Willmar Car Show and Swap Meet. 7:00 am to 3:30 PM Kennedy School, 824 7th Street SW, Willmar, MN 39 Classes. www.wilmarcarclub.com
- June June 1st. 20th Annual Spring All Ford Show & Swap, Apple Valley Ford.
- June 1st. 24th Annual all ford Picnic and No trophy car show, Twin Cities Ford Assembly Plant, Highland Park, St. Paul, MN
- June June 20-22 Back to the Fifties weekend, State Fairgrounds.
- June 28th. Two Harbors 3rd Annual All Ford Powered Car Show, Two Harbors, MN
- July Downtown St. Paul on Kellogg Boulevard Date to be determined.
- July 12th. 15th Annual Lakeville Pan-O-Prog Car show, Lakeville, MN.
- August Mills Motors in Brainerd, our first out state Lincoln car show. August 23, 2002
- September Annual Picnic....September 28th Where has the summer gone....
- October Eight months away, but time passes quickly.....

If you have any ideas for future club activities, please let your board members know, or call or email Jay White. We welcome your suggestions for future events.