

My Pride and Joy

The following article is from our long time members Ray and Jeanine Nelson, and describes their most recent additions to the fine collection of great looking and driving Lincolns they have. We look forward to seeing them soon.

We have had quite a Winter! After returning home in January from the Barrett-Jackson auction in Scottsdale, we received a call that a

life-long friend, who lives in Hemet, California, was critically ill. We had planned on visiting her in April, but were told we should probably come immediately. So, we purchased a one-way ticket, not knowing how long we would be there, and flew out on February 2nd.



days, trying to get the cars running to bring them on the auction block. For a while, they were pulling the cars through the auction block, even if they ran, because the exhaust got so heavy in the building. Even with huge fans running, the fumes were getting to everyone.

One of the cars that I was interested in was a 1971 Mark III, and it was the first car on the block Saturday morning. I talked to some of the mechanics working on the cars, and they said it was one of

the better running cars there, so I decided to bid on it. I did get the Mark III, and also a 1964 Continental 4 door convertible.

Passport Transport delivered them to my door one week later. We drove the Mark III off,

and pushed the '64 off, and into my garage. After checking the '64 over, I found there was 3 1/2 gallons of gas in the crank case, so I guess it was a good thing it didn't start.

After draining the gas out of the crank case, putting fresh oil in, pulling the carburetor and having it rebuilt, replacing the fuel pump and gas filter, I put in points, plugs, condenser, rotor and cap, and finally a new wire harness.

With some good pointers from Floyd Homsted before I started it, I crossed my fingers and it fired right up. However, it had one lifter that was really rattling, so I replaced that, and it runs very smooth now. So I think that I lucked out with both cars.

Fortunately, after looking off and on for about two years, we finally found a home near Princeton, MN that Jeanine and I both liked. It has a 40 by

On February 20th, we left Hemet, and flew to Amarillo, Texas, where we leased a car and drove to Pampa, Texas to attend the J.C. Daniels auction. As you are probably all aware, he had 400 Lincolns in his estate. We were impressed with the large turn-out. There were people from as far away as Canada, Germany and Sweden. We were not impressed, however, with the condition of most of the cars.

At least 200 of them were parts cars. Many of the slab-sided convertibles from 1961-1967 had their tops down, and because most of these cars had not been run for 15-20 years, there was no way of knowing if they would go up or down. They had a crew there working for

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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 I494 in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.

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MN that Jeanine and I both liked. It has a 40 by 80 foot pole building with a cement floor, so hopefully I can get all of our cars in there.

We are looking forward to having the LCOC club do a garage tour and BBQ when we get settled. If anyone knows of any nice Lincolns out there, please do me a favor and DON'T call me. If you know of an 12 step program for Lincoln Nuts, please call me right away.



Ray and Jeanine's 1964 being delivered

Northstar Club Jackets are now here...

Director Bob Johnson has made arrangements with Linda Goulet of Custom Outfitters of Centuria, Wisconsin for Northstar LCOC club jackets.

The jackets will be available in two styles, a Satin Baseball Award Jacket and a Oxford Coaches Jacket. The Baseball Award Jacket features a knit collar, cuffs and waistband and the Oxford Coaches Jacket has a lay down collar, knit cuffs and a draw cord at the bottom.

The jackets will be available in a variety of colors. The National LCOC emblem can be applied to the back of the jacket if desired. The Northstar Region emblem may be applied to the front upper left side.

Prices will vary depending on the style of jacket ordered, the type of lining desired and configuration of Club emblems.

With the "old car season" here, it is now time to order these great jackets. Ordering information will be mailed out as an attachment to this issue and available at the Whitaker 4th Annual All Lincoln Show. For additional information on these fine jackets, please contact Director Bob Johnson.

Trivia from the Internet.

This year will be the 100th anniversary of the Ford Motor Car Company. We would be remiss in not providing some detail about the Life of Edsel Ford (1894-1943), son of Henry Ford, company founder.

Edsel lived in the shadow of his father so much that very little is known about him even today. Even as President of Ford, he made very few major decisions. It was usually Henry that made the final decisions for the Company. However, Edsel enjoyed cars; especially car design. It was his hobby as well as his specialty. Edsel had other hobbies, like photography, fast boats, painting and sports, but cars remained his lifelong favorite.

During his early childhood, Edsel and his father worked side by side on cars. Later on, Edsel became more fascinated by the shapes of automobiles than by their inner workings. As a teenager, he build several speedsters, mostly T-based. Edsel was indulging in a common pastime of the day, one shared by quite a few young men with money, the difference being that Edsel had an unlimited supply of parts. This love of styling and building cars would come in very handy as time went on.

Edsel is remembered

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Editors Message

First of all, I want to thank Bob Johnson for being such a good sport about the article on his "classic Lincoln" that was in the April issue. Sometimes we take our selves and our hobby a little too seriously and we have to have a little fun. We do need to fill up the newsletter each month and frankly, I was getting a little desperate at the end of the month.

I also want to thank Ray and Jeanine Nelson for their longtime support of the club. Ray has contributed a number of articles to the newsletter which we greatly appreciate. Our club is only as good as our members and their contributions, and with greater participation by our members, the more interesting it will be for all. Ray comes to most of the board meetings and his views are greatly valued. We also see them at most of our events. We look forward to seeing their latest additions, the '71 Mark and the '64 Continental sometime this summer.

Coming up in May is the 4th annual all Lincoln car show at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury. Each year the show has grown a little larger, with more and more fine cars showing up. If you have any friends or know anyone who has an older Lincoln, give them a call and invite them to the show. There will be door prizes and dash plaques. Food will be served courtesy of our good friends at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury. Lets try for a good turnout, there is no better way to spend a day than visiting with interesting people and talking old cars.

June features the 100th anniversary of the Ford Motor Car Company. Many of our members will be going to Dearborn to join in the festivities. There should be some of the finest examples of every Ford product from the very first to the most current. If you want to see Fords, Mercurys and Lincolns, Dearborn in June will be the place to be. On everyone's schedule should be a visit to Greenfield Village and the Ford Museum. I have been there a number of times and have enjoyed each visit. This may not be the best time to visit, as the crowds promise to be pretty heavy for this 100 year event.

We also are looking forward to Saturday nights on Kellogg Boulevard in downtown St. Paul. It is a lot of fun to take one of the older cars over and park for a few hours. Quite frequently, there will be other members of the Northstar LCOC over there to add to the fun. Just getting away from the TV and out in the nice weather is great. By the way, if you have any ideas for club

events, please contact Jay White or one of the other board members. We are all anxious for your input.

Till next month.....

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*For Sale....**Books.....*

Large collection of 132 books covering 25 years of collecting. 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 tomorrows collectable at today's prices.

1975 Mark IV, \$2,500. Car in very good condition, looks like it has 68,000 actual miles. Silver paint, gray cloth seats. Front seat needs recovering. Contact John Wackerfuss, Wackerfuss Auto Sales, Cumberland, Wisconsin. 715-822-2930.

WANTED: wheel opening molding for rear drivers side for a Mark VII. If anyone has this item or other Mark VII parts please call Jerry Loberg at 651-224-6612, mornings or after 8PM evenings.

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as once saying "Father makes the most popular car in the world. I would like to make the best car in the world - Lincoln". In the late '20s, it was Edsel who guided the styling of the Model A, and gave it the look of a small Lincoln. At the time Henry was too busy straightening out the innards to worry about the A's outlines. He didn't care what the car looked like as long as it did what he wanted to do, and it was painted black.

Edsel regularly had cars built for his personal use. Two of his personal favorites were his 1932 and 1934 speedsters. The 1932 was a V* Boat-tail speedster, and was built with the help of stylist-designer E.T. Gregorie. The '32 was a beautiful car with quite a number of radical features for its time. All aluminum body, pantalooned fenders, bullet headlights, no running boards, split windshield and V'd grille shell.

Two years later in 1934, Edsel again called on Gregorie to build him another speedster. It again had an aluminum body, but this model was lower than the '32, and the headlights were mounted at the axle height. There were twin-windcreens, now doors, and the overall effect was that of a pure racing car. Edsel had no attention of producing any of these cars in quantity, and

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Monthly Director's Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 10, 2003

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury. Board members present were Bob Johnson, Harvey Oberg, David Gustafson and Roger Wothe. Other club members present were Ray Nelson, Faythe Oberg and Jim Jacobsen. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

Directors Reports

Regional Director Bob Johnson announced that the Region emblem has been designed and completed. Eight region jackets are on order and twenty-one of thirty-five region caps have been sold. The new LCOC membership office is up and running in Maple Grove Minnesota.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported that the treasury balance is \$5,074.93 with all bills paid.

Membership and Publications Director David Gustafson reported that nine previous members have not renewed and that he will contact them. The directory, with a new layout format, is almost ready to print. One "Pride and Joy" article has been submitted for the next newsletter, but he needs more for up coming newsletters. Please send him some.

Faythe Oberg reported that Projects Director Bob Gavrilesu had no sales for the past month.

Activities Director Jay White is on vacation, but some activities were discussed by the group: Rochester road trip Saturday July 19th, meeting place to be determined, Tobey's Restaurant for brunch on Sunday, April 27th at 12:30, the fourth annual show at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury on May 17th and possibly a Sunday brunch at Portofino in Wayzata in October or November. The Ford Centennial is coming in June and your registration must be completed by April 15th (just remember it's due the same day as your tax return).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next meeting will be at Whitaker Lincoln-Mercury at 7:00 PM

on May 8th, 2003.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

Summertime Fun.....

Be Bop Cruisers Wed Night Cruise
Bridgeman's, 6201 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center.

Cannon Cruisers Car Club Friday Night Cruises,
Grandpa's Garage, Hwy 52 South of Cannon Falls, MN

North St. Paul History Cruise, Friday nights, June 13th -September 12th Downtown North St. Paul, MN

Northwest Metro Culver's Cruise, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 5:00-9:00, Culver's Restaurant, Buffalo, MN

Northwest Metro Denny's Classic Diner Cruise, 4th Wednesday of the month, Denney's Classic Diner, Rogers, MN.

Downtown St. Paul, Kellogg Street, Saturday nights, June through September. 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Older cars up to and including 1965 models. Great way to spend a Saturday evening.

June 1st, July 12th, and September 14th, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (All Sundays)
Car Show at Wally's Roast Beef in Bloomington, 2113 West 90th. Bring your car and have one of Wally's great roast beef sandwiches. Wally's also has great burgers and malts.

Monthly Cruise-In—Forest Lake
3rd Wednesday of every month, May 21st through September 17th. Wal-Mart parking lot in Forest Lake, MN.

Let us know of any event held on a regular basis throughout the summer months. We will put in the Northstar News.

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for the most part he kept them out of his father's sight. Edsel kept his speedsters inside a gardener's shed at his home.

Edsel became the guiding light behind Ford's styling section, and as mentioned before, the Lincoln became Edsel's crowning achievement. But he also saw the Zephyr and most other pre-war Fords through their various stages of body design. As one can see, these were very happy times for Edsel. Unfortunately, there would be fewer of these happier times as the pressures of running the Ford Motor Company, and over-demanding father, and America's entry into the Second World War would begin to take its toll on Edsel.

Edsel was twenty-five years of age when he became President of Ford, but the appointment was no more than a cruel hoax. Henry had redesigned the Presidency and had absolutely no intention of giving up control of the Ford Motor Company. Edsel was being manipulated, and he would be manipulated, harassed, tormented and humiliated all the remaining days of his life.

Once, when all the Ford brass, including Henry, were attending a luncheon, Henry rose from the table and yelled at Edsel to "shut up", and stormed out of

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Directors Message

By Bob Johnson

I'm hoping that one of our members sent a car article to Dave Gustafson to use as "My Pride and Joy" write-up. Last month no one sent in a car article and Dave's fingers were nervous and he had to connive and sweat and reach into his April Fools diary to have a fantastic VW to write about. My thoughts are never as eloquent and devious and that well written as what Dave wrote, believe me he deserves all the credit for a great April Fools article. Please send Dave an article about your car or you might become his next victim, I mean article.

On Sunday, March 30th, 48 members met at Piccadilly's for a great brunch. I believe this was our highest turnout for an event like this. Jay White suggested that we move the brunch time to 12:30 PM. I have received several comments that this is a better time and more members are now able to attend. It was great to see old friends and new members; this must be the beginning of another car season. I sometimes wonder if it is the food or the cars that gets people out to our events, which ever, it was great to see everyone after a long winter. Richard and Mary Wagner won the drawing for a Lincoln quartz wrist watch, which was offered as an unannounced door prize.

The Northstar Region logo is done and all of the jackets in the first batch of orders have now been completed. I will wear my Region jacket to Tobey's on April 27th; I think they really are a great looking jacket. Jacket order forms will again be distributed with the newsletter. There are a dozen hats left, if you want one, please contact Harvey Oberg.

Our next event is our 4th Annual Classic Lincoln Car Show at Whitaker Lincoln Mercury on Saturday, May 17th. Please bring as many Lincolns as you can to this event so other people can see what beautiful cars we have in our club. If you know someone that has a classic Lincoln, call and invite them to show their car. They do not have to be a member of our club to show a Lincoln. This open show is one of the best ways we can grow our club. If you have a question or suggestion about this car show, please call Jay White or me.

A new National Membership Secretaries Office was made effective April 1st. The new membership office is Cornerstone Registration Limited, here in Maple Grove, MN. I have called Mark

Wheeler, and he conveys a smile while he talks to you. If you have erroneous data on your LCOC records, please email him with corrections LCOC@cornerstone.com or call Mark at 763-420-7849. Mark has a Corvette, but he is going to join our region and attend our events.

As always, keep the journey continuing in our marvelous Lincolns

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.

Garage Tour With CCCA

Saturday, April 26, was the date for the annual CCCA garage tour. Great weather prevailed, with clear skies, and temperatures in the low 70's.

As usual, the tour began at the headquarters of Peter Hustad's Classic Limousine Service, on North Second Avenue in Minneapolis. For those of you who have not done this tour, Peter Hustad has a great collection of classic limousines and funeral service vehicles. These are working cars, which go out of the garage every day and ferry people to and fro in a style that one could easily become accustomed to. Popular for weddings, special occasions and even funerals, Peter Hustad's fleet of fine Packards go down the street with class that most modern day stretch vehicles cannot match.

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the room. Apparently Henry had overheard Edsel remarking that there was some merit in placing hydraulic braking systems on all Ford products, which were being done on virtually all of Ford's competitors. It didn't pay to criticize Ford cars – not in Henry's presence at least – and this included Edsel.

On one occasion, Edsel had contracted for the construction of a new office building. It seems both Accounting and especially the Sales department had long since outgrown their quarters. Henry was out of town at the time that the plans were made and the contracts let. Upon his return, the elder Ford took note of the excavation that was underway and demanded to know what was going on. Edsel, described the new building which would supply the Company with badly needed office space. Henry wanted to know for whom? This should have been Edsel's cue to pitch for the needs of the Sales department – something Henry could understand. Instead, however, the younger Ford mentioned first the accountants. Henry turned and marched out of Edsel's office.

The next morning, when the accounts reported for work,

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North Second Avenue in Minneapolis. For those of you who have not done this tour, Peter Hustad has a great collection of classic limousines and funeral service vehicles. These are working cars, which go out of the garage every day and ferry people to and fro in a style that one could easily become accustomed to. Popular for weddings, special occasions and even funerals, Peter Hustad's fleet of fine Packards go down the street with class that most modern day stretch vehicles cannot match.

The crowd of eager tourers started to assemble around 8:00 AM, with members of the Midwest Region of the Classic Car Club and additionally, members of the Northstar Region, Lincoln and Continental Owners Club, the Packard Club and the Northstar Region of the Cadillac-LaSalle Club. It was a great group of car fans, with many of us belonging to more than one club. There was a good turnout by Northstar LCOC. Among those in attendance were Harvey and Faythe Oberg, Roger Wothe, Tim and Gaye Purvis, Floyd Homstad, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jr., Bob Gavrilescu, Lloyd Pearson, Tom St. Martin, Frank and Marjorie Warner, and your editor, David and Marion Gustafson. From the four clubs, there were about 80 in the group that started out from Classic Limousine.

From Classic Limousine, we went out to the Buffalo area to view the Bud Roth collection. Located on a hobby farm, Bud has an interesting assortment of vehicles that he has fallen in love with over the years. Unlike many of us, he was able to hang on to what he purchased, and had a place to store it. His garage layout is great. Plenty of doors, and a lot of space between cars make for a nice place for cars. The collection contains a few replicars, which offer classic styling with modern drivability. As a hobby garage, the walls are full of pictures and other interesting stuff which catches your eyes.

Some of the great stuff at Bud Roths
Next on the tour were the garages of John River



and Eric Dahlguard, both of Buffalo. John had a

fine original 1962 Chevrolet Impala, a great old fire engine complete with all of the things that go with it. The only thing missing was the Dalmation. Also in the garage was some work in progress. A fine garage that could hold a few more classics. Eric is into Edsels. A lot of these fine Ford products were driven in to the ground by their owners and with only three years of production, there are not many of these in existence. Hopefully, Eric can restore some of his collection to their glory days of 1958 and 1959.

Just outside of Maple Lake is the hobby farm of Jim Hudson. For a person fairly new to car collecting (6 years), Jim has the underpinnings of a collection that anyone would be proud of. Most of his cars appear to be very high point cars. He has some great convertibles including two Hudsons from the early '50s, a '47 Buick, two, count 'em two 1953 Buick Skylarks, a 1958 Cadillac Eldorado and some other fine vehicles. One very rare model was a 1938 Buick that had an "Airstream" type body, and was a prototype of what was to be an early model of motorhome. Undergoing restoration, this will be something to see when finally completed. It has a stainless steel exterior and a motorhome like interior.

Shown below is one of Jim Hudson's 1953 Buick Skylarks.

Our next stop was the collection of Roy Bernick of Waite Park, which is next to St. Cloud. Roy is a collector extraordinaire. Slightly in back of



his home, is a very large garage, which is divided into two areas, a work area, which is large and had a 1957 Hudson two-door hard top in the process of being restored, and the main area where his collection is housed. Roy has a very wide span of vehicles, from the brass era to the late fifties. He has an early Brush and Reo which are in superb condition and appear to be ready to go anywhere. Roy has a Pan, which was built in St. Cloud. The renowned car club of St. Cloud, the Pantowners took their name from the Pan automobile. Built only a few years, it would be a great car for any collection. There

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they found their offices stripped. No desks, chairs, files or telephones. Even the carpeting was gone, and they were out of a job. Henry had abolished the Accounting department with which he never had any patience with anyway, and overnight had seen to the removal of its furniture and equipment. He then informed Edsel that there was now plenty of room for the Sales staff.

More on Edsel Ford next month....

are probably 60-65 cars in his collection, even a few Lincolns.

Shown below is a 1929 Lincoln.

Also in his collection is a nice 1941 Continental. Also a fine looking car, looking eager to take to the road on a tour.

We do want to thank Roy and his wife for their great hospitality. Lunch was served indoors in



their building. Seating for all provided us with a wonderful opportunity to enjoy our fine meal and visit with others on the tour.

After lunch many of us went on to Brooten, which is about 40 miles from St. Cloud. Brooten is the home of John Bohmer, long time car collector and one-time operator of the Roaring Twenties Car Museum. John has fine collection of fine cars including Cadillacs, Lincolns, Packards and others from the 30's, 40's, and 50's.

Shown above is a 1959 Convertible. Nice...

The Bohmer collection was the last stop for the day. And what a great day it was. Great weather, great friends and great cars made for a truly memorable tour. All of us want to thank



our friends in the CCCA for inviting us along. Marion and I finally got back to Burnsville at about 6:30 PM, traveling almost 300 miles. It

was fun and we are ready to do it again. There are a lot of great collections out there and it isn't often that we get to see this many in a single day.

Brunch at Toby's.....

Our fun from Saturday April 26th overlapped into Sunday with the Northstar LCOC brunch at Toby's. Approximately 40 members were there for what is now sort of an annual event to start up the driving season for another year.

On of our newer members, Rod Johnson and his wife, from Albert Lea should get the long distance award. Please note they also showed up for the Saturday garage tour. These have to be really great car people.

Below, Frank Warner showing that his top really does work



Below, Tim and Gay Purvis brought their 1937 K, which always attracts a lot of attention .



Thanks to Faythe and Harvey Oberg for organizing this event and thanks to all of our fine members who came to celebrate this great spring day. See you all at Whitakers on May 17th for the 4th annual Lincoln show.

Preview of Coming Attractions

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

May

May 4th 16th Annual Spring Car Show and Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds, Machinery Hill, St. Paul.

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-L/M.

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 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

August 23 Mills Motors in Brainerd, our first out state Lincoln car show.

September

Annual Picnic....September 28th Where has the summer gone....

October

Event in planning stage

November

Event in planning stage

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.