

Pride and Joy



Our Collector Series by Paul and Deb Andahl

Due to the beautiful weather we have been enjoying here in Bismarck, I have actually been out driving some of our Lincolns that are usually socked away in winter storage. No snow, dry roads, no bugs, great winter driving! Seldom afforded in January and February in the Dakotas. The other day I had our 79 Collector Series Lincoln Continental out on our 52 mile round trip route. I always feel like I should go around twice with this car because it is so enjoyable to drive, but as usual, time time time! The late 70's town cars were elegant and distinctive looking with their long hoods and Rolls Royce like grills, but the 79 Collector Series stands out among them. As elegant in stature as any limousine I have ever seen.

As the question was asked in the 79 Lincoln Continental brochures, "How do you create a very special version of a car that is already "a standard by which other cars are judged"?"

It took some doing

Introducing the limited edition Collectors Series Lincoln Continental hardly a car you will see at every stoplight. But when you do see one, you will know it. Distinctive gold colored grill, special midnight blue metallic finish, and Collector's identification deafly distinguish this series from all other Lincoln Continental models. And inside, the Collector Series literally abounds with important appearance, comfort and convenience features that are options in the Lincoln Continental, but are standard here. Add

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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 *first* Thursday of every month except December at 7:00 PM at Culvers Restaurant, (dine with friends at 6:00PM) I-94 AND RUTH STREET, St. Paul.

Articles and other information for the newsletter should be sent to David Gustafson, Editor, at 308 Brandywine Drive, Burnsville, MN 55337.

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legendary Lincoln roominess, comfort and overall quality and you have the Collector Series. It is a Lincoln created to epitomize and commemorate this elegant "era of the traditional Lincoln"

We purchased our Collector Series in the fall of 2007. It was advertised in the Hemmings Magazine with 32,000 actual miles on the odometer. When I contacted the owner, in western Pennsylvania, he told me he had purchased the car at an estate sale of the original owner in 1999. It had 25,800 miles on it at that time. The car has the Kasman II luxury cloth which I prefer, and wears the beautiful midnight blue metallic paint which is a knockout color for this car. With its distinctive gold colored grill, gold painted accent stripes down the sides and colored keyed turbine wheels, this car just exudes class and luxury. Also included on the Collector Series was 36 ounce midnight blue tiffany pile carpeting, and the trunk was carpeted with an 18 ounce pile carpet. A leather bound tool kit, an umbrella, and a remote control garage door opener were included. The tool kit, umbrella and the garage door opener, which is still in it's original box came with our car. A full size spare tire mounted on the correct rim was also included. Even though we have only driven 2000 miles with this car, I enjoy every time we take it out, and I would not hesitate to take it on an extended trip anywhere. After four years of ownership, the only repair that has been performed are seals and a recharge on the air conditioner compressor. As with most Lincoln and Continentals, it's just gas up and drive.

I am always amazed at the low mileage Collector Series cars that pop up on EBay and in other offerings. A 9,000 mile car was offered about the same time we purchased this car and a 600 mile car was listed on EBay a couple of years ago located in Florida, and even an untitled dealer owned car with 200 miles was listed recently on EBay. Even the higher mileage Collector Series cars mostly appear to have been well taken care of and preserved. A highly regarded car that will surely become even more collectible as the years go by.

Trivia from the Internet



Albers Propellor Company - In 1927, John and Gerhard Albers started experimenting with wind driven generators eventually becoming the Albers Propeller Co. in Cherokee, Iowa. They developed a small wind generator called the "Wincharger" to charge 6 volt radio batteries. The Wincharger was a local hit and the company grew to three employees and production increased to 6 units per day.

Wincharger Corporation - In December, 1934 the Albers brothers together with Cecil Parris, and Ernest Arndt formed the Wincharger Corporation to manufacture their wind chargers at the

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Editors Message

February may be relegated to the history books as a fairly easy month. Not much snow and above average temperatures. As I carefully pointed out last month, the days are getting a bit longer, and by the end of March, we will have sunrise occurring at 6:56AM and Sunset at 7:39PM. In addition, we have daylight savings time going into effect on March 11, which will stretch our days a bit longer. Spring is right around the corner... Be patient, only a few more weeks until we can take our beloved Lincolns out for a drive.

Late in January, Bob Johnson and I went down to Orlando, FL to attend the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club board of directors meeting. It was a very busy three days, covering some of the most pressing challenges confronting our organization today. Our membership is slowly declining, some of which is due to the economy, and partly due to the advancing age of our membership. Unless we can find a way to repackage our organization to make it more attractive to younger generations, we will continue downward, losing more members each year. Fortunately, none of us is quite willing to give up on the LCOC and its affiliated regional clubs, just yet. We have done fairly well in the Northstar Region in holding our membership fairly constant over the years, in spite of the tough economic

times. Largely, it is because we have always tried our best to provide a good experience along with value to our members. It is very important that our club becomes better known. Advertising in the traditional venues no longer produces the results that it once did. Quite often, it costs more per ad insertion than the membership revenue it produces. Fortunately, the internet is still a low cost medium to communicate our message to all on line searching for anything related to vintage Lincolns, and for that matter anything "Lincoln". As much as it may seem a bit odd, we need to look seriously at the social networking sites such as Facebook, twitter and similar sites. With very large companies, even Ford using them, can we afford not to pursue every possibility to build our membership? I really believe that the future

is now and we must embrace the latest technologies to make sure that the LCOC will be here for those who follow in our footsteps. If any of you have an idea that will help make LCOC and the Northstar Region better, please let us know. What ever it is, it is important to improve the overall experience that our membership has. Call us up or email. We truly would like to hear from you.

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



Sweet Faithie shown getting ready to celebrate her birthday on St. Patrick's Day. She wants to go over to St. Paul to march in the big parade on the one day of the year where everyone is Irish.

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Old Hawkeye Truck plant in Sioux City, Iowa. Later that year, executives from the Zenith Radio Corporation visited Wincharger unannounced, placed an order for 50,000 Winchargers, and took a 51 percent stake in the company. The small Wincharger radio unit would become the most produced wind generator over the next 60 years and the Wincharger name would immediately become an important force in the wind electric plant business. The new larger 30,000-square-foot manufacturing plant had 52 full time employees, the product line was expanded to include larger full home units, and daily production increased to 200 units. Zenith bought the remaining 49 percent of Wincharger, and sales of radio and full home power plants was maintained under the difficult market circumstances resulting from federal rural electrification.

Wincharger Radio Plants - In time, production of the radio

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Directors Message by Bob Johnson

March 2012

Mary and I attended the LCOC Annual Winter Board Meeting, in Orlando, Florida, on January 26-29. We drove our Town Car and put on over 3200 miles averaging 23.4 MPG. On our way back, we were about 6 hours behind that terrible accident where 11 were killed on I75 in Florida on Sunday, January 29.

We sat still on the freeway for three hours before starting a detour process that was not very well organized. All in all, It was nice to get out of Minnesota and some 80 degree weather while in Florida. Next year the board meeting will be in San Antonio, Texas. It was really nice to have Dave Gustafson and Dick Koop attend their first meeting as National Directors. More LCOC board meeting news is elsewhere in newsletter.

In January Dave Gustafson sent out our North Star Membership renewals for 2012. We now have over 100 renewals, thank you for renewing your North Star Region for another year. We really appreciate your membership in what I feel is one of the best Regions in LCOC, and it is because of you our members. If you have not yet renewed, please send in your renewal now. Dues are again \$20.00. **Please update your email address and phone number.** We are offering emailing of our North Star News letter to members that would prefer having a copy on their computer for easy access and all pages in color. You can receive both. Please return your membership dues right away so we can update our Region Directory which we plan on publishing early this spring.

February did not start out very well for Jay White. Jay had hip pain bad enough to have hip replacement surgery on February 1. Jay still attended our North Star monthly board meeting on February 9 and our Sunday brunch he organized on February 12. Thanks, Jay for your dedication and we pray for your fast recovery.

On Sunday, February 12, we had 37 members attend Emma Krumbee's, for a Sunday Brunch. It was a great day, with great people, great atmosphere in our private room and very tasty food. This great place is located in Inver Grove Heights, and was easy to find, after I drove around the block. Everyone who attended enjoyed our special brand of fellowship and talking to old and new friends.

Our March 18, Sunday brunch will be at an old favorite. We will venture to Jake O'Conner's Public House in down town Excelsior to eat at 11:30 AM. Address is 200 Water Street, zip 55331 for those of you who use a GPS like me to get around to new areas. Please RSVP to Jay White by Thursday, March 15 by calling 952-432-5939 or email jay@jwhiteandassoc.com.

In April we will be doing a detailing seminar, by Ken Sampson in Roger Wothe's new garage in St. Louis Park. More details on page 14 of newsletter.

Mid America National Meet – Bloomington, MN - News:

Our Meet packets are now ready – You have several ways to get Bloomington Meet Packets;

1. Down Load from our www.Northstarlcoc.org or National www.lcoc.org

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charger soared to 2,000 units a day at a price of \$44 apiece, or even better at \$15 per unit with the purchase of a special Zenith radio with a single rechargeable 6 volt battery. The unit was a two-blade, upwind, direct-drive design. A single 6-foot-long Douglas fir, a 1 x 4 inch board was shaped to the company's patented air foil propeller specifications and fitted with their patented air brake governor. These components were attached by a drum brake plate to the generator. At wind speeds above 20 mph, the flaps which would normally travel in a circle would extend out to counteract the propeller forces and limit the speed up to a point. Prudent Wincharger owners would apply the brake when severe weather approached. A tail vane was fixed in place by a length of angle iron to the back of the generator to point it into the wind. A small four-post tower

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February Northstar Board Meeting

February 9, 2012

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at Culver's in Maplewood at 6:55 PM. Board members present were Bob Johnson, Harvey Oberg, Dave Gustafson, Bob Gavrilescu, Bob Roth, Jay White and Roger Wothe. Other members present were Mary Johnson, Carol White and Faye Oberg. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson announced that the Meet Packet has been completed ready to send out and is also available on both the National website, www.lcoc.org and the Region website, www.northstarlcoc.org. The package was delayed until the cost of the bus tour was confirmed. Items for auction at the Mid America Meet will be eligible for \$100.00 minimum reserve with the balance over the reserve going to the Region. There will be a limit of four reserve items per individual. The National LCOC will have some items including Authenticity Manuals for sale. The National Board meeting reported that the national membership is down one hundred eighty members and has added a Youth Judging class. Bob suggested that the judging time per car at the Mid America Meet be limited to ten minutes. Both Harvey and Roger offered suggestions to accomplish this, but were not accepted. The issue will be open for further discussion.

Activities Director Jay White reminded everyone of the monthly brunch at the new Emma Krumbee's restaurant in Inver Grove Heights this coming Sunday. A schedule of upcoming activities will be posted in the newsletter. Jay suggested several other activities to be considered. He proposed that the Region look at a Facebook page to advertise our club and activities and the board authorized Jay to research the possibility.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported the treasury balance to be \$2,153.84 with all bills paid.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson reported that so far ninety-five membership renewals had been received. Again, he needs more "My Pride and Joy" articles otherwise you may be a victim of his April Fool's addition of the North Star News.

Projects: Bob Roth offered an idea for a club project to be available to Regional members and guests at the Mid America Meet. It is a lighted engraved plaque of a car of your choice. Bob will present the project at the next brunch. He was authorized by the Board to order two samples to be displayed at the Meet.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. The next meeting will be at Culver's in Maplewood on Thursday, March 1, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

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with a turntable, slip ring assembly, and mounting feet for easy installation on the roof of an out-building were included. It was not a good idea to mount the Wincharger on the roof of the house since the roof would act as a sounding board to the point of being intolerable. Wires connected the generator to a simple relay panel in the house and to the radio battery. When the wind blew, the battery would charge and the radio would provide continuous entertainment on demand. Since the battery was usually kept charged, the owner would frequently add a few light bulbs to make good use of the abundant wind energy. Larger direct drive models based on this design and rated 500 to 650 watts with an 8 foot diameter propellor would be offered over time.

Wincharger Power Plants - Before too long, a larger 32-volt, gear-driven

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More Bob Johnson...

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web site

2. Call 952-473-3038 or email Roger Wothe at rwothe@mchsi.com to mail or email you a Meet Packet.

Please call our host hotel, the Park Plaza to reserve your rooms now for August 15 -19, 2012, at 952-831-3131. Room with free breakfast is \$99 plus tax. If you want to upgrade to a really nice suite, you can get that for \$114 plus tax with a free breakfast. Please reserve room now so we can plan on you coming even before we get your paid registration. Your reserved Hotel room is our only way to know your intentions before you pay your Meet registration, please reserve your room early.

Send your Meet Registration along with a check to Roger Wothe before June 1, 2012, and you will be eligible for a drawing for one free room night at the Park Plaza Hotel. Register early, you may win. We really would like you to register now if you can. Make your room reservation now and help our planning process.

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

I am a nice 1989 Town Car, Signature series, and to make my owner happy, I am in need of a Digital Information Circuit Board and an Actuator for the drivers side door lock. If only someone will come to my aid and make my owner a happy man once again. If you know where these two items might be, please contact Shell Watson, PO Box 451 Buffalo, MN 55313 or phone 763.286.4416 or email: bstoner@cbburnet.com Thanks for your help.

Automobile Anonymous

11 commitments and acceptances to our known desire to own another car

1. We accept and understand any vehicle, drivable or not, can trigger this addiction.
2. Our wives, or significant other, are powerless in being able to convince us to not buy another car when we are already committed.
3. We know and accept that the one car that we plan to buy is the only one left in the world in this condition and if I pass on the purchase of this one, I will never find another one just like it.
4. The lack of funds to buy another car has no correlation to the desire of wanting to buy another car.
5. The more cars owned only add to the desire for more.
6. I need to reach out and call 1-800-CAR-HELP when I get that feeling to buy.
7. I know I'm not the only one with this addiction and will ask for support from my fellow man when I'm close to making another purchase.
8. I have to read every car magazine and watch/attend every car show that deals with the sale of classic or collectible cars.
9. I enjoy the thrill of the hunt for any car even with my fellow man that is also addicted.
10. I accept the increased heartbeat and adrenaline rush as a normal reaction when I see another car I must possess.
11. I don't believe in buyer's remorse.

Our thanks to Dick Koop, a long time Northstar and LCOC member, himself a hopeless addict for the "Eleven Steps".

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"Famous" model with a 10-foot diameter propeller rated at 650 watts was offered to the farm electric plant market. This model was similar to the small model in that it was a 2-blade design with the Wincharger patented air-brake governor. It sold for \$69.95, plus tower and battery when it was first introduced. But bigger would not be big enough for the Albers brothers, and a new larger gear-driven generator with an 11-foot diameter propeller, a 1,200-watt rating, and a movable tail vane that could be used to turn it out of the wind went into production within a few years. The Wincharger "Giant" would compete with the larger wind generators and boasted an output of "175,000 watt-hours per month". The less expensive gear-driven generator and 2-blade design gave them an important price advantage over direct-drive systems and they competed effectively in the burgeoning farm electric market. An up-graded enclosed con-

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2012 LCOC Board Meeting

By Darren Klingler, LCOC Board Secretary/At-Large Director.

The annual in-person LCOC Board meeting was January 28, 2012 in Orlando, Florida. There were two days of productive committee meetings prior to an efficient Board meeting. Orlando was a great place for our meeting. You know it was warm when you land and the airport ground crews were wearing shorts – it was in the 80s every day!

We started the Board meeting with a moment of silence for Past LCOC President and LCOC Legislative Advocate Doug Mattix and Executive Vice President Art Whitmire. They both passed away since the last full board meeting. The Board expressed its sympathy and condolences to Carol Mattix and Carol Whitmire and their families. Art and Doug had many contributions to our Club and our beloved Lincolns for many years – they will be missed.

The national and world economic conditions have hit us all, including our Club and many other classic car clubs. That contributes to the biggest issue for LCOC, our membership has gone down – again. The Board has cut costs and maintained services. But lower membership puts even further strain on LCOC's budget. Our Club needs your membership and for you to get new members. And if you know someone that has dropped membership, get that fellow Lincoln enthusiast back in our Club. So, renew your LCOC (and join your Region) membership and refer prospective members to www.lcoc.org for membership application. Speaking of web site, check it out for details on plans for 2012 national meets and to request meet packets/registrations. Last year's meets were profitable and were discussed at the board meeting. The Foundation was highlighted and renderings of the Museum and site were shown, make your donation now!

We have approximately 50% funding in hand and need you to make it become a reality. If you are interested in getting involved with LCOC management, consider running for a national board seat – filing is due by April 30th to Carol Mattix (Elections Clerk). Not many judging issues were discussed this year – unusual! The main judging change was the creation of "Youth Judging Recognition" for those 24 and under. This was approved and will start in 2013. The purpose is to entice younger members to show their (or parent's) Lincolns and be recognized separately. It was also the direction of the Board to enforce the 10 minute rule to judge any vehicle. Judges can only spend 10 minutes examining the vehicle; and further written comments can be accomplished away from the vehicle. In addition, the Board directed the Judging Standards Committee to direct all judges to not "nitpick" when judging. Too many complaints have been received by the Board on taking too long to judge and some judges are (nit)picking vehicles apart – getting your vehicle judged should be a positive experience! The LCOC will have its own Facebook posting and try Google AdWords to increase visibility and get those younger potential and current members involved. Other administrative and operational actions were taken. The main objective everyone left with was to get LCOC membership back up!

Thanks to LCOC President Glenn Kramer and Executive Vice President Gary Birk's leadership in making the meeting one of the best (and quickest) in years. Plans for the next January board meeting have just started for San Antonio – any member is welcomed to attend. And plan to attend a national meet in Chattanooga, TN, Bloomington, MN, or Concord, CA. Watch for more details in an upcoming edition of *Com-*

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trol panel was included which had provisions for connecting a 32 volt Delco-Light or other genset. The Giant would evolve over time by increasing the diameter to 12 feet and replacing the air brake governor with two additional blades giving the new model four blades made of aluminum. The pitch of the two additional blades was controlled by a fly-ball governor mechanism, but the control strategy was the same - two blades with "lift" counteracted by two blades with "drag."

Wincharger Battery - Manufactured to its specifications and with the company's name stamped on them. These batteries were available in six sizes from 126 Ah for the smaller models up to 424 Ah for the Giant model.

Wincharger Tower - Two types of towers were offered for use with its wind generators. For the smaller models, a guyed-type tower was offered in 10-foot sections, up to 80 feet. Towers with guy wires to hold them up were significantly less

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Lincolns on Display



Harvey Oberg's '41 Cabriolet in Acrylic. One great piece of art.

Our North Star LCOC club has "partnered" with a company to create a custom lighted acrylic plaque of your favorite vehicle. This custom lighted acrylic plaque is made from a unique rendition of your classic vehicle.

We make it easy for you to order one. Send us your photograph or digital image of your favorite Lincoln. We, in turn, send it off to our supplier who uses one of their "signtists" to reate an artistic rendition from your image. If submitted in digital format, a computer generated preview will be sent for your final approval.

Once you approve the design, your custom plaque will be created, and shipped directly to you.

We can also add personalized text below the vehicle image, such as vehicle make, year, model, the owner's name, or anything else you would like to say.

Here are the details: Acrylic plaque (approx 9" x 12"), with a 13" hardwood base (light or dark, your choice) with on/off switch 3 led lights (red, white, blue, green or amber, your choice).. Note: the 9volt battery is not included. A connector is pro-

vided for the AC power converter/transformer is a \$15 optional item. Legend on bottom of plaque (optional)

Note; for best results. Photo should be taken from front at angle showing both headlights and full side of vehicle.

All of above for \$99.50 Plus \$7.50 Shipping and handling. The AC power supply is an option for \$15.

How to order. Send your digital photo to (can be emailed to: rw.roth@comcast.net) and include following:

Name:

Shipping address:

Telephone number:

Wood base color light/dark

led light color: red, white, blue, green or amber.

Legend on bottom (optional)

If you do not have email capabilities, Send your photo to with above information to:

R. W. Roth,

950 Brockton Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55447

Please include above information. payment...

Make check payable to North Star LCOC and mail to R. W. Roth at above address. any questions, call Bob Roth at 763.475.1429

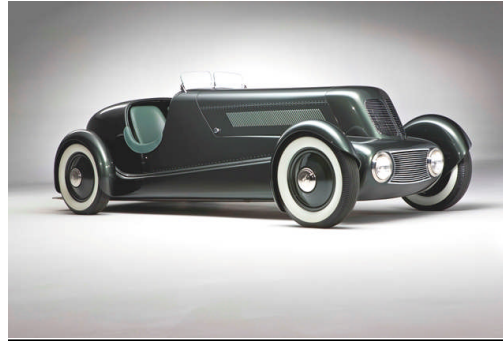
Editors note: This is a very nice, truly unique item. Perfect for your desk or book shelf. Here is your chance to enjoy your fine Lincoln 12 months of the year. And it makes the perfect gift for your loved one.

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expensive than free-standing towers, but vulnerable to the loss of any one of the guy wires. For the larger models, the Wincharger freestanding tower was offered in heights from 20 to 80 feet high. It was an absolute design marvel and should serve as a model for modern use as it would be easy to adapt the design to larger machines. Conventional wind towers were typically four-post models made out of standard angle-iron. The Wincharger tower was a three-post model, for extra rigidity, and the legs were made into a special U-shaped design with overlaps formed into one end of each leg section to accept the mating section for a very strong joint design. Another innovative feature was a simple and effective tensioning scheme. With level footings extending underground, surrounded at the bottom by concrete and prepared the day before, one person could easily install a tower with a couple of spanner wrenches in three to

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The Lincoln Speedster



1934 Model 40 Special Speedster

Edsel Ford's 1934 Model 40 Special Speedster took the stage alongside Lincoln's stunning new vehicles for the 2012 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit. The Speedster offers a glimpse into the early years of Edsel Ford's design and automotive styling vision, and provides a historical link to his lasting impact on Lincoln.

"My grandfather's contributions to Ford Motor Company were immense, but one of the most significant was his role in the acquisition of Lincoln 90 years ago," said Edsel B. Ford II. "He had a true eye for styling and understood the power of a beautifully elegant design, which guided his development of the brand. It's a tremendous pleasure to see his vision and influence carried forward."

As president of Ford Motor Company and its luxury brand Lincoln, Edsel Ford initiated and formed the first design department at the company. His collaboration with E.T. "Bob" Gregorie, who became the company's first chief designer, allowed this approach to art to take shape in automobiles, which became especially visible through the Lincoln brand. Under Edsel's direction, Lincoln became one of America's top-tier luxury brands. His desire to reflect art in everyday objects had a distinct impact on the style

revolution of the 1930s.

Ford and Gregorie designed and built a number of one-off vehicles. Each helped to bring Ford's personal design vision to life.

The Speedster's story is remarkable not just as a forerunner to future designs, including production vehicles like the 1941 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet, which Frank Lloyd Wright called "the most beautiful car in the world," but for the journey it took over the last 77 years, including the 40-year span when the car disappeared and was presumed destroyed. The inclusion of the Speedster at NAIAS underscores the legacy of Lincoln while highlighting the new era for the brand.

"The Speedster's simple design language and beautiful proportions reflect an unadorned, restrained elegance," said Max Wolff, Lincoln Design Director. "It was ahead of its time with integrated headlamps, a one-piece hood, enclosed radiator with a concealed cap, and no running boards. It foreshadowed future design. The Speedster is very distinctive, very elegant, and actually, very Lincoln."

In 1932, upon returning from a European trip, Edsel asked Gregorie, who had previously worked at Harley Earl's GM Art and Colour studio, to design and supervise the construction of a personal roadster similar to those he'd seen on the European continent. The first design reportedly disappointed Edsel, who wanted something lower and racier. Gregorie created a more dramatic, streamlined design. This "continental" roadster may have started with a stock 1934 Ford (aka Model 40) frame, but its subsequent chassis was radically altered. The Model 40 Special Speedster was unlike any-

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four hours, leaving the afternoon to install the wind generator. Easy to level, erect, and tension, the Wincharger tower was very rigid, quiet, and had a smaller footprint than four-post towers.

Wincharger became the wind charger volume leader and the radio charger became the longest continuously produced wind generator. The REA gradually impacted their wind business and the company carried on by transitioning to rotary inverters for the military during WWII and in the post war years to other electric generator products. An epic flood in Sioux City in 1953 ruined the factory and ended the wind era. The company was sold and re-named Winco, moved to Minnesota to produce PTO, portable, stationary, and mobile generators, and recently acquired Winpower - another early wind plant manufacturer.

From the internet

More Speedster

thing Ford Motor Company had built up to that time.

After Edsel's death in 1943, the Speedster crisscrossed the U.S. and in 1958 was purchased by a U.S. Navy sailor in Florida for \$603 ... then it disappeared.

Forty years later Bill Warner, founder of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, discovered the Speedster was still in Florida and purchased it. He conducted minor restoration on the car and displayed it at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance in 1999.

In 2008, Warner sold it to a Texas car collector for \$1.76 million. Following the collector's untimely death in 2010, the Speedster was acquired by Edsel & Eleanor Ford House (Ford House), the nonprofit historic estate of Edsel and Eleanor Ford, located in Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich.

Ford House engaged RM Auto Restoration (RM) in Ontario, Canada, to completely rebuild and restore the vehicle, which over the years had alterations made to its grille, engine, paint and interior. During the restoration process RM revealed the stunning, custom-made "one off" as it originally looked in 1940 after its final redesign by Edsel and Gregorie. The restoration resolved many long-held assumptions about the illustrious vehicle's journey over time.

Lincoln and Ford House unveiled the restored Model 40 Special Speedster in August 2011 at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in Monterey, Calif. It then appeared at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles and in the Lincoln display at the Los Angeles Auto Show.

February Brunch

On Sunday, February 12, we had 37 members attend Emma Krumbee's, Inver Grove Heights, for Sunday Brunch. The weather was favoring the club, as it was a warm, sunny day, and way above average for February.

This restaurant used to be Kourys, has been remodeled, and features a very nice private room, just perfect for our needs.

We spent the day with great people, in a great atmosphere, visiting and enjoying fine food. The restaurant was easy to find, after I drove around the block. Everyone who attended enjoyed our special brand of fellowship and talking to old and new friends.

Richard Eilers won a Lincoln flag, which was one of many door prizes. Faithie calendars (compliments of Dave and Marion Gustafson), a ladies denim shirt, Lincoln blanket throws and a Lincoln wrist watch were also given away.

Bob Roth talked about our new region project. Bob brought his two car etchings for display and there was enough interest to proceed. Bob will handle all orders for this project.

The "Inquiring Camera" recently snapped these folks in Phoenix seeking thrills. Who were they? See page 13.



You May Be Interested in these Items for Sale

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

For Sale:

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

For Sale:

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

For Sale:

1948 Continental Coupe. Has had a complete engine rebuild 400 miles ago by Adelman engines.. New brakes, battery, chrome has been re-plated, new dark green paint, new tires, good working overdrive. Needs upholstery. **Reduced to \$16,000.** Call Ted Anderson, 763.561.8143.

For Sale:

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

For Sale:

1956 Lincoln Pink Pearl Premiere 2 dr HT. \$27000. **1956 White Pearl Lincoln Continental Mark II,** \$25000. **1956 Lincoln Convertible** with parts car, \$20000. Jack Simler, 320-834-4784.

For Sale:

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

For Sale:

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

For Sale:

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

For Sale:

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

For Sale

For Sale:

1961 through 1967 Lincoln Continentals, complete and mostly complete cars, Sedans and Convertibles. I need to thin out my collection and if you need one of these cars either to restore or to use in your existing restoration project, please give me a call. Gordy Jensen 612.819.2107

For Sale:

1966 Lincoln four door sedan. 121K miles, runs, but needs some carburetor work, green with black vinyl top. Nice interior. Call Craig Brenner, 320.262.1043, Bird Island, MN

For Sale

1957 Lincoln Premiere Two door hardtop. Frame off restoration, with everything either rebuilt or replaced by a long time Ford mechanic. It has been done right and the car is probably in better condition than when it left the factory in 1957. Body work and paint done by a well known area shop. It is absolutely beautiful, and would easily score close to 100 points at any LCOC meet. Over \$41,000 restoration costs. This Premiere has all of the accessories, with the exception of air conditioning. If you want one of the finest 1957 Premieres, please call John Boegeman at 952.445.3004. Remember, you cannot buy and restore one to this condition for less than my asking price.

For Sale:

1972 Mark IV \$2,000 - 60K Miles. Rebuild Carb, Pertronics Ignition system (old system goes with car), Crager spoke wheels, complete set of service manuals, Personalized "Lincoln" plates good through 2011. Some other new parts go with car. Needs some Tender Loving Care, but the car is basically sound and a good value at the price. Call Dave Breault at 612-722-2075 and leave a message. Come take a look at this Lincoln Mark IV soon.

For Sale:

I have over 150 1960's Lincolns now, mostly parts cars. More than I will ever use. I have now decided to sell my extra parts; sheet metal, trim, whatever. If you are restoring a Lincoln of this era and need parts, please contact me now. I may have what you need. Just Arrived! New windshields that fit 1961 through 1969 Continentals. Available Now. Please call Gordy Jensen at 612.819.2107

STORAGE AVAILABLE

Safe, Secure Storage for your classic now available Southwest Metro Location. Please call 952-412-1266

Preview of Coming Events

- March **Sunday Brunch**, March 18, 13:30AM, Jake O'Connor's Public House, Excelsior, MN, See back page for all the details. Be sure to RSVP Jay White if you plan to attend.
- April **Detailing seminar** at Roger Wothes Garage. April 14, at 9:00AM.
- May **4th Annual Lincoln Car Show, Morries, Minnetonka** on Memorial weekend, Saturday, May 26th, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
Eastern National Meet, Chattanooga, TN, May 16-19 This will be a great meet. See the attached flyer for more information.
- June 1950's restored **train ride and dinner** on board the Osceola and St. Croix Valley Railway Osceola Wisconsin. Time and Date in next issue.
- July **Lake Minnetonka Dinner** on the Lake along with a guided tour of the lake. Date and time in future issue.
- August **Mark your calendar right now for the LCOC Mid-America show, hosted by the Northstar Region, August 15 - 19, 2012, in Bloomington, MN** This will be our signature event this year, one that you will surely do not want to miss. Sign up now for more information. Contact Bob Johnson, 651-257-1715 or email: arborbob41@aol.com.
- September **6th Annual North Star Region, Lincoln Car Show, Luther North Country**, Ford, Lincoln, Coon Rapids, Saturday, September 17th, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Western National Meet, Concord CA, September 26-30
- October **Annual Region Pot Luck Picnic and Auction**, Morries, Sunday, October 21st

Our "Thrill Seekers", Paul and Deb Andahl along with John and Dorothy Palmer were guests at the Hilton Phoenix/Mesa, while attending the annual car auctions in the area. Of course, they had to steal a ride in one of Ford's finest, a new Mustang, and were shown the fine art of "drifting". Please do not go home and try this in a classic Lincoln.

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www.northstarlcoc.org Click on publications.

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North Star Activities



North Star Brunch, Sunday, March 18, 2012 11:30AM

Our March Sunday Brunch will be held Sunday, March 18, 2012 at **Jake O'Connor's Public House** in Excelsior, at **200 Water Street**. The food is exceptional, and the service even better. For more about Jake O'Connor's visit: jakeoconnors.com on the web. Be there at 11:30AM and join your North Star members for a memorable meal.

Not your traditional buffet brunch, we can choose from a wide variety of items from Jake's menu. Make your plans to reserve this Sunday, March 18, for Brunch/Lunch at Jake's in Excelsior. RSVP is a must. Please RSVP to Jay White by Thursday, March 15 by calling 952-432-5939 or email jay@jwhiteandassoc.com.

How to get to Jake O'Connor's Public House and Irish Pub. Highway 494 to Minnesota Highway 7 West. Turn right at County Road 19 also known as Oak Street. First right on Water Street. Destination is to your left, ahead.

Make Your Lincoln Shine For the Judges Northstar Detailing Seminar Saturday, April 14, 9:00AM

Learn how to make your Lincoln look it's best for the Mid-America Meet next August. It is really easy, once you know a few of the tricks that the pro's use. Long time LCOC and North Star club member, Ken Sampson will open up his bag of magic and show us what to do to make your car look like the day it rolled out the showroom door. You can do it once you know how. And Ken will share some of the tricks that professionals use every day to make a good car look great.

Come join us on **Saturday, April 14, at 9:00AM at 6317 Cambridge Street in St. Louis Park, MN**. Coffee and doughnuts will be served for those who come early.

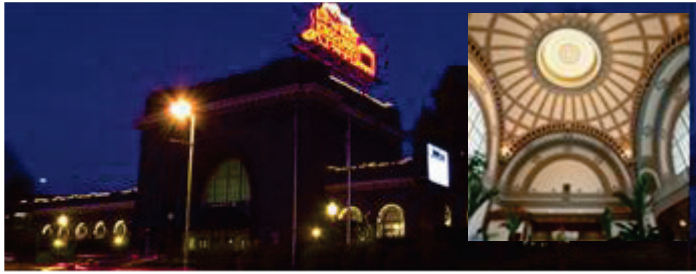
We have held these sessions in the past, and those who have attended went away knowing just how easy detailing can be. Nothing is better than a nice looking Lincoln on the show field, getting the good scores from the judges and going home with a trophy. See just how easy and fun it is.

Meet your friends for this great seminar on Saturday, April 14.



All Aboard! for the 2012 ENM Chattanooga TN May 16–20, 2012

www.southernregionlcoc.com



All Aboard! for an exciting Chattanooga meet in the Spring of 2012 that you will not forget. Our host hotel is the famous Chattanooga Choo Choo. What began in 1908 as Chattanooga's train station has been converted

into a hotel with all the amenities! In addition to the hotel's standard rooms, there are also 48 rooms in railroad Pullman cars! The special room rate is \$99/night plus taxes (does not include the Pullman cars). Make your reservations early by calling the hotel at 423-266-5000 and mention the Southern Region LCOC. The rail cars will be the first to go!

If you haven't been to Chattanooga in the last few years, you haven't been to Chattanooga! The city has reinvented itself as a stand-alone tourist destination, with restaurants, shops, museums, and parks along the Tennessee river; all accessible by a free trolley service which stops right at the driveway of our hotel. With so much to see and do, you'll want to extend your stay before or after the meet.



Thursday begins with a driving tour through the beautiful Tennessee and North Georgia mountains. The first stop is the country's first National park: Chickamauga Battlefield and Park. This tour takes us to the site of the last major Confederate victory of the Civil War where over 120,000 Union and Confederate soldiers clashed. The Visitor Center has a 23-minute movie with special exhibits, including an impressive gun collection. The park's

trail is a seven mile driving tour containing numerous monuments, historical tablets, and wayside exhibits. After that, we'll head to Lookout Mountain, where we will ride the famous Incline Railway to the top. Detailed driving instructions will be provided so you may custom tailor your tour to include lunch and other destinations like Rock City and Ruby Falls. Your Thursday evening is free to explore the many Chattanooga attractions; some of the most popular are listed in the right column.



Friday morning, we'll go to Coker Tire Company, one of the leading names in tires for antique and modern cars. In addition to tires and wheel manufacturing, the facility also includes a collection of classic cars & motorcycles. We will also visit Honest Charlie's restoration shop. Afterwards, your afternoon is free to clean your car and

complete mechanical judging. Friday night, there is a cocktail reception, buffet dinner and the traditional auction of Lincoln parts, accessories and literature. Saturday is "show day" in the shaded parking area behind the hotel followed by the gala reception and awards banquet. Sunday morning, there will be "photo shoots" of the winners' cars for Continental Comments and a time to say goodbyes before reluctantly heading for home.

For more information, see www.lcoc.org or www.southernregionlcoc.com Questions? Call John Fryday, Southern Region Director, at 704-904-4019 or James Kaster, Meet Chairperson, at 704-782-7182. Start making your plans! We'll see you there!

Other Area Attractions Tennessee Aquarium



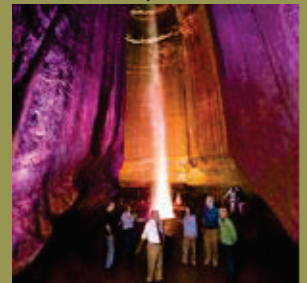
Located on the banks of the Tennessee River in Chattanooga, the Tennessee Aquarium takes visitors on a remarkable journey from the mountains to the sea. Beneath its six magnificent glass peaks, guests explore three living forests and meet amazing creatures that swim, fly and crawl in natural habitats.

Southern Belle



True Southern Hospitality prevails in the old riverboat tradition aboard the 500-passenger, climate-controlled Southern Belle riverboat. While you are cruising on the Tennessee River you can dine on some of Tennessee's finest meals.

Ruby Falls



Discover a World of Wonder! Ruby Falls, a thundering 145-foot waterfall is located deep within Lookout Mountain and has been thrilling visitors for over 70 years.



*You're Invited
Free of Charge!*

TO ATTEND THE 2012 CHATTANOOGA ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE MEET

May 18 - 20, 2012



Come Celebrate The Past With Us!

Specifically Invited Vehicles:

- All - 1978 And Earlier Antique Automobiles*
- All - 1978 And Earlier Chrysler Built Products*
- All - Orphan Cars, Any Make, 1978 & Earlier*
- All - Pre-WWII Cars, Any Make, Any Model*

The Tennessee Valley Region of the Walter P. Chrysler Club and Robert & Laqueta Soule cordially invite all owners and enthusiasts of 1978 and earlier vehicles with a special emphasis on Pre-WWII automobiles and All 1978 and earlier Chrysler Products. All original or restored to original automobiles are encouraged to attend the Chattanooga Antique Automobile Meet in Chattanooga, TN. Wish you could step into the past and experience everything, including motoring the way it once was? Then you don't want to miss this event, where we celebrate the past in all its glory. **Information** about the 2012 Meet, as well as pictures, videos, and text from past Meets, can be found at the Soules' website: chryslercrazy.com Past Meets have been a real blast from the past and the next Meet should be just as much fun, if not more. **Calling all Pre-WWII cars and clubs, any make, any model.** *Please, no street rods or modified automobiles.*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE 2012 CHATTANOOGA MEET:

Note - Please email Robert & Laqueta Soule if you plan to attend the Meet. *We need to know how many to expect for the Friday evening Pizza Party, Saturday Lunch & Dinner, and Sunday Cookout.* **Email:** rms@chryslercrazy.com

Friday - Afternoon and Early Evening - May 18th- Gathering at the Soules' residence, placement of vehicles on the display field, and preliminary tour of Robert's garage and cars.

Friday Evening Dinner - Pizza at the Soules' house at 7:00 pm (a donation of \$5 per adult and \$2 per child under 12 would be appreciated). After dinner, we will have an old-time radio show, featuring a 1923 Weber Duo-Art Reproducing Player Piano and period auto ads and other period commercials. Following dinner, there will be more tire kicking and driving.

Saturday Morning - May 19th - Meet and drive, kick tires, share stories, tell lies, drool, etc., at the Soules' home.

Saturday - Departing the Soules' at 11:00 sharp, for a Driving Tour to Downtown Chattanooga for lunch at Roy's Grill, a restored classic 1950's style diner. Following lunch, we will drive to the Chattanooga Choo Choo to observe the **Lincoln & Continental Owners Club National Meet** automobiles. **More Lincoln Meet information at:** www.lcoc.org

Saturday Early Evening - Following the Lincoln show, we will drive to the Soules' and then to dinner at 6:30 pm at Aris Harbor Lights Restaurant on the banks of the Tennessee River.

Saturday Night - After dark, we will show a Classic Movie on a large outdoor movie screen complete with real movie popcorn!

Sunday - May 20th - We will meet for an informal hamburger/hot dog cookout at 1:00 pm at the Soules'. Both the **Lincoln & Continental Owners Club and the Chrysler 300 Club International** members have been invited to attend our cookout. Following lunch, we will have time to drive, kick tires, share stories, tell lies, drool, etc., at the Soules' home. **PLEASE RSVP** so we know how much food to prepare!



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For directions, lodging, other area attractions, and additional Meet information, please visit our website at: www.chryslercrazy.com or call (423) 313-4282



Sunday - The **Chrysler 300 Club International** will hold their **Eastern National Meet**, in Chattanooga, starting Sunday, May 20th, and running through Thursday, May 24, 2012. Additional information can be found at: www.chrysler300club.com