

My Pride and Joy....

Rescuing a '53 Lincoln from life as a hot rod by Bruce Freiberg, Buffalo, MN

I had been looking for a '56 Lincoln for sometime now, and a friend said to me, try going on line to find one. November 2005, on line I go. I see this gray 1953 four door, Cosmopolitan with pictures of the interior, engine and underside looking very nice.

the market value. Going back on line, I look at the pictures again. Thinking, if the pictures of the engine compartment are half true, it alone is worth the price of the car.

So, calling back, I ask why he was selling. Well, my son told me he wanted an old car to go cruising with the guys next summer. When I gave him the



It was sold under the reserve.

Then 2 weeks later, I see that the gray '53 is back on line for sale. I call the owner, and he said that the buyer was a dead beat, and could not come up with the money. I asked about the car, which was bought at an estate sale. The only thing that was done to it was a good cleaning, electric fuel pump added, new tires, it starts great, and is priced under

keys to the car, he said. "I don't want that old ugly thing. I wanted an old Camero."

So, I promised my daughter a car for graduation, then gave the keys to her. Here is your graduation car I promised. Her reply, "I will not be seen in that thing. I want one of those foreign jobs." So if I don't sell it this winter, it will be

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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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turned into a hot rod. I said I'll take it. I'm not a dead beat, but, its winter here, and I have no place to store it now. I ask if I can make monthly payments until spring when I pick it up? No problem, just send me \$500 *now*, so I can show the wife I got it sold.

Getting it home was another story.

Mid-April, the weather is nice. After church on Sunday, I load up my 1983 Ford pickup with a topper, and attached a two wheel car dolly. I get this feeling that I better throw the snow shovel in the back. I don't know why, as the snow is gone in Buffalo. I get on I-80 in Nebraska and head West towards Colorado. I run into a big snow storm. Around ten pm, I see the



road has about 2-3 inches of ice built up on it. The visibility is about 10 yards. The semi's are passing me like I'm standing still. So better be safe and get off the road. I pull into a truck stop and park in a deserted area, and crawl in the sleeping bag in the back and go to sleep.

Two hours later beep, beep, it's the snow plow cleaning the parking lot. I get little sleep, than at 8am flip up the topper rear window, where is my two wheel dolly?

Somebody stole it overnight. Oh, wait, it might be under the pile of snow the plow left me.

After an hour of shoveling out I made it to the restaurant. I-80 was shutdown till Tuesday afternoon. Even roads surrounding the truck stop were blocked. All

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Trivia from the Internet



Gordon Buehrig
1904 - 1990

Gordon Miller Buehrig was born in 1904 in Mason City, Illinois. At 20, he got his first job in the automobile industry as chief engineer of the Gotfredson Body Company. In the next five years, he gained experience at Dietrich Incorporated, Packard, General Motors and Stutz. When he was only 25, Gordon Buehrig became the chief body designer for the most prestigious automobile in the United States, Duesenberg.

Buehrig became very close to the Duesenberg brothers and in fact was invited to live in the home of Fred's family and did so for over three years. His fabulous Duesenberg designs include the Shreve Archer Judkins Coupe, the Judkins Victoria Coupe, the Beverly

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Editors Message

May 2008

Well it's about time that we had some nice weather. This last Saturday, April 26th, the club was invited by the CCCA to join them on their annual garage tour.

Oh, how much nicer it would have been if the temperatures had been in the mid 70's rather than in the 30's with strong winds and flakes of snow. As bad as the weather was, there was still a good turnout, and a few folks drove some older cars too. Even two air cooled Franklins braved the inclement weather to do the tour. No worries about the Franklins overheating in the mid-thirties. As other clubs also tag along, it is a lot of fun and a chance to see old friends from other clubs and to meet some new ones.

Time is rapidly running out to get your reservations in for the "Really Big Show", the Mid-America LCOC meet which the Northstar Region is hosting the last weekend in June in Duluth. If you need some help with your arrangements, please contact Bob Johnson at 651-257-1715, he will answer all of your questions that you might have regarding this exciting event and how you can participate. Please come and join in the fun. May 10th is the date of our annual Whitaker all Lincoln car show. Number 9 this year. It really seems hard to be-

lieve that we have been doing these shows for nine years. Keep your fingers crossed for great weather. Faithie will be on hand to give free kisses for the



Faithie, behind the wheel of the MKX, wants dad to hurry so she won't be late for her appointment at the TLC Spa. She wants to look her best for the Whitaker car show coming up on May 10th.

first fifty folks to register. Remember, this is a free show, just bring your Lincoln and your appetite as lunch will be served to those who attend. Dash plaques for all cars entered and door prizes will be given out at the end of the show. 10AM to 3:00PM at Whitakers in Inver Grove Heights.

We hope to get the Banning Blue 1951 Cosmopolitan out this week, providing the weather is decent. It needs a good washing to get the

winter garage dust off, whiten up those white wall tires and just make it sparkle a little. Two new temperature sensors should make the heat gage work properly. We need to have it looking and running well for the Whitaker Show.

Our thanks to Bruce Freiberg for the interesting story on his 1953 Lincoln. As we have pointed out many times, there are interesting reasons behind our cars and we all enjoying hearing about them. We hope to see more of this '53 at our events this summer. These really were great cars.

Till next month, David, Marion and Faithie the Samoyed, our four-legged

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Berline, the Derham Tourster, the Torpedo Phaeton, the Brunn Town Car, the Roliston Convertible Torpedo Victoria, the Whittell Speedster, the Derham Four-Door Convertible, the La Grande Phaeton and the Arlington, better known as The Twenty Grand. He also designed the famous "Duesenbird" radiator ornament.

In 1930, Buehrig took delivery on a new Ford and proceeded to give it something a little different, a body by Buehrig. Augie Duesenberg's racecar shop went to work and the car was cut in half and the back half discarded. Changes included the windshield and door hinge pillar being cut down three inches and a special engine hood four and one-half inches longer than the original. The back half was rebuilt. Then it was taken to the plant and given the same quality paint and trim used on the Duesenberg. Experimental balloon tires were

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When you receive this newsletter, less than 6 weeks remain to register for our Mid America Meet in Duluth. Have

you put June 25th to 29th, down on your calendar to reserve this time for our Meet in Duluth? Your registration must be received by Roger Wothe by Wednesday, June 11th. All of a sudden the time is getting short, after two years of planning for this grand event, it is almost here. Please help us out and register now so we can complete the final details for this national meet. We have 35 registrations so far, please take the time to finish your paper work and send your registration in. Our hotel is over 70% full, call now to reserve your room, be sure to ask for the **North Star LCOC special room rate**. If you do not yet have a Meet Registration Packet,

You can download the complete Registration Packet from our web site www.northstarlcoc.org; the national website www.lcoc.org; or contact Roger Wothe, 133 Grove Lane, Wayzata, MN 55391 or email, rwothe@mchsi.com. We are planning for 120 cars and 250 people to attend. This will be a fun event, a chance to see many beautiful Lincolns and renew old friendships. If you have any questions please contact any of the North Star Region Board members.

We had to cancel our detailing seminar at Ken Sampson's garage, due to a fire Wednesday night, April 9th. The fire was confined to the southwest corner by his garage door, it went up the wall and into the ceiling insulation. They now figure the fire was started by a vacuum cleaner. He had 5 or 6 cars in the shop and only one, an

80's Cadillac was damaged from the fire and heat. As of April 20th, he is still waiting to get approval to start the repair and clean up. The heat, smoke and about five inches of wet insulation really made a mess. The ceiling was sheet metal and is all warped and just hanging. Ken feels very lucky and should be back in business in a month once he is able to start the cleanup process. We will reschedule the detailing seminar at a later date.

Spring finally sprung for our outing at Paradise Landing in Balsam Lake, on April 20th, for a family style breakfast. We had 26 members attend and when the sun came out it turned out to be just a great day. Our door prize, a Lincoln wrist watch was won by Dick Serwat. The venue was changed because Paradise Landing was still on their winter menu. They now want to charge for a private room, so we ate in the main room, it was still a good experience but not what we remember from past experiences.

Saturday, May 10th, we will hold our 9th Annual Classic Lincoln Car Show at Whitakers Lincoln Mercury, Inver Grove Heights, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This is a free car show; we will provide Dash Plaques, Door Prizes and a Lunch courtesy of Chuck Whitaker. Please invite any Lincoln Owner that you know to bring their car to this show; they do not have to be a member of LCOC or the North Star region to show a car. We will hold a Judging seminar, to show you what to expect when you have your car judged at Duluth. We will do the Mechanical Operation, which is section no. 1 of the judging procedure for anyone that wants to check out their cars operation(see write up in 2007 or 2008 Directory) in advance.

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

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added later as well as a redesigned radiator and other changes.

MoToR Magazine wrote about the car and Buehrig drove it 89,000 miles before selling it in 1934.

In 1934, Auburn Automobile Company's line wasn't being received well by the public.

Harold Ames, the company's vice president, brought Buehrig to the project to redesign the 1934 line. The result was the classic 1935 line introduced in mid-year. Later in 1935, Buehrig also produced the Auburn Speedster, which was so popular that it remained unchanged in 1936 except for the number on the grill.

In 1933, Buehrig had designed a "Baby Due-senberg" for the company that was to be a fast car and sell at a lesser cost. It had two outrigger radiators on either side of the car between the front fenders and the body. But, the twin radiator system proved inadequate under high ambient temperatures and he was taken off this project to design the 1935 Auburn.

When asked to design a new Cord, he

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motels were full. Oh boy, what to do? The pile of snow on the dolly broke the tail light off, so, not having the tools, I took it to the garage there. (\$80 per hour, that killed a couple hours, and me). I spent the rest of the day hanging around the truckstop, breathing in 100 or so truckers smoking cigarettes and who knows what else. I am now getting sicker by the hour. What to do? Around 11 pm, I found a chair in the corner of the laundry room and tried to sleep.

Splish-splash, splish-splash, who does laundry at this time of night? Truckers with nothing else to do. What to do? That's it, I'm going to the back of the truck, I don't care if it's 5 degrees outside, at least it will be quiet and I will have some fresh air.

Well, the rear-end of the truck was parked into the wind. When I opened the back and crawled in there was at least 2 inches of snow and a drift down the middle. What to do? I couldn't go back inside and breath that smoke filled air. So I slide into the sleeping bag with, coat hat, boots, and gloves. It was cold but I did get to sleep. Waking up was something else. As I warmed up, I melted the snow in the bag and surrounding area, and went into the restaurant for breakfast-soaked. Then, shoveled the truck out again.

Driving all night to make up lost time, up in the high country, on back roads, 50 miles from my destination, between two towns, nothing for miles, it's 2am, I'm dead tired, I run out of gas. What to do? With no heat, I tried to sleep in the cab till morning.

Every 20-30mins. Swoosh, a semi goes by, with the rush of air violently rocking my truck back and forth. I'm that close to the road. After seven or eight quarter hour naps, it is now 6 am. I'm now somewhat refreshed, ready to start walking, then I realize the truck has two gas tanks. All I need to do is to flip a switch and va-room, off I go.

Opening the hood of the 53, I said out loud "oh boy", the owner said are you going to back-out now? (it looked like it came off the showroom floor, besides what I had been through I didn't care if it only had 4 wheels, a frame, and windshield, I was taking it.) No, no I'll still take it. My stove at home isn't that clean. Come to think of it, I don't have anything this clean. (I'm a single guy) after sitting 5 months, it started on first crank. I drove it onto the dolly and headed home. Somewhere on the way home the new \$150 tail light that was put on disappeared.

An original 69,000 mile, four door, gray Cosmopolitan sedan, four barrel carburetor 317.5 cubic inch overhead valve engine, smooth running and with plenty of power. The electric windows all work and no cracks, perfect steering wheel, dash looks great, paint is faded, but no dents. Chrome all there-good shape, interior good. Radio and antenna need some tender loving care.

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brought back to life some of his concepts for the Baby Duesenberg. According to Buehrig, "the opportunity to work out the design of the new Cord and to have it a front wheel drive vehicle gave me an assignment as ideal as an automotive designer could imagine." He also remembered the engineering department excitement was so great, many worked extra several nights a week while listening to Fred Allen, Amos and Andy and other popular radio programs. Everyone considered working on the Cord fun.

Though it was fun, the Cord project had many problems within the company and was killed while Buehrig was on his honeymoon in December of 1934. After his return, it was resurrected, but by this time the company had less than four months to complete 100 cars for the 1935 New York Auto Show. They made the deadline because the cars did not have transmissions, which were still being fully developed, and the phaetons were all shown with the tops down because these particular cars didn't have any tops. None of this mattered. The Cord stopped the show. People were having

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April Activities.....

Three events were scheduled for April, the first, our detailing seminar at Ken Sampson's in Wyoming, MN was called due to fire. An electrical related problem resulted in a fire, which did extensive water and smoke damage to Ken's building. He is working aggressively to get his business back in order and we hope to reschedule later this summer or early fall. We will try to present some detailing information at the Whitaker show on May 10th.

Our brunch at Paradise Landing, Balsam Lake, WI, was attended by twenty-six eager eaters. Paradise Landing has changed their menu, and is not currently offering their very popular traditional brunch, but family style serving of platters of more common breakfast faire. While the food was good, most of us prefer the full buffet. It was nice to visit with our other members and catch up on what has happen over the past few



months. A few new Lincolns were in the parking lot, and we were able to find out a bit more about who has acquired what. By the way, if you know of a great place for brunch, let us know. Perhaps we can try it out in the months ahead.

As in prior years, our friends in the CCCA have extended an invitation to the Lincoln club to join them on their annual garage tour. Over the years this has been a very popular way to spend the last Saturday in April, doing this tour and seeing some of the best car collections in the area. Once again, it was a great tour, even though we had very strong winds, snow flakes, and temperatures hovering around 34 degrees. Defi-

nitely not one of your nice Minnesota spring days. There were about 50 stalwart old car folks, facing the elements on the tour, which began at 8:00AM at Odyssey Restorations, Spring Lake Park.



Treated to Caribou coffee and some great donuts, we started out the tour checking out some Franklins currently at Odyssey.

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The keys have the Lincoln knight on them. I removed the electric fuel pump and installed a new one on the engine. Rebuilt the carburetor, added gas and have cruised over 2,000 miles since. Wow, what a ride, still got to fix the hubcaps, they tend to come off and pass me going down the road.

My question is, all my Lincoln friends tell me I should re-paint it. All the non-Lincoln car guys say it won't be original, keep driving it as-is. People are paying big money to have a car painted like that, to look old. What to do? Isn't it fun to own a Lincoln? Oh, would I do it again. For a 1956 or 1960 Lincoln---you bet.

By the way, that shovel is still in the back of the truck. Thanks for reading.

April 2008 Board Meeting

April 4, 2008

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:54 PM at Culver's Restaurant in Maplewood. Board members present were Bob Johnson, Harvey Oberg, Bob Gavrilesco, Bob Roth, Dave Gustafson and Roger Wothe. Other members present were Faye Oberg, Dick Serwat and Brian Carlson. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson reviewed the remaining activities for the year. The activities may be found near the end of the newsletter.

Secretary Roger Wothe reported that there are now twenty-six registrants for the 2008 Mid America Meet.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported the treasury balance to be \$3,865.32, not counting several dues checks he received this evening. All known bills are paid.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson reported the renewed membership total to be about one hundred forty-five. Approximately fourteen previous members have not renewed. Although he has a few "My Pride and Joy" articles, he still needs more for upcoming newsletters.

Activities: Saturday, April 12, a detailing session at Ken Sampson's in Wyoming MN, followed by a tour to J.R. Custom Plating in Forest Lake.

The next brunch is Sunday, April 20, at the Paradise Landing in Balsam Lake WI. There will be a combined garage tour with the Upper Midwest Region of the Classic Car Club of America on Saturday, April 26th. The Annual Lincoln Car Show at Whitaker's Lincoln Mercury is May 10th. Times and directions may be found near the end of the newsletter.

There followed an up date by Bob Johnson on details for the 2008 Mid America Meet in Duluth. He provided a list of potential attendees and assigned tasks for the Meet. Any members who would like to participate in the planning, volunteer for tasks or learn more about the Meet are encouraged to attend the next Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next meeting will be at Culver's Restaurant at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 1st, 2008.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

Call, email, or write today for your Mid-America LCOC Meet information. Get your reservations in today. Contact Bob Johnson at 651-257-1715 today. Spend your vacation time with your friends, lots of nice Lincolns and enjoying a great time in Duluth, Minnesota. Nothing can be finer.

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to stand on surrounding cars just to get a glimpse of the beautiful Cord with its exciting new design. Buehrig left Auburn Automobile and went to the Budd Company where he designed an economy car called the Wowser. It was never produced. He stayed at Budd for almost two years, leaving to freelance as a designer. The next decade was a frustrating time for the designer who had carved a niche in auto design history with his creations of Auburns, Cords and Duesenbergs. The market for luxury cars was very small and auto design influence was concentrated at Ford, Chrysler and General Motors.

By 1948, Buehrig wondered if he would ever get back to what he loved best, auto design. He did, with Ford Motor Company. In 1949, Buehrig went to work for Ford's John Oswald, then head of body engineering and styling, as head of the body development studio. One of five studios at Ford Styling, this group was responsible for creating station wagons and convertibles from standard sedan bodies designed in the other studios.

Buehrig's first assignment was the car which became the 1951 Ford hard-

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Ford Quality Second To None

NEW QUALITY STUDY SHOWS FORD IS SECOND TO NONE

Ford catches Honda in initial quality, putting it in statistical tie at the top with Toyota and Honda.

Ford's vehicle quality improved 8 percent versus last year.

Every new car and truck, including the 2008 Ford Focus, launched with improved quality versus its predecessor

DEARBORN, Michigan, April 7, 2008 – When it comes to initial vehicle quality, no automaker performs better than Ford.

The quality of Ford, Lincoln and Mercury brand vehicles soared to the top of the charts equaling that of Toyota and Honda, according to the first quarter 2008 U.S. Global Quality Research System (GQRS) study conducted by RDA Group of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

The study shows Ford's domestic brands improved 8 percent versus last year with a combined average of 1,284 things-gone-wrong (TGW) per 1,000 vehicles during the first three months of ownership. This performance is statistically equivalent to the 1,250 TGW level of Honda and Toyota.

“Last year we tied with Toyota, and this year our quality performance is as good as industry-leading Honda's too,” said Mark Fields, Ford's president of The Americas. “Our world-class quality is one of the most important aspects of our turnaround in North America. This consistently strong quality improvement should offer today's customer renewed confidence, setting the stage for important new products like Ford Flex, which is launching this summer.”

Ford's dramatically improved vehicle quality will be highlighted in a sweeping new marketing campaign called “Drive One” that officially debuts Tuesday. The campaign tells the story behind Ford's rise to the top of the industry in initial vehicle quality as well as underscoring safety, smart technology and improved fuel efficiency.

The company earned best-in-class honors in two important engineering functions: interiors, which includes such areas as trim, seats and instrument panel appearance; and electrical, which includes entertainment systems. Ford tied for best-in-class in two other functions, paint and vehicle engineering, which includes such areas as ride and handling and cabin quietness. Additionally, Ford's domestic brands pushed customer satisfaction up one point to 77 percent.

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top. Ford management asked the body development studio to create an all-metal station wagon patterned after the wood-paneled models in production. Buehrig's group did so, simultaneously proposing a wagon which did not copy-cat the "woodie." With sedan doors and other production panels, it cost \$200 less to produce. Introduced in 1952, the Ranchwagon boosted Ford's annual station wagon sales from 7,000 to 140,000 units.

In 1952, Buehrig was named chief body designer for the Continental Mark II project and served in that position until 1957, when he became head of station wagon planning. Buehrig became interested in light cars and participated in the initial effort from which the Falcon became a reality.

Upon his retirement from Ford, Buehrig was asked to teach a course in plastics at the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles. He taught there five years.

Not only has Buehrig received accolades from nearly every automotive publication in the country, but also he has the distinction of having his 810 Cord recognized by

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the Museum of Modern Art. In 1951, the museum printed in its catalogue "the originality of the conception and the skill with which its several parts have been realized makes it one of the most powerful designs in the exhibition...."

Buehrig's indelible mark on the automobile design world assures his place in automobile history. But fame, money and security have never meant as much to him as the challenge to design automobiles that are beautiful and functional.

"The mark of the really exceptional car designer is the degree to which his creations are coveted and revered long after they were built. Many of Gordon Buehrig's cars are in this class-true collector items. They were considered classic cars when introduced, and the feeling about them, the sense of distinction and value, has increased with the passage of time," wrote former American Motors Vice President for Styling, Richard A. Teague in a prologue to a volume of Buehrig's work, "Rolling Sculpture". Gordon Buehrig passed away in January, 1990 at the age of eighty-five.

From the Internet..

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It's Spring!!! Finally!!!!

Through the windshield of the Welcome Wagon I am beginning to see some Spring colors. I see some hues of blue as I stop at the home of **Jerry Erickson** at 1714 Heron Lane North, Oakdale, MN 55128 (651-735-8889) Jerry has a midnight blue 1978 Lincoln Mark V with light blue leather interior. Jerry bought the Mark V new in the fall of 1978 and it has yet to see rain or snow in its 36,000 miles of travel. Need I say that Jerry is very proud of his Lincoln. We proudly welcome Jerry to the Club!



Next stop is at the home of **Jack and Mary Krause**, 9556 27th Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703 (715-832-6951). The Krause cars are popping up like tulips! There are several colorful Cadillacs, a '35 Ford that spent some restoration time in Willmar over 20 years ago, and three Lincolns. Two tan 1979 Cartier Mark V's; one with leather and one with cloth interior. Last but certainly not least is a very elegant 1997 light cypress green Town Car. The cloth covered top and chrome luggage rack add to the formal look.

The last stop for the Welcome Wagon is at the home of **John and Judy Kinkead**, 693 Montcalm, St. Paul, MN 55116 (651-699-9540 jdykinkead@earthlink.net). Several wonderful colorful classic Cadillacs are ready for Spring outings, however, the blue 1953 Lincoln Capri convertible got my attention. The white top can be put down as soon as we get some warmer weather. John graduated from college in 1953 so we congratulate the Kinkead's for choosing a '53 Lincoln and choosing to join the Northstar LCOC. I hope each of our new members enjoy the activities our club provides and feel welcome by our growing membership.

You may have noticed the "new" Mark V Lincoln Welcome Wagon this month. I still will be using the 1956 Pioneere but I thought I'd have to show you another wagon. The 1977 Mark V wagon was recently on Ebay with an opening price of \$20000. I received no bid. The 10,400 mile Mark is located in Danville, California and was reportedly purchased new by Wayne Newton. If an LCOC member wins the lottery – here is wagon to haul away your win-



nings and I'll volunteer to drive it for you while doing my best impersonation of Wayne Newton's "Danke Shoen".

Enjoy Spring, enjoy your Lincolns!

Improved Ford Quality Continued...

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“There is an unprecedented level of teamwork at Ford. Everyone from the top floor to the plant floor is working together to deliver the highest quality vehicles for our customers,” said Bennie Fowler, Ford’s group vice president of Global Quality. “We are extremely proud to be among the industry’s quality leaders. But that’s not why we’re in the game. We want sole possession of first place, and we will keep working to earn it.”

A total for 15 Ford, Lincoln, Mercury vehicles are ranked in the top three of their respective segments for either TGW performance, customer satisfaction or both.

The following models are segment leaders:

Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 – TGW for sports car

Ford Taurus – customer satisfaction for large car

Ford Sport Trac – customer satisfaction for medium traditional utility

Mercury Milan – TGW for midsize car

Lincoln Navigator – TGW and customer satisfaction for large premium utility

The new 2008 Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable both recorded quality levels that equate to less than one problem per vehicle, as did the Volvo S80 (947).

The Ford Fusion and Lincoln MKZ were close, with 1,030 TGW and 1065 TGW, respectively.

The Taurus also led a string of impressive new vehicles launched in 2007. Taurus showed a 33 percent quality improvement compared with the product it replaced. The new Ford Escape improved 16 percent over the out-going model, and the new Ford Focus improved 13 percent.

In fact, 36 of 40 Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Volvo and Mazda nameplates improved this year versus 2007. The 2008 first quarter U.S. GQRS study, which RDA Group conducts for Ford, asks customers of all major makes and models to comment on troubles and rate their overall satisfaction with their three-month-old vehicles. The survey includes vehicles registered from September 2007 through November 2007.

More April Activities...

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A very interesting automobile, Franklin featured air cooled engines. Manufactured from 1902 through 1934, they were considered to be technologically superior over many of their competitors in the marketplace at the time. Betting their fortune on large, expensive 12 cylinders, they were the victims of the market crash and the depression era that followed.

Several other stops were made before a sandwich buffet lunch at Majestic Oaks country club. After lunch three more stops, including the high-point of the afternoon, the Gene Hetlund all ford collection.

Gene specializes in 1932 Fords. If you want to see some exceptional Fords, this is the place to go. He also has a few from other years in the late ‘30’s and ‘40’s, but nothing newer. Absolutely beautiful.



The cars are displayed in very nice buildings. Plenty of room to walk around and take in the full beauty of this concours collection. If you ever have a chance to visit this very fine group of Fords, don’t think twice. These are cars well worth seeing.

All in all, it was a good day. It was a very fine opportunity to get together with old and new friends and to see some very fine cars. What could be a better way of spending an otherwise dreary Saturday. Our thanks to the CCCA, Winston Peterson and Tom St. Martin for organizing this tour and for inviting the Lincoln club to tag along.

For Sale....



1953 Capri, brand new 1953 Lincoln Capri 50th Anniversary car with 133 miles since ground-up 2 year restoration, the car was rust-free & solid from AZ, it hadn't been licensed since 1964, powder coated frame, gas tank, inner fenders, etc, stainless steel gas and brake lines, new glass except rear window, new rubber gaskets, original color, basecoat, clear coat, 5 new Diamond Back tires, hubcaps restored, engine is overhauled 317 ohv 5-barrel 205 hp, 6-volt with power windows, seat, steering, brakes and antenna, AM-FM stereo, the car is beautiful, Offers in the \$40,000 range would be appreciated. Rodney White 507-438-3753, MN; or email: rdwhite@smig.net

Wanted

1956 or 1957 Mark II in number two condition.

Prefer an Air Conditioned car.

Silver with Red Interior, with White or Maroon a second choice. Mileage to 70,000 acceptable.

Will pay fair market price or better depending on condition and documented history.

Call John W. McDowall 320-251-8640
email: johnmc@mcdowallco.com

I need a New Home....

Regretfully parting with an old friend. I am a 1964 Continental Sedan, with 78K miles, with the mild rumble of a car that sounds brand, spankin' new.



I come with a black cloth interior and come with the original owner's manual, dealers key fob and a service manual. I started right up this spring after the long winter without a booster battery or starting fluid. My owner has always stored me inside out of the weather and has always done his best to keep me looking good. I can be adopted today for \$6,000, but maybe a little less to a good member of the LCOC who will promise to take good care of me.

Please call my dad today, Daniel Vandenberg at 651-222-0651, night or day. Please take me home.

For Sale - 1974 Continental Two Door



Just what you have been waiting for. 73,000 miles from new, tan interior, white top, gold lower. 460 Engine, new wiring, looks and shows like new. Pampered all it's life, stored indoors. \$7,000/open to reasonable offers from Lincoln club members. Call Bob Buko at 651-454-0100 - Cell 612-867-9518

Great Automotive Buys...

For Sale

1979 Mark V Cartier Edition

Light Champagne, Matching Interior
Equipped with 400 CID engine and all the
usual equipment found on a Mark V.
Low Mileage - 38,300 Miles
Good Looking, Inside and Out
\$10,500/Best Offer
Call Ray at 612-722-9966

WANTED

Continental Wheel Hump Style Trunk Lid for
1977 Lincoln. (some limo's had these)

Nice seats for 1979 Lincoln Town Car. '75-
'79 should work. Prefer tan color since the
car is painted a gold tone.

For Sale: 1988 Beige Town Car, leather interior,
109K, \$1900. 320-587-4415
(Hutchinson)

Call Francis Kalvoda, Willmar 320-235-5777

For Sale

1988 Town Car, with 45,000 miles. Has new tires
and battery, and looks like new. Gray with gray soft
half-top, rectangular opera windows and side lights.

Call Don Peterson at 507-454-3010, 507-429-0476
or 507-454-5231, Winona, MN Fairly priced.
Email: donp@mwsco.com.

For Sale:

4 – 1993 MK VIII wheels, painted, rare.
Very good condition \$120.00

4 – 1993 MK VIII wheels, chrome, poor condition
\$80.00

Call Bob Gavrilesco at 651-488-3878

For Sale

1979 Mark V, Bill Blass Edition. This Mark
features a blue exterior, offset by a white
carriage top and white leather interior with
blue piping. Second owner since 1991.
Originally purchased at North Hollywood
Lincoln Mercury in the Los Angeles area.
This is a very pristine California Mark, with
only 58,000 miles. Preprimary trophy winner,
with only 5,000 miles on tires and
brakes. Realistically priced at \$10,000.
Contact Richard Gray, 415-435-3539, email:
grayr@sutterhealth.org.

NORTHSTAR 2008 Mid-America Meet

June 25th - June 28th

Duluth, Minnesota

Registration Forms and other meet
information is now available.

Contact Roger Wothe, Meet Registrar
133 Grove Lane, Wayzata, MN 55391-1618
email: rwothe@mchsi.com

For Sale

1947 Continental Coupe
All Original V-12 Good Looking and Good Running
Same owner for 35 years. Always stored in a warm,
heated garage.

Call 507-567-2256 after 6 PM

FOR SALE

1967 CONTINENTAL CONVERTIBLE
Dark Green, very nice condition inside and out.
In good condition mechanically

Priced right to sell now
\$10,000

Please call Richard Serwat 651-554-0716

Great Cars For Sale..... Other Stuff too....

Car Show and Swap Meet

7:00AM - 3:00PM

Sunday, May 18th, The Willmar Car Club is once again hosting their 28th annual Car Show and Swap Meet.

Find your way to the Kennedy Elementary School (824 - 7th Street SW), for one of the area's very best shows and swap meet. Lots of classes with dash plaques, prizes, goody bags and much, much more.

For more information go to:
www.willmarcarclub.com

For Sale

46-48 Lincoln V12 Transmission with overdrive 26 tooth cluster, in very good condition \$650 exchange.

2 front fenders for 46-48 Lincoln Right and Left

56 Lincoln fender skirts good condition

56 Lincoln hood ornament

Call Ted Anderson at 763-561-8143

Wanted

1940 - 1941 Lincoln
Continental and Zephyr Parts
Anything Considered
Call Harvey 651-739-9754

150 - LINCOLNS - 150

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 1963 Continentals.
"64-65" windshields available now.

Please call Gordy Jensen at 952-851-2721

DESTINATION DULUTH

T-Shirts are now available, advertising the 2008 Mid-America Lincoln Meet in Duluth next June.

Northstar Club Jackets are also available. Perfect for the cold damp spring days ahead.

Call Bob Johnson to get yours today.
651-275-1715

**STORAGE
AVAILABLE**

Safe, Secure Storage for
your classic
now available

Southwest Metro Location

Contact Connie

952-835-4148

For Sale

1972 Lincoln Mark IV

38,000 Miles, All Original, Trophy Winner
Gold with Dark Brown Top and Leather
As new condition. \$10K or fair offer.

Call Don Pennock 651-488-1596
Cell 651-253-5516

Preview of Coming Events

The following include scheduled club events

- May **Saturday, May 10th**, 9th Annual Lincoln Car Show, Whitakers Lincoln Mercury, Inver Grove Heights, which will include Detailing and Judging seminars as an added attraction. The weather will be great, lets get the cars out. May 18th, the 28th annual Willmar car show. Kennedy Elementary School, from 7:00am to 3:30pm.
- June North Star Region, Mid America National Meet, "Destination Duluth"
Wednesday June 25th to Sunday, June 29th
- July Prior Lake, Summer Pot Luck picnic, **Sunday, July 20th**, 11:30 AM.
- August 6th Annual Out State All Lincoln Car Show, Saturday, **August 9th**, Frank Warner's, Centuria Wisconsin. Eastern National Meet, Columbus, Ohio, **August 14-17th**
- September Annual Region Picnic, **Sunday, September 21st.**

Willmar Car Club 2008 Car Buffs' Breakfasts

ALL AREA CAR ENTHUSIASTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US

9 a.m. breakfasts on the first Saturday of each month, May - November. Door prizes and announcements follow the breakfasts. Often, there are after breakfast tours or activities. PLEASE JOIN US! For more information call Francis (320) 235-5777 or view www.willmarcarclub.com.

MAY 3, Willmar, VFW, 1108 Hwy. 12 East.

JUNE 7, Buffalo Lake, Straw Hat Grill, 104 Main Street . Visit local car collection.

JULY 5, Spicer, American Legion Post 545, 155 Lake Ave.

AUGUST 2, Lake Lillian, City Center, 511 Lakeview St. South

Car Show: 11-3:30; Fun Days Parade: 4 pm; Dinner follows.

8:00 a.m. SEPTEMBER 6, Willmar, Rick's Royal Steakhouse, 2300 Hwy. 12 E. At 9:30 a.m. the Glacial Ridge Model T Tour will leave the Holiday Inn. We will see the historic cars begin their historic tour.

OCTOBER 4, Litchfield, Peter's on Lake Ripley, 405 West Pleasure Drive - off Hwy. 22 S. (Leaf tour follows)

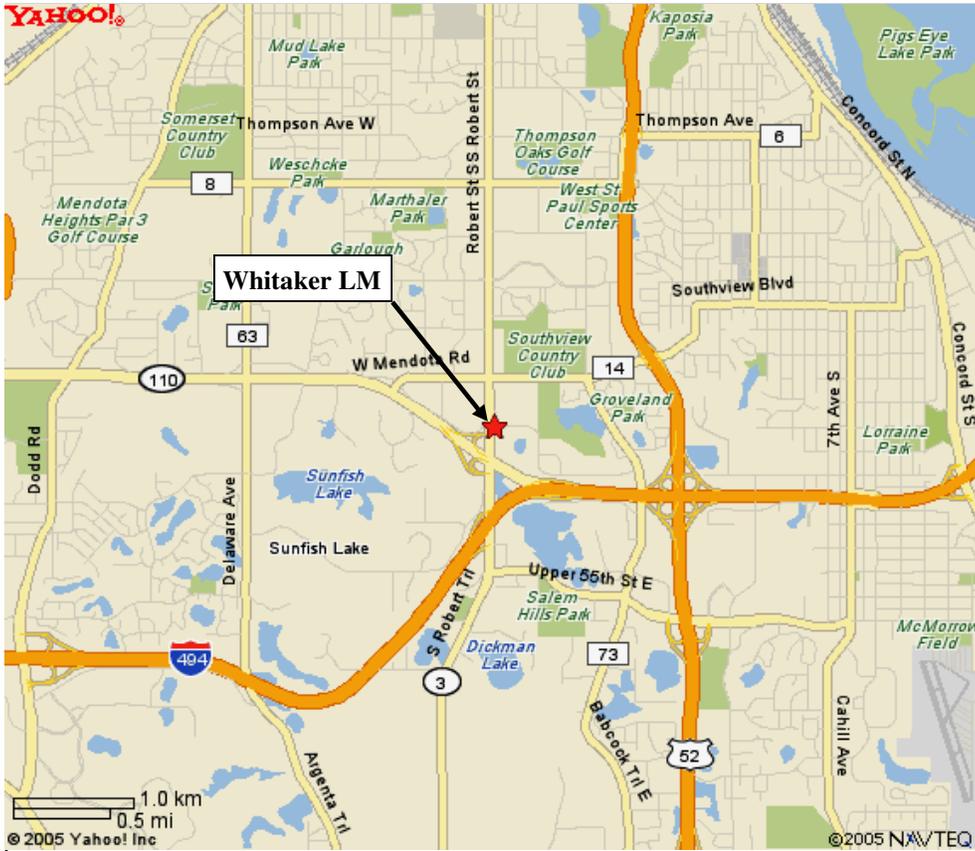
NOVEMBER 1, Clara City, Full Throttle Supper Club, 142 First Ave. NW

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www.northstarlroc.org Click on publications.

Issues are in PDF format and may be printed on your color printer.

Northstar All Lincoln Car Show



Plan now to attend the 9th annual all LINCOLN car show at Whitaker Lincoln Mercury, Inver Grove Heights, near South Robert Street, Highway 110 and Highway 494, on Saturday, May 10th.

Bring your favorite nice old or new Lincoln and join us from 10am to 3:00pm. All Lincolns are welcome, regardless of age or condition. We are an equal opportunity Lincoln Club.

The weather will be great and the company will be even better.

There is such a thing as a Free Lunch, and it will be served by our host, Chuck Whitaker. The Northstar club will be furnishing dash plaques and door prizes.

Come meet many of your friends, and maybe make some new ones. There will be some new Lincolns in attendance too.

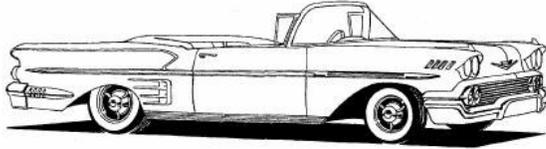
If the weather is nice, Faithie will be there to shake paws with you and give free kisses to the first fifty people she meets. You may even be able to get your picture taken with her.

See you there on May 10th.

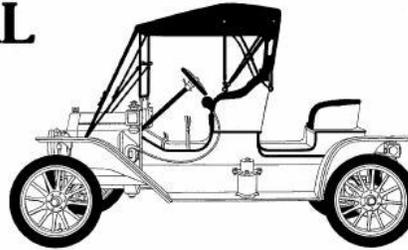
CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET

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WILLMAR, MINNESOTA

KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

824 7th STREET SW

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008

OVER 130 TROPHIES & AWARDS!!

◀ **MALL DISPLAY** ▶
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
◀ **CAR MUSEUM TOUR** ▶
Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
There will be several vehicles displayed in the Kandi Mall Shopping Center with free shuttle bus service (11:30-3:00) back and forth from the car show to the Kandi Mall and the Museum on Sunday. Schwanke's Car, Truck, and Tractor Museum & Gift Shop has over 300 old cars, trucks, tractors and engines at 3310 Highway 71 South. Admission \$5.
Museum Info: (320) 235-4341

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Holiday Inn

Free High Speed Internet Access,
plus Indoor Pool Area!
Well Lit Parking

Home of the famous **Green Mill**
For Reservations Call: **320-235-6060**



Comfort Inn

Pool, Whirlpool,
Deluxe Breakfast Bar,
Free High Speed
Internet Access

For Reservations Call: **320-231-2601**

DAYS INN
Whirlpool,
Free
Continental
Breakfast,
Micro/Fridges
Available,
Free High Speed Internet Access
For Reservations Call: **320-231-1275**



**EARLY
REGISTRATION
BONUS**

Persons who preregister for the car show by May 6 could win a **FREE NIGHT** stay at the Willmar Holiday Inn. Drawing will be held on May 9. Send \$10.00 registration to the address on the form.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Automobile display begins at Kandi Mall

SATURDAY, MAY 17

4:30 p.m. Meet at the Country Stop/A&W in New London
(See Note in Box Below Classes)*
6:30 p.m. Cruise leaves the A&W

SUNDAY, MAY 18

7 a.m. Gates Open
7 a.m.-3 p.m. Swap Meet
8 a.m.-3 p.m. Car Show
11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Drawings
11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Shuttle Bus
3:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony

*Come to New London to **The Country Stop/A&W**, and enjoy the vehicles displayed on the grounds before leaving for the cruise. Eat or snack on your own. Cruise leaves at 6:30 p.m.



CLASSES

STOCK (Restored or Original)

(No Custom Wheels)

1. 1931 and Older
2. 1932-1948
3. 1949-1959
4. 1960-1966
5. 1967-1969
6. 1970-1979
7. 1980-1997
8. Convertibles 1939-1959
9. Convertibles 1960-1969
10. Convertibles 1970-1997
11. 4 Door Sedans and Station Wagons
12. Corvettes
13. Imports
14. 1960-1973 Factory Muscle Cars



MODIFIED

15. 1934 and Older
16. 1935-1938
17. 1939-1948
18. 1949-1959
19. 1960-1966
20. 1967-1969
21. 1970-1973
22. 1974-1981
23. 1982-2002
24. **NEW!** Open Rod Class through 1959
25. 1955-1957 Chevys
26. Special Interest (Includes Kit Cars)

**Please!
No
"For Sale"
signs on
show
vehicles.**

TRUCKS AND VANS

27. Stock -1997 (Restored or Original)
28. Through 1966 4x2 Modified
29. 1967-2002 4x2 Modified
30. 4x4 Modified -2002

MOTORCYCLES

31. American
32. Import
33. Custom Motorcycle
34. Motor Scooters

SPECIAL CLASSES

35. Pedal Cars
36. Bicycles (Stock)
37. Bicycles (Custom)
38. Bicycles (Motorized)
39. Model Car Contest
10 Years Old & Under
40. Model Car Contest
11-16 Years Old
41. Model Car Contest
17 Years Old & Up

OTHER AWARDS

- Peoples' Choice (Spectator Vote)
1. Stock
 2. Custom
- Best of Show (Participant Vote)
1. Stock
 2. Custom
- Club Participation (Win's Mirage Car Club in 2007)
Oldest Vehicle (1928 Willys Knight in 2007)
"Chairman's Choice"

Willmar Car Club members vehicles will be in a special display and not entered for trophies and awards.

The Willmar Car Club reserves the right to reject participation to any vehicle or person.

INFORMATION

Cliff Gesellchen: (320) 354-2457

Email: gesellchen@netscape.net

Jay Mork: (320) 978-4932

Email: morkj@frontiernet.net

Please call after 7 P.M. or write to:

WILLMAR CAR CLUB

P.O. BOX 428

WILLMAR, MN 56201

www.willmarcarclub.com

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ADMISSION

\$10 per Show Car (Driver and 1 Passenger)

Registrations close at 12:00 Noon

\$15 per Swap Space (12x20)

Registrations close at 12:00 Noon

\$20 per space in Used Car Corral

Registrations close at 11:00 a.m.

Single vehicle trailers only allowed.

\$4 per Pedal Car or Bicycle

FREE entry for Model Car contest, 3 trophies

\$5 General Admission

Kids under 12, FREE with paid admission

\$3 Seniors over 62

FEATURES

One of the largest shows in the state with 41 classes and a tradition of variety. Dash plaques, goodie bags, door prizes, concession stand, playground area, free shuttle bus to mall and car museum, cars roped off, disc jockey playing 50's music during show.

CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET

(PLEASE PRINT)

PREREGISTRATION

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

SHOW CAR

CAR YEAR _____ CAR MAKE _____ CAR MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____

CAR CLUB AFFILIATION(S) _____

SWAPPER _____ **SWAP SPACES NEEDED (MN SALES TAX NUMBER REQUIRED)** _____ **CAR CORRAL SPACE(S)** _____

I hereby release the Willmar Car Club and the Willmar School District #347, and any member, of any responsibility for any accidents and damages on the day of the car show or on the way to the Kennedy Elementary School in Willmar, MN.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



P.O. Box 428
Willmar, MN 56201