

My Pride and Joy



A 1937 Lincoln K LeBaron Coupe A Restoration Journey By Tom Brace

What kind of person buys a luxury coupe? I asked a number of people whose opinions I respect and I liked Beverly Rae Kimes answer the best. "A large multi-cylinder engine under a long hood, a long sloping rear deck, seating for two, all this for me."

I once saw a super charged, 540 K Mercedes cabriolet with a Swedish body. The original owner had ordered the cockpit built so that it would accommodate himself and two women. Certainly that request described his life's view- but I digress.

Lincoln had ordered 24 examples of this wonderful coupe from the firm of LeBaron. I believe that there are about six of these left with different options. I am considering trying to catalog all of the remaining 1937-39 LeBaron coupes that are still with us.

What is new for 1937?

Lincoln offered 21 body types. Headlamps were recessed in the fenders. A split windshield was offered for "greater visibility." The 150 horsepower engine received hydraulic valve lifters to make the engine quieter. These changes mark the end of the Lincoln K era that would be over by 1939.

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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. Our meeting location will be printed elsewhere in the newsletter, as it often will be held in conjunction with other club events.

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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The story begins.

The serial number of this coupe is K 7604. It was found in a rundown body shop stuffed back against the wall, filthy dirty and all apart. All the sheet metal was off it except the doors. Parts were scattered over the shop in a random fashion. The current owner had a “vision” to make it into a hot rod. To say that idea lacked merit is an understatement.

I made him a one-time cash offer that was good for 24 hours. If he accepted the offer, we would meet at my bank and he would bring the title. Several short term goals were going through my mind. Save it from being turned into a street rod, remove it and as many pieces as I could find from the “body shop”. He beat me to the bank the next morning.

Several friends and I began to remove pieces from the shop. I have a 1937 Lincoln K 2-window sedan that we had done a lot of work on and this allowed us to inventory and identify what might be missing. We returned three times to that body shop and then its owner moved twice more. Every time I saw him, I came home with parts.

When you buy a Full Classic apart, make sure that you come away with all of the pieces. If there is a question about whether a part goes with the car, the tie goes to the buyer. I have purchased several Full Classics apart and have ended up with parts that did not belong to the car. You also run the risk of not getting all of the parts and there always seem to be a box “missing.” On this purchase, a box of what could be called the jewelry was missing. No taillight lenses or assembly, no headlight lenses, and things like cigar lighters, etc. I found the original LeBaron script in his toolbox along with a set of keys.

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Trivia from the Internet



Henry J Kaiser
1882 - 1967
Renown Industrialist

American industrialist who became known as the father of modern American shipbuilding. He established the Kaiser Shipyards, which built Liberty ships during World War II, after which he formed Kaiser Aluminum and Kaiser Steel. Kaiser organized Kaiser Permanente health care for his workers and their families. He led Kaiser-Frazer followed by Kaiser Motors, automobile companies known for the safety of their designs. Kaiser was involved in large construction projects

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Editors Message

May 2014

April has really gone by quickly. Good thing too. After what seems to be countless days of really bad weather, we are finally seeing a few nice days.

Earlier today, my friend, Chuck Gibbons and I went on the annual CCCA garage tour. It was a great day. Temperatures in the low 50's and dry all day. Some years we have had rain and snow. We started out at the Pioneer Museum in Long Lake, just off old Wayzata Boulevard. A very interesting place, worthy of a stop there

again. From there we traveled Westward, taking in about a half-dozen collections of both old cars from the 20's to the fairly new ones in the '70's and 80's. We saw interesting cars that had appeal to many of the good folks taking the tour. Every old car person has different interests and these collections reflect the owners perception of what constitutes a classic or special interest car should reside in their garage.

Please pay attention to our schedule of activities just before the last page. Our kickoff for the summer is our annual Lincoln show at Morries Minnetonka Ford Lincoln. It will be a nice day to take your favorite old Lincoln out for a nice drive to the show that day. We will all have a nice time

visiting and perhaps seeing a new Lincoln or two acquired over the winter by one of our members. We hope to see Al Longly driving up in his 1958 Convertible. Knowing Al, this should



Samara, who is our North Star News West coast correspondent, would rather spend time on the beach than interview Lincoln owners. But, come to think about it, we never got her mother Faithie to write many articles either. A picture is worth 1000 words.

be a really nice car to see. Today, on the tour, Al was driving his spectacular 1941 Cadillac 60 Special. One of the nicest '41's around, this car has the very rare sun-roof and also is equipped with Hydramatic drive.

Once again we are featuring a picture of Samara, one of our Sweet Faithie's daughters. Samara is such a wonder-

ful little girl, who likes to pose for pictures as much as Faithie did. We like to think of Samara as our West Coast correspondent, who works for treats. Our thanks to her human companions, Andrea and Don for the pictures.

Ford continues to turn out great cars and Lincoln sales are better than ever. If you need a new car, think about one of the new Ford products, including the fine cars that Lincoln has for sale. As a very satisfied Morries customers, Both Marion and I recommend that you give them a opportunity to quote you a price on a new Ford product. And as members of the Lincoln Club, you are eligible for the Xplan discount.

Till next month, David and Marion

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such as civic centers and dams, and invested in real estate. With his acquired wealth, he initiated the Kaiser Family Foundation, a nonprofit, non-partisan, charitable organization.

Kaiser was born on May 9, 1882, in Sprout Brook, New York. He worked as an apprentice photographer early in life, and was running the studio by the age of twenty. He used his savings to move to Washington state, where he started a construction company that fulfilled government contracts.

Kaiser moved to the West Coast in 1906. In 1914 he founded a paving company, one of the first to use heavy construction machinery. His firm expanded significantly in 1927 when it received a \$20-million contract to build roads in Cuba. In 1931 his firm was one of the prime contractors in building the Hoover Dam on the Colorado River, and the Bonneville and Grand Coulee Dams on the Columbia River. He had never built a ship before, but

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Directors Message by Bob Johnson

May 2014

Mary and I will be leaving for Florida about the 25th of April, for the 2014 Eastern National Show in St Pete Beach. We look forward to seeing many friends that we have made over the past 17 years while being members of LCOC. It is the fun and fellowship that keeps us going to all the great locations these shows are held at. This year we will have the opportunity to see many more Lincoln friends in Florida, Michigan and Illinois. We hope that you are able to cruise the highways in your Lincoln and enjoy what should be a warm summer here in the Midwest.

In a little over four weeks, we will have our 6th annual Lincoln car show, at Morries Minnetonka Ford Lincoln, 13400 Wayzata Boulevard, Minnetonka, on Memorial weekend on Saturday, May 24th. 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM. Put this date on your calendar and bring your Lincoln to Morries and join us for our free Northstar Spring car show. **All Lincolns are welcome, regardless of age or condition.** Morries will have a great lunch and our Northstar club will be furnishing dash plaques. Door prizes will be furnished by Morries and the North Star Region. If you know of any Lincoln owners not belonging to the LCOC, please invite them to this Lincoln Car Show. We will hold our May North Star board meeting at 1:00 PM during the car show.

Our 12th annual outstate classic Lincoln car show will be on Saturday, June 14, from 10am to 2pm at the Miller Auto Plaza, 2930 2nd street South in St. Cloud. Owner Tom Miller will be our host. There are two hotels close by if you want to stay over night, Country Inn and Suites and Holiday Inn.

On Sunday, April 13th, we gathered at Jake O'Conner's Public House in Excelsior. This is a very nice Irish restaurant. We filled our private room with 33 members that were ready to celebrate the coming of warmer weather, good food and fellowship. We also had some of our members returning from wintering in Florida and Arizona. It was really nice to welcome back Roger and Jan Leppla, Brad and Carole Yoho, Karl and Sharon Flick, and Roger and Barb Wothe. Also attending was Perry Bush, Menasha, WI, who bought his son Foster, who is a starting guard on the Minnesota Gopher football team. Perry was in town to watch the Gopher Spring football scrimmage on Saturday. The first road trip of the year award has to go to Paul and Deb Andahl who drove down from Bismarck, ND for this event. We again held our Monthly North Star Board meeting at 10:30 AM before our Sunday Brunch, 18 members were in attendance, all business was completed by 11:10 AM.

More on the Lincoln Motor Car Foundation Museum dedication, August 6 - 10. You should have received the museum dedication registration packet in the mail, The Sheraton and Holiday Inn Express hotels are already full, but extra rooms have been reserved at additional nearby hotels for your use. The hotels are listed in the registration packet, call now for reservations, if you plan on attending.

The North Star Region car/grille badge project, Tom Brace has ordered and we should have grille badges at our Morries Car show for you to buy.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson reported that 26 members have not renewed 2014 membership. Please send your dues in now, or you may miss our great newsletter.

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

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he set up shipyards in Seattle and Tacoma, where he began using mass-production techniques, such as using welding instead of rivets.

Henry Kaiser became most famous for the Kaiser Shipyard in Richmond, California, during World War II, adopting production techniques that built cargo ships with an average construction time of 45 days. These ships became known as Liberty ships and were later supplemented in the mid-war by improved, larger and faster Victory ships. He became world renowned when his teams built a ship in four days.

The keel for the 10,500 ton SS *Robert E. Peary* was laid on Sunday, November 8, 1942, and the ship was launched in California from the Richmond Shipyard #2 on Thursday, November 12, four days and 15½ hours later. The previous record had been 10 days for the Liberty ship *Joseph*

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April Northstar Board Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 13, 2014

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM at Jake O'Conner's Irish Pub in Excelsior MN. Board members present were Bob Johnson, Bob Roth, Bob Gavrilescu, Tom Brace, Jay White, Dave Gustafson and Roger Wothe. Other members and guests present at the opening were, Marion Gustafson, Dave Sandels, Dick Eilers, Gaye Purvis, Nan Roth, Mary Johnson, Carol White, Gunta Brace, Rollie Toenges, Barb Wothe, Deb and Paul Andahl. The agenda of this meeting was approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson reviewed the activities for the remainder of the year. The next activity is the UMR-CCCA annual garage tour which starts at the Pioneer Museum in Long Lake MN starting at 8:00 AM and the tour leaves promptly at 9:00 AM. Time, date and location for all other activities will be found near the end of the *Northstar News*.

Rollie Toenges made a presentation for the 10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance, Sunday, June 1, at the Excelsior Commons. 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Registration information may be found at www.10000lakesconcours.com/participants.

Tom Brace reviewed the order for forty club badges. He anticipates that they would most likely be available in about thirty days.

Secretary Roger Wothe reported that he had attended several car shows in Arizona last month. He saw and visited with club members Ray and Jeanine Nelson and Paul and Deb Andahl while there.

Bob Johnson reported the treasury balance for Treasurer Harvey Oberg to be \$3,224.67 with \$343.50 proceeds from the joint auction with UMR-CCCA.

Publications and Membership Director Dave Gustafson reported that twenty-four members have not renewed.

Activities Director Jay White proposed several ideas for Saturday morning cruise-ins with other car clubs at various locations to promote interest in the North Star Region LCOC. Several people indicated that they would be interested in participating.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM. The next board meeting will be at Morrie's Minnetonka Ford Lincoln dealership Saturday, May 24, at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

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A visit to a Ford assembly plant by one of his associates led to the decision to use welding instead of riveting for ship-building. Welding was advantageous in that it took less strength and it was easier to teach thousands of employees, mostly unskilled laborers and many of them women. Kaiser adopted the use of subassemblies in ship construction; formerly, hundreds of laborers crowded together to complete a ship. Though this practice had been tried on the East Coast and in Britain, Kaiser was able to take full advantage of the process by constructing new shipyards with this in mind.

Other Kaiser Shipyards were located in Ryan Point (Vancouver) on the Columbia River in Washington state and on Swan Island in Portland, Oregon. A smaller vessel was turned out in 71 hours and 40 minutes from the Van-

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You can buy much more of a car if it is apart. There are other problems that you will encounter such as missing parts, and you were not the person who took it apart. I once read that for every hour you spend taking it apart, it takes ten hours to put it back together. I would also state that there are certain protocols in taking something apart and a cutting torch is not one of them.



The V-12 engine.

We placed the engine in the bare frame and started it. We knew who had rebuilt the engine but it had never been started. The engine had sat for over 25 years in less-than-ideal storage. Using 20 weight oil and a quart of Rislone, we pressured the oil to 40 pounds and tried to start it. The timing was off but we finally got it started. The block leaked, the lifters were noisy but it ran. We did do the radiator first as we did not want to circulate rusty water into the fresh blocks. We jacked up the rear tires and ran through the gears. The transmission and rear end sounded pretty good.

We thought that we might look at the top of the engine and removed the heads. We also dropped the pan to take some measurements. Well, you

know the rest of the story. We went back through this “new engine” and replaced valves, pistons, rings, etc. All of the accessories were also refreshed and we did not find any part that did not need something. Our goal was to eventually tour this car and repairing a Full Classic along-side a road is not my idea of fun. I have a high speed rear end that I have not yet placed in the car.

Wood or where did it go?

The body of this Lincoln is constructed of ash with an aluminum skin over it. The top is leather covered. It has a rear window that opens outward at the bottom allowing a nice flow of air through the cockpit. About half of the frame around the window was missing as well as the huge package shelf and a number of floorboards.

I had watched a man restoring a 1939 Chris Craft Barrel Back in my next door neighbor's garage. I had loaned him a large chain hoist that I bought at an estate sale. He needed to lift the boat off of the trailer. I asked him if he had done any automotive wood working and he said no. I convinced him to work with us on the coupe. He worked in oak and mahogany but ash was a new experience for him. He did a wonderful job and was somewhat disappointed to find out that none of his work would show. At the end of the project, he did all of the window moldings in a satin finish. I believe that the wood is walnut with a burl walnut facing. One source stated that the wood was ‘made of fine curly maple.’

His knowledge of wood working and boats resulted in a rear window that fit, doors that fit and all of the garnish moldings reflecting the Lincoln

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couver yard on November 16, 1942. The Kaiser hulls also became America's smaller, more numerous "escort carriers", over one hundred small aircraft carriers employed in both the Pacific and the Atlantic theaters. The concepts he developed for the mass production of commercial and military ships remain in use today.

At Kaiser Shipyards in Richmond, California, Kaiser implemented the pioneering idea of Dr. Sidney Garfield of Kaiser Permanente. Opened on August 10, 1942, Kaiser Richmond Field Hospital for Kaiser Shipyards was financed by the U.S. Maritime Commission, sponsored by Henry J. Kaiser's Permanente Foundation, and run by Dr. Garfield. In part due to wartime materials rationing, the Field Hospital was a single-story wood frame structure designed in a simple modernist mode. Originally intended for use primarily as an emergency facility, the Field Hospital opened with only 10 beds.

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quality. I am in his debt. One of the great things about a restoration project is that opportunity to meet some wonderful craftsmen and to work along-side them and observe their skills.

Color

The correct color on a Full Classic can make or break a car. In my opinion, the world does not need another black Full Classic. The original color that the car came in is always a good place to start. Canal gray was a LeBaron color and can be best described as a medium gray with a little blue and a very fine metallic. The pin stripe was Vermillion, a deep orange with some red overtones in it. We were very pleased with the original LeBaron colors. We found the original color on the back side of the glove box door that had never been exposed to light or wear. We sent the glove box door to "Jimmy Chips" in California who matched it perfectly.

Sidemounts or Fenderwells.

Edsel Ford by this time was trying to woo the purchaser away from the use of sidemounts. He believed that they detracted from the overall lines of the car. My 1937 K 2-window sedan does have sidemounts and it is an imposing front end. The Coupe on the other hand does not have sidemounts and the lines of the car are very sleek. I appreciate having examples of both.

Interior

This coupe has two trunks that are all lined. The interior is cloth although there are at least two LeBaron coupes that have leather. The roster project mentioned earlier will add a lot to our general knowledge. The roof is a padded leather with a defi-

nite long grain that is very attractive and the underside is part of a complete headliner.

Tires

It is amazing how many choices there are for a 7.50x17 tires. The coupe has Firestones and the Sedan has B.F. Goodrich. The shield for the Firestone tires came painted red during this period and that detail was added by the pin striper. I believe that this coupe would look well in either a black wall tire or a white wall tire. It took a long time to decide which direction to go.

K 7604

This coupe was shipped to Oklahoma City (Branch #25) by the Pennsylvania Railroad on 12-16-36. Special equipment included a radio and individual seat adjustments. This coupe was the 5th built by LeBaron and came with a tool kit. These complete kits are extremely rare and Byron Olsen of St. Paul, Minnesota may have the best original known.

The coupe was in the Minneapolis area for a number of years. People with long histories with the UMR/CCCA remember the car. It later ended up in South Dakota. One local member drove to South Dakota only to have the agreed-upon price raised when he arrived. He passed on the car. It was then partially disassembled and finally sold at an auction. The car returned to Jordan, Minnesota, which is south of the twin cities, to an individual who owned a motorcycle salvage business. Years ago, I saw the engine out of the car, on the floor of a repair shop at the motorcycle salvage business. The car was then sold to the man that I purchased the car from. It was moved literally

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Later additions increased its capacity to 160 beds by 1944. The Field Hospital in Richmond operated as a Kaiser Permanente hospital until closing in 1995.

Kaiser's Richmond Field Hospital served as the mid-level component of a three-tier medical care system that included six well-equipped First Aid Stations at the shipyards, and the main Permanente Hospital in Oakland, where the most critical cases were treated. By August 1944, 92.2 percent of all Richmond shipyard employees had joined Kaiser Permanente, the first voluntary group plan in the country to feature group medical practice, prepayment, and substantial medical facilities on such a large scale. After the war ended, the Health Plan was expanded to include workers' families. To serve employees at his diverse businesses, Kaiser opened Permanente facilities in Walnut Creek, California, in Hawaii, in Southern California, and eventually in many other lo-

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from next door to the previously described body shop. I found two heads from the coupe that were still at the motorcycle shop and was able to purchase them. They did not have any other parts. I am still trying to trace more of the history. Someone painted it black and as the dash was painted body color without a lot of attention to masking off some of the decorative strips. We totally disassembled the dash and started all over again.

Public viewing

The first outing for K 7604 was St. Louis, MO at their Grand Classic. It was appropriate that after serving on the National Board for nine years, that a CCCA event would be the proper first-time venue. The reaction was very favorable. We were treated very well and the coupe won 100 points in Primary. We went on throughout the summer where it received 99.25 (Senior) in Dearborn and some type of award every place that it was exhibited.

The reaction to this car has been very positive. Knowledgeable people have given the coupe high praise and have been very generous with their comments. The fact that many have been friends and fellow Board members was particularly appreciated.

We will take the car to The Experience for an opportunity to earn its Premier Badge. After all CCCA award categories are completed, we look forward to driving it down the blue line roads. I believe that a Full Classic should be driven as it was when new. The absolute best place to accomplish this would be a CARavan.

With sincere acknowledgement and thanks.

Nobody takes on a project like this one without a lot of help and encouragement. When you begin to thank people you will always leave some out. Darrell Videen and his woodworking skill cannot be overstated. Ray Thierault's general knowledge, parts supplies and encouragement were deeply appreciated. Friends David Sandels and Bob Gavrilescu provided all kinds of help and were there during some dark hours as we brought K 7604 back to life.

Mark Limanen (The Thread Baron) did the upholstery and Lakeland Restoration sorted out the final fit after the car had been painted and assembled. The owner Scott Armstrong and glass man extraordinaire Sheldon Matheson were very helpful and both extremely skilled. Sheldon used the 1937 2-window sedan front glass replacement as a template for the coupe and we learned a lot.



Knowledge is gained by reading, viewing, working on, and interviewing others. It is critical as one goes about restoring a car. We join clubs and groups to gain this knowledge by the interaction with other like-minded souls. I have been involved formally in this venture since 1978. One person who is critical to this adventure is my wife and for her support I will always be in her debt.

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cations.

The Kaiser Center in downtown Oakland served as the headquarters of Kaiser Industries. Up to that time, it was Oakland's tallest building, as well as "the largest office tower west of Chicago".

As a real-estate magnate, Kaiser founded the Honolulu suburban community of Hawaii Kai in Hawaii (where there is a public high school named in his honor) and a high school named in his honor in Fontana, California. Kaiser also financed the development of Panorama City, a planned community in the San Fernando Valley portion of Los Angeles.



In 1945, Kaiser partnered with veteran automobile executive Joseph Frazer to establish a new automobile company from the remnants of Graham-Paige, of which Frazer had been president. It would use a surplus Ford Motor

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Welcome Wagon

Instead of having a photo of a vintage Lincoln wagon as I usually do, I chose a photo of a 1911 LeZebre. Micki wants a smaller older unique convertible and I think this fits the bill quite nicely. Also there are very few LeZebre automobiles on the road these days. We put nearly 5000 miles on the 2000 Expedition (wannabe Navigator) during the month of March and never saw one LeZebre! As we welcome our new Northstar members you will find out more about the LeZebre. Also to find out more about the 34th Annual Willmar Car Show & Swap Meet on May 18, contact me or go to www.willmarcarclub.com. If Micki and I don't see you at the Willmar Show we hope to see you at Morris in Minnetonka on May 24.



First we welcome **Webster Peterson and Kari Albers**, 45587 Chippewa Trail, Vining, MN 56588, 612-804-9406. Webster.Peterson@gmail.com. Webster and Kari met in High School (via a track meet at the U of M indoor pre-spring run) and have been married for 28 years. They love to collect antiques from the 20's through 50's, as well as interesting cars. Four years ago, Webster retired from the food service industry and Kari retired from teaching preschool, then moved to their lake home on East Battle Lake next to Vining, Minnesota. (Vining is a town of about 68 people 165 miles northwest of Minneapolis.) Their Whip-pet (dog), named Owen, travels everywhere with them. Webster and Kari have been appraising cars for over 35 years and continue to do so (Webster Peterson

Classic Car Appraisal Service, carappraisalminnesota.com). Webster is Director of the Upper Midwest Region of the Classic Car Club and has been on the board for 25 years. Webster and Kari just sold their 2002 Lincoln Continental and purchased a 2001 Lincoln Con-



tinental with 34,000 miles on it to be their daily driver. Their first Lincoln was an all-original 1934 Lincoln 12 town sedan with 24,000 miles. They like driving all of their cars, and one can always see them driving the 1911 LeZebre

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Company defense plant at Willow Run, Michigan originally built for World War II aircraft production by Ford.



Kaiser Motors produced cars under the Kaiser and Frazer names until 1955, when it abandoned the U.S. market and moved production to plants in Brazil and Argentina. In the late 1960s, these South American operations were sold to a Ford-Renault combination. In 1953, Kaiser purchased Willys-Overland, manufacturer of the Jeep line of utility vehicles, changing its name to Willys Motors. In 1963, the name was changed again to Kaiser-Jeep, which was ultimately sold to American Motors Corporation in 1970.

Kaiser founded Kaiser Aluminum in 1946 with the lease and eventual purchase of three aluminum facilities from the United States government. Over the ensuing dec-

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on the New London to New Brighton Old Car Run in August as well as driving their other cars on many local tours and CCCA CARavans. Webster just returned from Florida after touring 1500 miles for two weeks with his dad in a 1930 Packard Boat-tailed Speedster. Webster and Kari are currently restoring the 1911 LeZebre, a 1948 Rolls-Royce and a 1964 Corvette, and do most of the work themselves! Some of their other cars: 1976 Lincoln Continental sedan. AACA National 1st and Senior winner that Grandfather purchased new. It's a 50,000 mile all-original car. The 1947 Lincoln Continental coupe was just purchased last fall from Craigslist. 1964 Triumph TR4. 1967 Corvette convertible. 49,000 mile all-original car. The black 1963 Cadillac sedan that Grandma purchased in 1964 is all-original. 1968 Oldsmobile Cutlass convertible; 41,000 mile all-original car.

I first met Webster about 40 years ago while I was admiring a wonderful Packard. I must admit he has not lost his admiration for great automobiles and I know that he and Kari will be an asset to the Northstar LCOC.

Next we travel to Wisconsin to welcome **Phil and Kari Skaar** and their nine year old daughter Jensym and five year old Jacob. Their home is at 11420 194th Ave, Bloomer, WI 54724, (715)568-2349, pjskaar@hotmail.com or pjskaar@icloud.com. Kari teaches Chemistry and Physical Science at "Chi-Hi" in Chippewa Falls. Kari and Phil met while both were earning Biology degrees at Augustana College in Sioux Falls. Phil was born in Wolf Point, MT and grew up in SD where

he attended medical school. Phil completed Family Medicine Residency through Mayo Graduate School of Medicine at Franciscan Skemp in La Crosse, WI. The Skaars enjoy spending time at their family's cabin near Rice Lake, WI built 60 years ago by Phil's grandfather. That family cabin and the great memories it provided were what drew Phil and Kari to settle in WI after his residency training. Phil makes an annual trip every September for walleye fishing on Lac Seul Flowage in Ontario, Canada; also to Lake Michigan for salmon once or twice in the summer.



Phil and Kari purchased their 1963 Lincoln Continental off eBay in October, 2013. "Old Blue" (as it is affectionately called) has quickly become a conversation piece with many patients as several pictures are proudly displayed in Phil's exam rooms. Midwestern small towns residents are a great resource for "knowing a guy who knows a guy" who can help with every aspect of the future restoration. Phil has always admired the '60's Lincolns and has really enjoyed researching and learning about the history and progression of the styling of the Lincoln brand.

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ades, Kaiser Aluminum grew to become involved in virtually all aspects of the aluminum industry, including the mining and refining of bauxite into alumina, the production of primary aluminum from alumina, and the manufacture of fabricated and semi-fabricated aluminum products.

In the mid-1950s, Kaiser asked William Besler to convert his 1953 Kaiser Manhattan to steam. Besler completed this in either 1957 or 1958. Kaiser did not like the remodeled car and left it with Besler. In the early 1950s Henry Kaiser built an elaborate estate on the west side of Lafayette, California, 10 miles from his Kaiser Industries world headquarters in Oakland. After his wife died, Kaiser married the nurse who had cared for her (reportedly with his wife's blessing) and adopted her son, who as Michael Kaiser attended nearby Lafayette public Vallecito School. But Kaiser's attention soon transferred to Hawaii, and

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More Welcome Wagon...

Phil, Kari, Jensyn and Jacob are looking forward to meeting others in the Northstar LCOC. We certainly welcome them and Old Blue. I think we will provide many pleasant memories for them.

Next we welcome **Jeff and Jill Smith**, 153 NE County Road V, Warrensburg, Missouri, 64093, 816-728-3652 t63thunder@yahoo.com. Jeff has always liked the 1961-1963 Lincolns and Thunderbirds. Jeff took his driving test in his parent's 1961 Lincoln that they had purchased used in 1969. He then got his first car in 1970. It was a 1961 Thunderbird for \$225. He bought his first Lincoln, a 1963 model in January of 1975 for \$265!



Jeff discovered and then joined the LCOC in 1986. He claims to have had way too many Lincolns in these past 39 years as has now finally settled down with the two current Lincolns; a 1961 sedan and a 1956 Mark II. Jeff was fortunate to get the Mark II from Gaye Purvis. Jill and Jeff are not yet retired but they attend some car shows and cruise nights. They do attend the Good Guys Show every year in Des Moines. If you see Jeff and Jill there or at a LCOC meet or gathering, give them a warm Northstar welcome!

Next we have a long distance

welcome for **Tom and Cherry Jerlow**, 21212 Bogie Rd, Edmond, OK 73003, 405-348-0012, mule-barn235@hughes.net. For many years Tom and Cherry have operated a successful construction company in Oklahoma while enjoying vintage automobiles. However, Tom's roots are in Minnesota. In 1958 his family moved from Albert Lea, MN to Anaheim California. There he was soon the proud owner of a Model A Ford Sport Coupe and later a 1946 Ford Convertible (each were under \$100). He's been bitten by the car bug ever since. He's had a 1937 Ford Coupe for 40 years. More recent additions are a 1933 Gibbon unibody Ford five window coupe with a 425 horsepower 383 GM V8. You say you never heard of one of those? Gibbon only made one! Tom and Cherry have a modified 1979 Cadillac Seville with the same engine.



At the Route 66 Bridge in Tulsa, OK. LCOC Mid-America 2013. Picture courtesy of John Walcek

But when they really want to arrive in STYLE, you will see them in their 1934 Lincoln Victoria Coupe which was recently featured in Continental Comments! As LCOC members Tom and Cherry join us as we drive in style and smile every mile!

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in 1955 he moved his family there.

Kaiser spent much of his later years in Honolulu and developed an obsession with perfecting its urban landscape. He founded the Kaiser Hawaiian Village Hotel, today known as the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Kaiser constructed one of the first commercially practical geodesic domes in the United States at this resort. In the mid-1950s Kaiser recognized that television could make Kaiser brand products known to the public. He worked with Warner Brothers head Jack Warner to develop WB's first television series, *Cheyenne*, sponsored by household products including Kaiser aluminum foil and Kaiser cars. To promote his Hawaii ventures, Kaiser induced Warner Brothers to copy the formula of its popular series *77 Sunset Strip* as new TV series *Hawaiian Eye*. Though actually filmed at WB studios in Burbank, California, the show featured private detectives based at Kaiser's Hawaiian Vil-

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Lincoln goes to China



The 2015 Lincoln MKX will closely resemble this pre-production model. Lincoln plans to export this and other models to China.

The Lincoln Motor Company today unveiled the MKX Concept at Auto China 2014 in Beijing. The Lincoln MKX Concept hints at a global SUV that will become the third of four all-new Lincoln vehicles due by 2016. It is designed to capture the attention of consumers worldwide.

This unveiling in Beijing marks the first time Lincoln has stepped beyond U.S. borders to reveal a concept vehicle.

Drawing design inspiration from airplanes and motorbikes, the Lincoln MKX Concept evokes feelings of power and agility, offering a glimpse of the American luxury brand's future as it enters the rapidly growing Chinese market.

Several customer research clinics were held in China and the United States to gather feedback on the design to ensure the final execution would satisfy and delight luxury customers around the world.

"Great emphasis was put on the proportions of this concept vehicle," said Andrea Di Buduo, exterior design manager of the Lincoln MKX Concept. "It's a very emotional, athletic design. Its horizontal lines and defined undercuts are gracefully integrated and very sophisticated, yet convey a powerful and dynamic

presence."

Intensive study of the Chinese luxury customer over the past few years revealed that a medium premium utility vehicle should express off-road capability and sportiness.

Based on that, the MKX Concept includes elements such as a separated front skid plate, heightened ground clearance and reinforced wheel arches. The floating aluminum body-side rocker molding is engraved with the Lincoln logo.

This execution communicates adaptability to different road conditions, combined with crafted execution and attention to detail.

Defined by an aerodynamic, sloping teardrop roofline, the Lincoln MKX Concept's modern silhouette lends to its sporty personality, which is highlighted by wide shoulders flanking its recessed rear windows to heighten the design. Dynamic side undercuts, a high beltline and 21-inch machined aluminum wheels further enhance the well-proportioned design.

The roof over the rear was lowered to give the vehicle a sleeker shape. Highlighted by a panoramic glass surface that lets natural light fill the cabin and integrated roof racks, the floating rear spoiler houses the center high-mounted stop light and hides the antenna.

The Lincoln MKX Concept offers a new interpretation of Lincoln's signature full-width taillamps.

"Concept vehicles are defined by every design detail," said David Woodhouse, Lincoln design director, "and this MKX Concept shows how Lincoln's thoughtful design philosophy continues to evolve. The Lincoln brand was built on vehicles with

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lage. Kaiser eventually bought and built a chain of radio and television stations which became known as Kaiser Broadcasting.

In 1967, Kaiser died at the age of 85 in Honolulu. He is buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, California.

His legacy. Kaiser was involved in building civic centers, roads, and schools. He was part of the consortium that constructed the Hoover Dam and Grand Coulee Dam. Kaiser is also noted for advancing medicine with the development and construction of several hospitals, medical centers and medical schools. His mining town of Eagle Mountain, California, part of the West Coast's first integrated mining/processing operation linked by rail to his mill in Fontana, California, was the birthplace of Kaiser Permanente, the first health maintenance organization. Fontana is home to another public high school named in his honor.

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stunning design, and the MKX Concept is the latest example."

Lincoln's aggressive signature split-wing grille accentuates the front end. The artistic interpretation of the grille features horizontal lines that continue as strips of LED accent lights below each headlamp. These strips of light glow sequentially as part of Lincoln's updated approach detection feature – one element of the Lincoln Experiences package.

Lincoln Experiences, a technology-driven suite of features introduced on the all-new 2015 Lincoln MKC small utility vehicle, is designed to create a warmer, more personal luxury car-owning experience. Anticipating and responding to a driver's needs and preferences, Lincoln Experiences offers a warm embrace that begins as a driver approaches the vehicle and continues upon entry and vehicle start-up.

"The transformation of The Lincoln Motor Company is under way, with sales up 27 percent in the United States over the last six months, due largely to the all-new MKZ sedan, and excitement is building for the soon-to-arrive MKC," said Jim Farley, executive vice president, global Ford marketing, sales and service and Lincoln.

"That momentum continues with this MKX Concept. It demonstrates the design direction for the third all-new vehicle from Lincoln, one that will capture the true essence of the brand – warm and inviting, beautifully styled, and with the promise of engaging technologies that appeal to a younger luxury consumer in a global market."

Lincoln will enter the Chinese market later this year when MKZ and

MKC go on sale. An MKX production model would compete in the fast-growing midsize premium utility segment there. With 245,000 sales in 2013, the segment has grown 9,650 percent in the past five years. Premium midsize utility vehicles – which represent 17 percent of the luxury market and 45 percent of the luxury utility market in China – are projected to grow an additional 84 percent, to more than 450,000 units by 2018.

In the United States, the segment grew 13 percent from 2008 to 2013, to 441,000 units. That growth is expected to continue through 2018, when projections call for almost 550,000 vehicle sales. Globally, the midsize premium utility segment accounted for 839,000 sales in 2013, and is projected to eclipse 1.2 million sales by 2018.

Will somebody at least take a guess as who this future member of the Lincoln Club is? Call us, email us or send your answer by smoke signals or carrier pigeon. We will up the ante to two prizes for the first person to contact the editor.

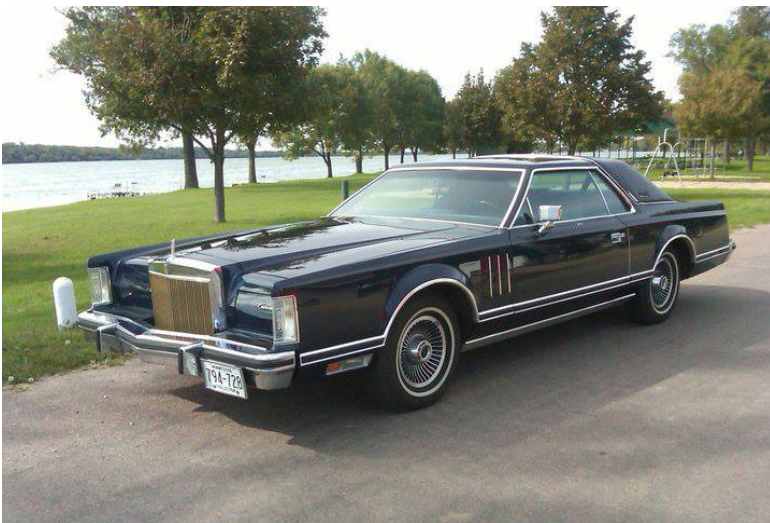
Within a few years, this young boy will be driving fast cars and chasing girls. Who is this future car guy? If you know



or have a good guess, email your editor and the first correct answer will receive a prize.

Offered for Sale, Some Great Lincolns

As a courtesy to our members, we try to make space available in our newsletter for Lincolns for sale, along with parts, related information, and memorabilia. There is no charge for this service, but we do ask that you send us descriptive information along with a good digital image of the Lincoln that you wish to sell. We do have the ability to scan pictures, but considerable quality and detail are often lost in the scanning process. Also, we ask that you let us know when something has sold so we can make space available for someone else. Through the newsletter several cars have found new homes with new owners.



One Owner 1979 Lincoln Mark V Collector Edition

Completely equipped with sunroof, Lincoln CB radio, and the full complement of fine Lincoln accessories. Purchased new in 1979 by the present owner, it has traveled but 5,000 miles over its 35 year life. Properly maintained and sparingly driven, only enough to keep the car limber it is almost as perfect as the day it was first delivered. Dark blue with a blue velour interior it truly must be seen to be appreciated. This quality Lincoln is priced at \$15,000. Please call Phil Blake, 320.839.6163 or Cell 320.815.7918. Ortonville, MN



For Sale - Slot machine - 1938 10-cent Mills War Eagle, serial #422598. Largely original machine, including original metal back and original wood base. Excellent cosmetic and operating condition. Includes service manual, parts book, and gorgeous brass-footed oak cabinet/stand with lockable, leaded glass door. Magnificent, fun addition to your family/recreation room! \$2750. Call Dave Kotz, cell 612.384.0566. email: dave-kotz@msn.com.



Northstar Region grille badges will be available soon. Orders will be taken within the next 2 months.. Watch the newsletter for more information.

You May Be Interested in these Items for Sale

For Sale: **1948 Lincoln Continental Coupe**. Complete V-12 engine overhaul. New brakes and battery, New tires. Chrome has been replated. New dark green paint. Good working overdrive. Trunk just has been recarpeted. Reduced to \$14,000. also have V-12 radiator for sale and V-12 motor mounts, complete set of upper and lower grilles and fog light holders for a 1946 - 1949 Lincoln. Call Ted Anderson 763.561.8143

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:

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:

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 \$4,900/Best offer will own me.

For Sale

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:

1984 Mercury Colony Park wagon. White with "wood trim" and nice dark brown velour interior. Fully equipped with 41 options, no rust ever, turbine wheels and complete service history. 181,000 miles, but doesn't show it. Please give me a call for more information. Roald and Rosalee Storvick, Austin, MN **Call 507.433.3944 or cell, 507.438.1016.**

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:

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 wind-shields that fit 1961 through 1969 Continentals. Available Now. Please call Gordy Jensen at 612.819.2107

Preview of Coming Events

- May **6th Annual Memorial Day weekend car show** , Morries Ford Lincoln, Minnetonka, MN Saturday, May 24, 10:00AM to 2:00PM
34th Annual Willmar Car Show, Willmar, MN Saturday May 18, 7AM to 3 PM, Car Cruise, Friday May 17, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, meet at New London A&W
Information at www.willmarcarclub.com.
- June **11th Annual Outstate Classic Lincoln Car Show**, Saturday, June 14, Miller Auto Plaza, St Cloud, 10 AM to 2 PM.
10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance, Sunday June 1, Excelsior Commons on Lake Minnetonka, MN, 10 am to 4 PM. Information at www.10000lakesconcours.com
MSRA "41st BACK TO THE 50's" , June 20-22, 2014, Minnesota Fairgrounds, St Paul, MN
16th Annual Barnum Car Show, Carlton County Fairgrounds, Saturday, June 8, 9:00AM - 2:00PM (Rain or Shine) Come see some of the Palmer collection at show.
- July **Western National Meet** July 23-26, 2014
Sunday Brunch, Lord Fletchers on Lake Minnetonka, July 13, at 11:30 AM, 3746 Sunset Drive, Spring Park, .
- August **Dedication Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum**, possible driving tour
August 7 - 10 Host hotel: Four Point by Sheraton Kalamazoo, 269-385-3922 and adjacent hotel, Holiday Inn Express, Kalamazoo, 269-373-0770. Room rate is \$99.00 plus tax includes two hot breakfasts. You must mention "**LINCOLN OWN**" *for this special rate*. Call now as rooms are limited.
- September **8th Annual Luther North Country Lincoln Car Show**, Saturday, September 13, 10 to 2 PM
Mid America National Meet, September 17 -21 in Rockford, Il. Make reservations now. at the Radisson Hotel now. This room Rate is \$90.00, a saving of at least \$35 per night, which includes taxes, a real deal. Call the hotel at 815-226-2100 and mention the Lincoln Club for this rate. Mark your calendars now for September and reserve your room now before all the rooms are gone.
- October Annual North Star potluck and auction at Morries in Long Lake, Sunday October, 12 10 AM to 2 PM

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North Star Activities



Morrie's Minnetonka Ford Lincoln

Spring 2013 All Lincoln Show

Saturday, May 24, 2013

10:00AM to 2:00PM

Join us for our Northstar Spring car show. Bring your favorite Lincoln, old or new and plan to spend a nice spring day visiting with many of your old friends and making some new ones too.

Again, All Lincolns are welcome, regardless of age or condition. We will even be glad to see a Mercury or two. We are an equal opportunity Lincoln Club. Lunch is planned and the Northstar club will be furnishing dash plaques and door prizes.

See you at Morrie's Minnetonka Ford Lincoln Mercury on May 24, 13400 Wayzata Boulevard. Just before Hwy 494. Invite anyone you know who owns a Lincoln to join us at this show.

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Sunday, July 13, Lord Fletchers on Lake Minnetonka 11:30AM.

Quite possibly one of the best places to have a Sunday Brunch in the Twin Cities, Lord Fletchers really has it all. Everything you could want and more. We can promise you that you will not go away hungry. The service is great and the food is even better. Not the most inexpensive restaurant, but it is well worth it. So start saving your dimes and quarters now and we will see you on Sunday July 13 at Lord Fletchers, located at 3746 Sunset Drive, Spring Park. Highway 7 from highway 494 West to Excelsior. Turn right at Oak Street/Cty 19, continuing on to Manitou road, which turns into Shadywood Road. Continue to Lord Fletchers.

The North Star club will hold a board meeting from 10:30AM to 11:30AM, before brunch. Join in the governing process and come early for the meeting. Express your thoughts and help guide your club to bigger and better things. You are always welcome to attend and participate in the club processes.