

The search for my “dream” car is over...



Chris Struble with his 1966 Lincoln Continental. What could be better?

I have wanted a 60s Lincoln Continental Convertible since I was in high school. The pure luxury and unique, timeless styling have always attracted me to them. The operation of the top is fascinating. The suicide doors are just plain cool. It was a dream to acquire one and would be realized with a lot of serendipity.

David Gustafson will appreciate this. I have been married to my wife, Michele, for 25 years. We have three children, Lexi, (20), studying Medicine at U of M twin cities, Isaac (18), studying medicine at UMD Duluth; and Mia (16), studying high school. We have two dogs; Copper is a rescue Terrier from Texas, age 4. Layla is an Aussie Doodle; who is one year old- Layla is a Service dog in training. I grew up in South Minneapolis. Since then, I have lived in Deephaven for the last 30 years. I have worked at FedEx as an Operations Manager at the MSP airport. I have been with FedEx for 34 years.

I joined the North Star chapter of the LCOC in 1995. I still have the membership card they used to issue to members back in 95. I didn't own a Lincoln, but I desperately wanted one. Specifically, a 60s convertible; I thought I could find a fixer-upper from a club member and drain all my finances! I hoped to learn more about the car and buy one. I attended several events- including the 1996 Mid-America National Meet – Plymouth, Minnesota and attended the road trip to Frank Warner's place. There we had a nice lunch, and then we received a police escort, complete with lights and sirens! His collection was housed in an old school house several miles away. The procession was the Police car, 15 or so Lincolns, and one red Plymouth Valiant (more on that later). Frank had almost 100, 1961-1967 Lincolns. As many of you know, he purchased many of these gas guzzlers during the oil crisis.

Life proceeded without a Lincoln. Marriage and children did not impede my passion for own-

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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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Trivia from the Internet



Mariska Hargitay
American Actress
"Law and Order"

Mariska Magdolna Hargitay (born January 23, 1964) is an American actress, director, and philanthropist. The daughter of bodybuilder and actor Mickey Hargitay and actress Jayne Mansfield, Hargitay made her film debut in the 1985 horror-comedy film *Ghoulies* and her major television debut in the 1986 adventure drama series *Downtown*. She appeared in numerous roles in film and on television throughout the late 1980s and 1990s before having her breakthrough for starring as Olivia Benson on the NBC drama series *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* (1999-present), for which she has received several accolades, including a Prime-time Emmy Award and a Golden Globe Award.

Her first and middle names are Hungarian and refer to Mary Magdalene (Mariska is a diminutive of Mary). She

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Editors Message

November 2021

We are winding down the year. For many of us, it really wasn't that great a year. Extreme temperatures, lack of rain took a toll on my front lawn, which faces south. While a large part of my grass is gone, there are still plenty of weeds, which always seem to thrive. The lawn people are of the opinion that if we have a enough moisture next spring, and that if I will provide them with sufficient coin of the realm, it can look better than ever.

We thank Chris Struble for his article about his recently acquired 1966 Continental convertible. I am always glad for stories as they are the real backbone of our regional club newsletter. And it is always nice when you can acquire the car of your dreams when you are still young enough to really enjoy it. These Continentals were from a particular era in our history when the U.S. still ruled the automobile industry and produced some of the finest examples of luxury cars in the world. By 1966, only Cadillac, Lincoln and Chrysler, with their Imperial division, had true luxury.

Yes, we had some Jaguars from England, a few Mercedes-Benzes, Audi, and BMWs. Still, except for a few Jaguar V12 models, most of the other imports were somewhat underpowered inline six-cylinder vehicles. None were serious competition for American luxury vehicles. That would all change in about 10-12 years, but for 1966, the big three still ruled.

It is hard to believe that we will be going off daylight saving time in just a few days. It will be dark shortly after 5 p.m., a turn of events that comes annually, but it is still hard for me to take. But, think of it this way, in a little more than a month and a half, the days, once again, will start getting longer. Try to take some solace in that fact.

The car club business is changing, although few seem to want to take notice of that fact. The Lincoln Club is down to around 2,300 members, and we have not been able to turn that around to a positive growth number each month. We have



Sweet Olga laying down on the front porch, watching the world go by and catching a few sunny rays. While not exactly a heatwave, her coat keeps her warm on a late October afternoon day. Both Olga and her dad like to get outside for a little fresh air and to escape the computer screens for a while.

tried all the easy ways to build membership, but the only one that seems actually to produce results is having very active regions reaching out to folks out there on a one-on-one basis to meet, greet and sign up new members. There is a saying out there about all politics being local, and if you understand why that is so, you should understand why all new membership recruitment is also local. There is just no escaping that fact.

North Star LCOC has been playing around with Facebook for several years. While we get our name out there in the ether world, there is no easily relatable way of showing how Facebook presence results in new mem-

bers. There are literally hoards of Lincolns showing up in various areas of Facebook; very, very few of these belong to LCOC. We have suspected for a long time that most Lincoln people have an aversion to spending the amount of money for dues for the LCOC and the Regions dues but will be more than happy to get their fill of Lincoln lore off Facebook for no cost. We somehow need to change that way of thinking and try to build value to the LCOC and the Regions to make it of value to these potential members. If any of you have any bright ideas on building membership that doesn't involve acts of physical violence, please let your board know.

Would you please enjoy Thanksgiving later this month? I hope that you get to spend it with your dear relatives and that you all have an enjoyable celebration.

Till next month, David and Sweet Olga, the Samoyed...

Directors Message by Bob Johnson November 2021

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was raised Catholic. She has two older brothers, Miklos and Zoltan, and three half-siblings, Jayne Marie Mansfield and Antonio "Tony" Cimber (from her mother's first and third marriages, respectively) and Tina Hargitay (from her father's first marriage).

Hargitay's parents divorced in May 1963, but a judge later found their Mexican divorce invalid. They reconciled a few months before Hargitay's birth in January 1964 but soon separated again. In August 1964, Hargitay's mother successfully petitioned the court to rule the Mexican divorce legal. A few weeks later, Mansfield married the director Matt Cimber, who had directed her in a 1964 production of the William Inge play *Bus Stop*. By the summer of 1966, however, Mansfield and Cimber had filed for divorce. On June 29, 1967, Mansfield was in an automobile accident on a stretch of U.S. Route 90 between New Orleans and Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. The accident ripped off the top of the car, instantly killing Mansfield; her boyfriend, Sam Brody; and the driver. Asleep in the back of the vehicle, Mariska, then three-and-a-half years old, was left with a zigzag scar on one side of her head. Her brothers, Miklos and Zoltan, escaped with minor injuries. After the death of their mother, the three siblings were raised by their father and his third wife, Ellen Siano. Hargitay dislikes comparisons with her famous moth-

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For me, the month of October has been very traumatic. On Friday, October 1, I went to the Emergency Room at the Wyoming Fairview Hospital, where X-rays discovered I had a collapsed lung. I was then transferred from Fairview Wyoming to Southdale, Fairview via ambulance for thoracic lung surgery, where Dr. Louis Jacques is Fairview's top Lung surgeon. Dr. Louis Jacques has been doing this procedure for over 25 years. After eight days in the hospital, I was released on Friday, October 8. Because of increased COVID cases, a hospital room was hard to find anywhere in Minnesota. I'm very grateful to the hospital staff and especially the nurses. Many of the nurses were working 12-hour shifts with very few days off. I am now doing OK and am slowly regaining my breathing capabilities; the possibility of being on oxygen was a terrifying situation. As a result of this situation, I decided to retire from my Lincoln Homecoming Registration function that I have done since 2015. I would pack the Lincoln with all the required meet packets and items each year and hope the car would safely make the 575 mile trip to Kalamazoo, Michigan. I never worried about myself until this August when I had a blood clot and could barely attend the 2021 meet under limited conditions. I still look forward to being your region director and visiting with all our north star region members; this is where the action is at.

I hope you could attend our Sunday Brunch on October 24 at Dehn's County Manor, where we honored Roger Wothe, our Region Secretary, who retired after 25 years of service to our North Star Region. Roger joined LCOC in 1992. Roger and Barb hosted our Fall picnic for many years and were always counted on to go beyond the normal to help our region. Again, Thank You, Roger, for all that you have done for the North Star Region.

Our last event is in November when we finish 2021 with a Gourmet Breakfast Buffet- Sunday, November 7, at the Lowell Inn in beautiful downtown Stillwater, 102 North 2nd St. Be there at **11 a.m.** Great food, featuring Eggs Benedict, excellent service, with beautiful surroundings. **Please RSVP to Bob Johnson by Monday, November 1, if you are attending.** If you can, we would like you to come and join us. For most of us, it has been a long time since we have been able to get together as a group. Mary and I do miss our members and we look forward to the time when some degree of normalcy returns to our world. That would really be a blessing.

We completed our November election for managers by acclimation for the North Star Board of Directors for 2022 at the October board meeting when three current board members Bob Johnson, Jay White, and Bob Roth, again volunteered to be a Region Manager for three years with no one else filing for election of board members by October 6.2021.

Our North Star membership has been slowly growing due to the personal contacts made by several of our members. Would you mind calling persons that you know that love Lincolns? We need them as members! Your call is the best way to get a new member; please call anyone you know interested in the Lincoln brand.

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

Bob and Mary Johnson...

Board Of Directors - 2021 - 2022

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Members and guests are welcome to attend the Board Meetings. Our meeting location, unless otherwise specified, will be held at Bloomington Lincoln in their conference room. Meeting time will be 6:30 pm on the first Thursday of each month, except December.

Articles and other information for the newsletter should be sent to David Gustafson, Editor, at 308 Brandywine Drive, Burnsville, MN 55337. email: davidwgustafson@att.net

Chris Struble's 1966 Continental continued...

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ing a Lincoln. I did eventually drop out of the club. However, when remodeling my garage in the year 2000- with my first baby on the way. I made sure my new garage was extra deep. The thought was that someday, I might own that 60s Lincoln convertible. However, at this point in my life, a Continental convertible was out of my reach. So, in 1997, I bought a 1963 Plymouth Valiant convertible. I restored it myself and drove it for 24 years. I had always hoped that I would eventually find a 1960s Continental convertible.

Then, one day this past May, my son tells me that his friend's Dad has a 60s Lincoln. He is not sure of the year- but it's a convertible. A week later, he learns It's a 1966 Lincoln Continental convertible, Black/Black. He has pictures of it, and it sure looked nice. My son proceeds to tell me; the Father is willing to sell it to us! The next step put the Plymouth Valiant on eBay. The car sold for a fair price. The new owner flew in from Ohio. I picked him up at the airport, and he and his buddy drove it back to Ohio. They got 23 miles to the gallon and had no issues whatsoever. My next step was to look at the Lincoln. It was more than I could hope for. The car was complete and even had an excellent copy of the owner's manual. The interior is original and in perfect shape for its age. The body has a few imperfections. The top worked perfectly- one cycle. The second time opened the top; the top-up cylinder bracket broke off. That's getting repaired this fall. However, I could not have hoped for a car in this condition. We agreed on a price, and we bought it. I am very grateful to the seller for the opportunity to own this car!

I transferred the title and called Hagerty for insurance. The agent asked me how I found the car. I told him the story of how I came to own this car. We then discussed who the drivers would be. I said just me. This Lincoln is large and something the chil-

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It is a perfect fall day for a drive in a 1966 Continental.

Northstar Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2021

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The meeting was called to order via a conference call by Regional Director Bob Johnson at 6:30 p.m.

Board members attending the conference call were Bob Johnson, Dave Gustafson, Bob Roth, Bill Holliday, Dave Heeren, Chris Struble, and Matt Foley. The Board members not present were Roger Wothe, Jay White, and Jeff Eisenberg. There were no visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

Director reports, Bob outlined his recent surgery due to a collapsed lung. Bob was very grateful to the hospital staff and especially the nurses. By all accounts, the Board was relieved to hear Bob is healing well. The club continues to exercise caution regarding Covid19. Board meeting conference calls will continue to be conducted via conference call.

Chairperson Bob Johnson reviewed the activities schedule for the rest of 2021. The rescheduled October Sunday Brunch is scheduled for 10/24/21. It will be held at Dehn's County Manor, 11281 Fernbrook Lane North, Maple Grove, at 11:30 a.m. Roger Wothe will be honored for his service as region secretary. Roger will be presented a Lord Fletchers gift certificate and a glass picture of his 1942 Continental Custom Coupe.

The year's last event is in November, Sunday, November 7, at 11 a.m. at the Lowell Inn in Stillwater.

Looking ahead to 2022, Bob Roth and Jay White are looking into more options for open dates: January- LCOG National Board Meeting via Zoom and conference call.

January Sunday brunch to be determined.

February-CCCA Potluck and Auction, Firefighters Museum Minneapolis, date to be determined...

March- Sunday Brunch, to be determined..

April-Annual North Star catered lunch and Auction, Sunday at Morries in Long Lake, date to be determined..

May- 05/02/21 Bill Holliday trip to Harley Davison in Milwaukee. . Hotel rooms have to be reserved.

June- The Bloomington Lincoln car show will be in June of 2022.

North Star Board of Directors election. The Managers running for election were Bob Johnson, Jay White, and Bob Roth. Bob Johnson made a motion to elect these members by acclamation. There was no opposition, and the motion passed.

The 2021 Eastern National Meet, Morgantown, Pennsylvania, is October 20-24, 2021. It is believed that North Star Member Richard Herman and his wife will be attending.

Jay White has been actively posting on the Facebook North Star page. The page has 450 likes.

Matt Foley reported that we have \$4,682.99, and all bills are paid.

We have one new member Brady Ellis, Waverly, Minnesota, with a 1969 sedan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting will be November 4, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. via a conference call from Bob Johnson.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Struble

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er and, at age 18, said, "My dad was Mr. Universe, so it would be fun for me to be Miss Universe." Hargitay has said that the early loss of her mother left "a hole in my life that won't ever be filled. I will never get over it. I will always be a girl who lost her mom."

While a student at her Catholic secondary school, Marymount High School, Hargitay was active in cheerleading, student government, athletics, and the theater program. She enjoyed acting and enrolled at UCLA after graduation from high school in 1982. That same year, Hargitay was crowned Miss Beverly Hills USA. By the time she was a freshman in college, Hargitay had an agent and several minor roles to her credit. She attended UCLA School of Theater Film and Television, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She left before completing her degree.

Hargitay attended Groundlings Theatre and School in Los Angeles.

After Hargitay was crowned Miss Beverly Hills USA, she competed in the Miss California USA pageant the following year. She placed fourth runner-up to Julie Hayek, who was later crowned Miss USA. In 1984, Hargitay appeared in Ronnie Milsap's music video for "She Loves My Car" (The first country music video to appear on

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MTV). A year later, she had a small role in the horror film *Ghoulies*.

Hargitay said in 1986 that she never thought about doing television until a role on the one-hour adventure drama series *Downtown* was offered. In fact, life was callous for her trying to start her career as a Hollywood actor. Her entire life, she was constantly being compared to her mother; people would mention that her hair color should be different simply because of her mother's hair color. In 1988, she had a recurring role as Carly Fixx in the soap opera *Falcon Crest*. She portrayed police officer Angela Garcia in the 1992 series *Tequila and Bonetti*. She appeared in the two-part fourth season finale episode of *Seinfeld*, where they had her read for the role of Elaine Benes in "The Pilot." Two years later, Hargitay portrayed Didi Edelstein, the sexy next-door neighbor, in the 1995 sitcom *Can't Hurry Love*, which starred Nancy McKeon. In 1997, Hargitay played detective Nina Echeverria on the drama series *Prince Street* and had a recurring role as Cynthia Hooper during the fourth season of *E.R.*

Hargitay has appeared on numerous other television programs, including *Freddy's Nightmares - A Nightmare on Elm Street: The Series*, *Ellen*, *All-*

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dren wouldn't be terribly interested in due to its size, so just me. The agent vehemently objected! He could not understand why I wouldn't add my son? After all, without him, I would still be getting 23 miles to the gallon in a tired 1963 Plymouth Valiant!



Interior showing front area and dash of Chris Struble's Continental.



View of the rear seat of the Continental. The highly polished deck lid is reflecting background scenery. This is one big back seat!

I look forward to rejoining the LCOC, attending events, learning about repairs and maintenance of these unique cars.

The car is in my garage; every time I open the garage door, I look at it and say to myself "self, is this real? How and why did this happen?"

I am more excited about contributing to the passion of this club. I have returned to the club in a short time- I have benefited so much in the forum of technical knowledge, advice, and fellowship.

Editors note: we look forward to seeing this fine Continental at future shows.

Happenings - 1966

What happened in 1966, Major News Stories include *Miranda Rights / Miranda warning becomes law*, *Worlds first vertical Jump Jet the Harrier is introduced*, *English Channel Hovercraft service begins*, *China's Cultural Revolution Begins*, *Subway Strike in New York brings the City to a stop*, *Miniskirts are in fashion*, *Charles Whitman kills 14 and injures 31 on a killing spree at the University Of Texas*, *US has nearly 500,000 troops in Vietnam*, *Aberfan disaster in South Wales*, *Vietnam War international days of protest*.

1966 inflation grew as part of the effect to fund the war in Vietnam continued. Both the US and USSR continued in their space race to see who would be the first to land a man on the moon. Race riots continued to increase across cities in America and National Guards were needed to bring back law and order. The fashions in both America and UK came from a small well known street in London (Carnaby Street) part of the swinging London scene, both women and men wore patterned pants and flowered shirts and boots, shoes and even caps utilized the plastic and vinyl for a wet shiny look. The most popular groups included The "Beach Boys" with *Pet Sounds*, The "Rolling Stones" with *Under my Thumb* and The "Beatles" with *Revolver*, and *Yesterday and Today*.

Miranda Rights come into being after the Supreme Court overturns the conviction on June 13th of a confessed rapist ruling he had not been properly informed of his right to council and to not testify against himself.

1. 1963 March 2nd Patty McGee while waiting for a bus in Phoenix, Arizona is abducted and raped then returned home

2. 1963 March 13th Ernesto Arturo Miranda was arrested based on circumstantial evidence linking him to the kidnapping and rape of Patty McGee 10 days earlier

3. 1963 March 13th Ernesto Arturo Miranda was not informed of his right to remain silent part of The Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution (part of the Bill of Rights) codifies the right to silence

4. 1963 March 13th While in Police custody Ernesto Arturo Miranda admitted to having committed the crime and signed his confession.

5. 1963 June Judge Yale McFate sentenced Ernesto Arturo Miranda to 20 to 30 years on each charge, to be served concurrently.

6. 1966 February 28 through March 2 Miranda v. Arizona case is heard in the Supreme Court of the

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American Girl, Baywatch, Cracker, Gabriel's Fire, In the Heat of the Night, The Single Guy, Wiseguy, and thirtysomething. Her voice is featured on the 2005 video game True Crime: New York City.



Chris Meloni and Mariska Hargitay starring in Law and Order SVU.

Casting for the lead characters of the NBC police procedural television drama series Law & Order: Special Victims Unit occurred in the spring of 1999. Dick Wolf, along with officials from NBC and Studios USA, were at the final auditions for the two leads at Rockefeller Center. The last round had been narrowed down to six finalists. For the female lead - Detective Olivia Benson - Samantha Mathis, Reiko Aylesworth, and Hargitay were being considered. For the male lead - Detective Elliot Stabler - the finalists were Tim Matheson, John Slattery, and Christopher Meloni. Meloni and Hargitay had auditioned in the final round together, and after the actors left, there was a moment of dead silence, af-

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The Talbourdet's 1966 Continental

We searched through a few back issues of Continental Comments for companion articles that would reflect other LCOC owners' experiences with 1966 era Continentals. We came across this story, well written by Tim Howley from CC issue 316, January/February 2014, and features the Continental Convertible now owned by John and Jeanne Talbourdet. We have reprinted it for your enjoyment.



Jeanne and John Talbourdet with their 1966 Continental convertible. It is finished in Emberglow a unique color at the time.

Western Region members will recognize this car as Tom McCarthy's 1966 Lincoln Continental convertible, which was originally owned by one Gene Grant, a non LCOC member living in Tacoma, Washington. When Tom bought it 17 years ago, he left it with Steve D'Ambrosia for three months to evaluate the condition. Then, he had it shipped to his home in Southern California. The first meet he attended with the car was The Western National in San Diego/Poway in 1995. Then he had considerable mechanical work and detailing done by Curtis Foults. He also had the car repainted in the original Emberglow color. Tom was able to bring the car up to the Senior Class. At this time, the car had 98,100 miles and remained a very original car other than the paint.

Enter Jeanne Talbourdet with her story. "The first time we saw this car was at the Western National Meet in Irvine, California, in 2008. Tom McCarthy was the trophy chairman for the meet. On Friday, we'd been helping him sort out trophies and plaques, and it was now mid-afternoon. Tom said he would pull his '66 from competition because he didn't have time to get it cleaned up. John and I had flown, so we didn't have a car. We said we'd help clean it. Not like we didn't have some practice and know just how long it takes

to clean a '66 convertible. Tom takes us down to the wash rack, and here's this BEAUTIFUL copper metallic convertible that he was going to pull from Senior competition. That car was a winner if we got it into judging. I had never seen a Lincoln that color, officially "Emberglow," with the matching Emberglow interior. With the white top, it was the best-looking slabside I'd ever seen. John and I helped Tom wash it and detailed out all the little grooves and crannies and picked out any fuzzies that may have been on the carpeting. With three people working on it, we got both the car and ourselves cleaned up before the Friday dinner. The cleaning paid off, and Tom won the L. Dale Shaeffer Trophy on Saturday.

We talked about this car every time we would see Tom over the years. He said he had gotten to where he wasn't driving it much anymore. I mentioned to Bruce Hutchinson, Northridge, California, that if he ever heard that Tom was thinking about selling it, keep me in mind. Like I needed another '66 convertible. John and I had our yellow convertible plus the '69 sedan at the time and other antique cars, but the Emberglow was unique. Later, Bruce called and told me Tom was putting the car on the market in the spring of 2011. (I don't need another car. Where would we put another car? I love that car.) I did ask Tom what the asking price was and dragged my feet all summer. (I don't need another 1966 convertible. Which car would we have to sell to have garage space? I love this car.) Finally, I decided that I would hate myself if I didn't buy Tom's car and made the offer.

Now it is fall, and I don't have a garage slot in New England for this car. I do happen to have a sister with garage space in San Diego, conveniently located not too far from where Tom lives. I had been doing a lot of traveling to Los Angeles at the time, so I combined business with the joy of collecting my new car and driving it from Murrieta to San Diego.

After my meeting, I took the train from LA to San Diego, which is a joy unto itself, met John down there and helped rearrange my sister's garage until there was enough space in a modern California garage to winter over a 60's size convertible. All three of us drove up to Tom's the next morning to collect the car. It took both cars to collect the spare parts and extra wheels. The car drove wonderfully as I have

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ter which Wolf blurted out, "Oh well. There's no doubt who we should choose - Hargitay and Meloni." Wolf believed the duo had the perfect chemistry from the first time he saw them together, were his first choice. Garth Ancier, then head of NBC Entertainment, agreed, and the rest of the panel assembled voiced their assent. Hargitay trained as a rape crisis advocate to prepare for the role of Benson. She has portrayed Benson since 1999.

During the last months of her pregnancy in 2006, she took maternity leave from SVU and was temporarily replaced by Connie Nielsen, who portrayed Stabler's temporary partner Dani Beck. In May 2009, after the show's tenth season, Hargitay and Meloni's contracts expired when they were reportedly making \$375,000-\$385,000 per episode. During negotiations in April for a new agreement, the duo attempted to receive a percentage of the show's profits as other high-profile Law and Order actors had done in the past. It was rumored that NBC threatened to replace Hargitay and Meloni if they persisted in their demands. However, two months later, it was officially reported that both their contracts had been renewed for two more years.

When the thirteenth season was about to air, initial reports indicated that Hargitay would appear in only the first 13 episodes. However, NBC chair-

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many miles of experience in driving various 60's Lincolns as we motored to San Diego. As we were reaching San Diego, John, who was riding shotgun, smelled something and suggested we shut off the ATC to try to find the source of this odor. Is it maybe burning rubber or wiring? Well, there was no increase in the odor, no unusual noises, no smoke escaping from the hood, no red lights on the dash or smoke from behind the car, so I pressed on as we were within five miles of my sister's home. We arrived safely with no further excitement and squeezed the car into the garage with inches to spare all around. The extra parts were unloaded and stashed in any free space we could find. (Not easy with five extra wheels!) OK, now what was the source of the burning smell on the drive as a quick look under the hood did not reveal any smoldering clump of wires or anything laying on the exhaust manifold, but that AC clutch looked funny- no paint and a little burnt looking. Out comes the wrench, and John tries to rotate the AC compressor. It was locked up tight, so the smell was the clutch slipping due to a frozen compressor.



Jeanne Talbourdet proudly showing off the interior of her 1966 Continental. Inside or out this is an exceptional car.

This must be a trait of 1966 Lincolns because the exact same thing happened when we drove home our first Lincoln, our yellow '66 convertible, almost 20 years ago! The Lincoln was covered for the winter, waiting for better weather to ship it to Massachusetts. So that gets added to the "needs to be repaired" list once the car was delivered, along with other little tweaks that John had identified.

The transport company was contacted for a spring pick up, but the car needed to be started and packed with all those extra parts. My sister is not car savvy and just having to drive it to the transporter at the end of the development was stressful. So John flew out to

San Diego to make sure all was well with the car, took it for a drive (with the top down, of course), and squeezed all the extra parts and wheels into the car. It took much doing to safely pack five wheels in a convertible and involved removing the rear seat cushion. There were many false starts and reorganizing with all kinds of packing material to prevent any rubbing of parts during the ride across the country. Everything was successfully shoehorned into the car, and there was still room for a driver - barely. The convertible was the first car on the truck and last off due to traveling to almost opposite corners of the country. It arrived safely with no damage, thanks to Intercity Lines. It was promptly put into the garage and disgorged of all the extra parts. Then the car was put back together.

We started to use the car, remembering that Tom had not used the Lincoln much for the past few years, so the first drives were short distances to feel out the car and determine if there was anything wrong. Again, there was a smell of brakes during an early drive, even though we were only on back roads at slow speeds. The drive was abbreviated and back into the garage, where it was noticed that the rear brakes were warm. Off with the wheels and drums to replace wheel cylinders which were either stuck or leaking. There was no more burning brake smell, so that was resolved. The AC problem was addressed with the replacement of the compressor, expansion valve, and drier. All that is pretty straight forward except the drier really requires removing the front bumper! "Jeanne, I need help removing the bumper!"

This is not an unusual request in this household, and I am experienced with bumper removal. John has all the bolts loosened and provides good instruction on how to grab the bumper, which direction to pull and pull, it will be placed. While the AC parts are being replaced, John looked at all the bumper brackets, which are original paint, or what is left of the paint, dirt, and rust. Does he clean and paint all these brackets? Of course. That is fine except we have a local Concours to attend in 10 days, so the cleaning and painting starts in earnest with clouds of paint visible in the evenings after work. Once the AC is operational, the bumper is reassembled and installed a mere 24 hours before the Concours. Doesn't it always happen at the last minute?

The 2013 meet in Dover was scheduled for June, and John noticed many things that were

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man Bob Greenblatt later clarified that she would be in every episode of the season. As of August 2012, Hargitay was earning approximately \$400,000-\$500,000 per episode of *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*.

Hargitay speaks five languages: English, French, Hungarian, Spanish, and Italian.

On August 28, 2004, in Santa Barbara, California, Hargitay married Peter Hermann, an actor she met on *Law & Order: SVU*. He plays the recurring role of Defense Attorney Trevor Langan. On June 28, 2006, Hargitay gave birth to their son, August Miklos Friedrich Hermann, by an emergency cesarean section. In April 2011, she and her husband adopted a baby girl, Amaya Josephine, and attended her birth. In October 2011, she and her husband adopted a baby boy, Andrew Nicolas Hargitay Hermann, who had been born in mid-2011.

Hargitay's father died in 2006 from multiple myeloma in Los Angeles, California, at age 80.

In late December 2008, Hargitay suffered a partially collapsed lung after taking a fall during a stunt on the set of *SVU*. She underwent surgery in January and returned to work shortly afterward. On March 3, 2009, she was hospitalized after suffering from chest pains related to the injury. She missed one episode on *SVU*'s tenth season.

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not up to his standards with the windows, some oil leaks at the front of the engine, and a multitude of small items. Since we were planning to drive the car to Dover, Delaware for the Eastern National Meet, the mechanical items needed to be attended to first. Two months prior to the meet, John proceeded to dismantle the front of the engine to correct the oil leaks, and since he was down that far, may as well check the nylon timing chain and replace, if necessary. That means off comes the hood. (I am really good at that as well.) John discovered the original nylon timing gear was worn, so the entire timing set had to be replaced. Now this means many other parts need to be rebuilt, cleaned, and painted. More clouds of primer, paint, and parts hanging all over the garage. The engine compartment is looking and driving like new.

Next stop - the windows. They are slow, especially the passenger's front. This will never do on the show field, so off come all the door panels, and the doors are completely stripped of window hardware and door latches. All traces of the original grease are removed. Everything is reassembled and adjusted. Wait a minute - that passenger's window still does not run up and down fast enough. (Good thing I'm married to my mechanic!) John readjusted the window with the same results. Hmmm, he tries it with a separate 12V source directly to the motor. It zips up and down. A custom relay harness was made and installed to feed the motor power directly and not have to go through the convoluted original wiring. (Maybe I can get John to write an article on these relays.) A multitude of other "small" tasks were performed to take the convertible to the next level that completely filled up the months prior to the meet. And in our spare time, we had to prepare the yellow convertible, as it was also going to the show.

A few weeks prior to the Dover meet, Charlie Blais mentioned that he was taking a couple of cars to the meet and wanted to know what would like to take advantage of an open space advantage truck. Absolutely. This meant John, and I could ride in one of the cars together instead of in tandem. So, we delivered the car to Charlie's home, and John had the excitement of loading it into the top front of the trailer. That was much easier than driving out at Dover, where there was an audience! Nerves were frazzled, but no harsh words or damage to the car occurred. Now, there was still the issue with the passenger's rear window not operating properly. John contacted John Cashman about the problem, and he diagnosed the issue and would be at the meet and willing to replace the knife switch on-site. After a quick replacement by John Cash-

man, the car passed mechanical, judging with flying colors.

It was a fun weekend with lots of talk about my 'new' car. This was the first time it had been shown on the east coast, and it is an unusual color combination. There were plenty of requests to buy the car, all of which were turned down without a blink. On show day, our '66 convertibles sat side by side proudly exhibiting all the luxury inherent in a slabside Lincoln."



Charlie Blais off-loading the Continental prior to the Dover meet.



All of John's efforts with Jeanne helping paid off in Dover. She won the Elliston H. Bell Founder's Trophy at the car's first showing on the east coast. We did not know at the time that John would be our next LCOC President and Jeanne would be our new "First Lady". Back in California, Tom McCarthy was completely blown away by the whole series of events surrounding his former car's new life on the east coast.

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Hargitay is the founder and former president of the Joyful Heart Foundation, an organization established in 2004 to provide support to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse. According to Hargitay, she was inspired by an encounter with a school of dolphins that surrounded her while she was swimming off the coast of Hawaii at the age of 15. The encounter, which had ignited profound spiritual feelings within her, was one that Hargitay hoped to share with others. As of November 2010, the Joyful Heart Foundation has sent over 5,000 women and children on therapeutic programs in New York, Los Angeles, and Hawaii, which combine yoga, meditation, massage, journaling, and swimming with dolphins. Hargitay said, "I started getting fan mail from survivors who felt a connection to Olivia. In many of these letters, people would disclose their personal stories of abuse—some for the very first time. I remember realizing that many were living in isolation with so much shame, but the shame belonged to the perpetrators. I wanted to help find a way to help people reclaim their lives and live them with a renewed sense of possibility and hope. And that's what we work to do every day at Joyful Heart."

Since Hargitay received these letters from women, she knew she had to use her platform to do something really special.

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More about the 1966 Continental..



Above, the side view of the 1966 Continental from the factory sales brochure. What you saw is what you got. Customers to Lincoln showrooms were gifted with contemporary styled brochures featuring the work of the best photographers and printed on the finest of paper. While not of the same high style class of the 1930s and 1940s, photography was the principal method of conveying the appearance of the car, rather than the styled drawings previously employed. And some of the brochures for luxury cars were the best ever for accurately portraying the look and feel of the vehicle and containing some of the most detailed technical information about the car. For the most part, today's showrooms are devoid of most types of sales literature, and full-line brochures are non-existent.

This informative article about the 1966-67 Lincoln Continental was written by Comments editor Tim Howley and first appeared in issue 317 of Continental Comments. It goes into some of the style differences between the 1966 models and the prior years. These were not bad-looking automobiles and were fairly well received by the buyers of luxury automobiles. Luxury buyers had three brands to select from; Cadillac, which dominated the field with 196,685 in production, Lincoln, which held its own with 35,809 being sold; and Chrysler, with its luxury car division, Imperial, which was third to Lincoln with 13,752 in sales. The foreign brands, Jaguar, BMW, Audi and Mercedes-Benz, were almost non-existent in the marketplace.

For 1966, Lincoln broke away from the very clean slab-sided look established in 1961 and introduced slab sides with creases at the top. A slight ridge was stamped at the top just below the stainless steel peak molding. The creases ran the entire length of the car, dipping down at the very front and rear. The body sides were now nearly flat, eliminating the very slight body side convex curve of 1961-65. While the wheelbase remained at 126 inches established in 1964, the body length

went from 216.3 to 220.9 inches.

Lincoln's new crisp look was done under Buzz Grisinger, who was then head of Lincoln-Mercury styling. While it was in keeping with industry trends and predicted the styling of the 1969 Continental Mark III, it was not necessarily an improvement over earlier years. Still, Grisinger defended it as the look of the future, much the same as the wedge is the new look today.



The strong horizontal grille was a striking, unique styling statement.

While Grisinger's strong horizontal grille was continued from 1965, it was much less radical than Grisinger proposed in his earlier models. Grisinger had tried to cant the front bumper downward and upward to reflect the light, but management wouldn't buy it. For 1966, the car carried the Continental Star on the front fender sides between the fender wells and the front bumper, and of course, the star was carried on top of the hood as it had been since 1958. The distinctive piece of peak molding running the entire length of the car was no longer triangular but flat. And even though the car had nearly flat body panels, the side windows returned to a curved form, not seen since 1963. For the first time in years, the taillights did not wrap around the rear fenders. They were a combination of tiny pencil reflectors at the very rear of the peak moldings, ' very rear there were huge horizontal lights in the lower rear bumpers.

The 1966 interior was completely redesigned, and the greater length of the car allowed for more interior room in all directions. There was more headroom, more shoulder room, more legroom, and even more trunk room. There were new fabrics and patterns. There was a new biscuit design that looked

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Her character, Olivia Benson, was heavily involved in rape and domestic violence cases in New York; in many episodes, she defended the women because she knew the trauma they had experienced. Some women who watched the show felt a connection with her, which led them to send Hargitay letters because they thought she could do something with them. She, in fact, did; Hargitay became a certified rape counselor. With this, she was able to talk to these women, make them feel better, and let them know that they are not alone; she helped the victims to be able to live their lives again.

According to Hargitay, the Foundation has raised \$20 million and helped approximately 5,000 survivors as of April 2011. Reference to the Joyful Heart Foundation was worked into episodes of *Special Victims Unit* via a necklace containing two pendants representing the Foundation that Hargitay's character began wearing in the show's 13th season.

In November 2009, Hargitay and the Joyful Heart Foundation built healing and wellness kits for women who suffered domestic violence attacks and were currently in Los Angeles County's domestic violence shelters. They created enough kits to give one to each of about 600 women. In California, the domestic violence services budget was in a major crisis, and shelters were forced to turn women away because they

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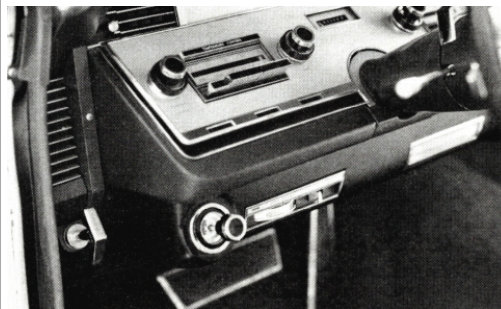
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like bright tapestry, and a new silk-smooth weave called Madrigal Cloth. Of course, all leather seat surfaces were still available at extra cost, except for the convertible, where leather was standard. However, the choice of interior colors was not much different from in previous years. The instrument panel was a total departure from 1964-65, placing all of the instruments in a huge pod directly in front of the driver, not unlike the 1958-60 instrumentation.

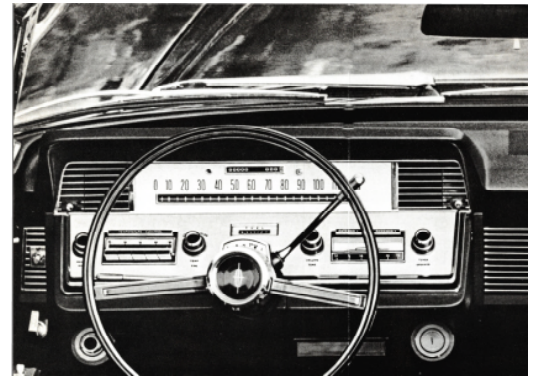


Coming or going, the 1966 Lincoln was a great looking automobile and went head to head with its competition.

A new body style for 1966 was the two-door hardtop, which had been absent since 1961. Lincoln finally realized it was losing buyers to Cadillac and Chrysler with only a four-door. Lincoln sold nearly 16,000 coupes that first year without any appreciable loss in four-door sedan sales. The four-door convertible was continued, but with some new top engineering, including a glass rear window.



Left side of dash features heating and air conditioning controls, plainly marked and easy to use. Toward the bottom is the speed control and the wiper/washer switch.



Driver's side dash features easy to read instruments and well-placed controls for the heating and air system on the left side and the radio controls on the right. Several different radio options were offered for 1966, including signal-seeking AM/FM units that included a Stereo-Sonic tape option which included a power antenna. All upgraded sound systems featured four speaker sound. Top quality all the way!

While vinyl roofs had been offered in 1965, they were much more prevalent in 1966 and were now offered in white and ivory gold, in addition to black.



Front and back seating areas were very spacious. True six passenger automobiles, no center consoles here. Only the finest materials were used to produce these very comfortable seats. Again, top of the line from Lincoln.

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couldn't afford to keep them. Mariska and her Foundation fought for this cause and donated money to show how important it is for these women to have shelters that they can go to in order to feel safe.

Hargitay has worked with Michigan Police and Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy to raise awareness about the statistics of untested rape kits. She produced a documentary, *I Am Evidence*, following the thousands of untested rape kits; Hargitay called this lack of testing "the clearest and most shocking demonstration of how we regard these crimes in our country."



Hargitay and "Ice-T from Law and Order SVU.

Hargitay won an Emmy and a Golden Globe for her role as Detective Olivia Benson. She received UCLA's TFT Distinguished Alumni Award in 2011 and was honored at the school's June commencement ceremony. Hargitay was awarded the 2,511th star of the Hollywood Walk of Fame on November 8, 2013. Her star was placed next to the star of her mother, which is located at 6328 Hollywood Boulevard.
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We might point out that the whole philosophy behind the 1966 Lincoln, including size, styling, power, and the addition of a two-door model, was to be more competitive with Cadillac. Even the price was lowered, and the options list was adjusted to compete more directly with Cadillac. The feeling was that while the 1961-65 models were the most distinctive in the luxury car field, they had not improved sales.



The rear seating area of the Continental is also richly appointed in the finest of materials. Note the fashion model helping to show off this elegant, specious area. This kind of room is not found in today's vehicles.

The 1966 engine was the 462, replacing the tried and true 430, which had been around since 1958. This largest engine in the industry developed 340 hp @ 4,600 rpm and had a 10.25:1 compression ratio. This engine was combined with an all-new Twin-Range Turbo Drive transmission (Ford C-6 Select Shift), touted as being smoother and more responsive than the 1961-65 transmission.

In 1966, Lincoln Continental production was 35,809 sedans, 15,766 two-door hardtops, and 3,180 convertibles. It should be noted that the four-door sedan was not a true hardtop even though it looked like one. While the side windows had no frames, the centerpost was not removable. This had been the case since 1961 for two reasons. The choice of sedan or four-door hardtop did not do much to increase sales, and the centerpost did a lot to add rigidity to the unitized body.

Total 1966 Lincoln production was 54,755 compared to 40,180 for 1965, and that hefty increase can be mostly attributed to the coupe. This was the best year for Lin-

coln since the long production run of 1949 and was even better than 1956. But overall, Lincoln was still not making a dent in the Cadillac market, even with its all-new styling, which made it look more like a Cadillac than in the previous five model years.

It has often been said that 1967 Lincoln Continentals are so nearly identical to 1966 that you can hardly tell them apart. That is not entirely true. If you look closely at the 1967 grille, you will find 12 horizontal bars instead of nine, and seven vertical bars have been added. The Continental Stars on the front fenders are removed, but the hood and the trunk stars remain. The rear brake light/tum light bezel design is changed, and there are numerous instrument panel detail changes, plus countless interior color, fabric, and pattern changes.

This year Lincoln touted their new Fresh-Flo ventilation system that changed the air inside the car even with the windows up. There were also more radio options: AM radio with power antenna, AM/FM signal seeking radio with power antenna, AM radio with Stereo-Sonic tape system with power antenna, or AM/FM radio with Stereo-Sonic tape system with power antenna. These upgraded radios featured four-speaker sound.

The first year of federally mandated safety features, in addition to seat belts was 1967. In the Lincoln, they included seat belts, impact-absorbing steering wheel with deeply padded hub, padded instrument panel, padded sun visors, padded wind-shield pillars, double yoke safety door latches, remote control outside rearview mirror, non-glare inside mirror, turn signals with lane changing signal feature, positive door lock buttons, back up lights and four-way emergency flasher.

Sadly, 1967 was the last year of the Lincoln Continental four-door convertible. Some will argue that the four-door convertible was far more distinctive than the Mark III, which more or less replaced it. But convertible sales never got much beyond 3,000 a year. The Mark III sold ten times that amount, even in its first year of production.

For 1967, Lincoln Continental production was 32,331 sedans, 11,060 coupes and 2,276 convertibles.

These years were banner years for Lincoln and did their best to establish brand as a quality product in the minds of existing and potential buyers.

What happened in 1966

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United States which disputed the verdict based on the issue on the Sixth Amendment issue of the right to counsel before interrogation.

7. 1966 June 13th Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote the opinion in *Miranda v. Arizona* The person in custody must, prior to interrogation, be clearly informed that he has the right to remain silent, and that anything he says will be used against him in court; he must be clearly informed that he has the right to consult with a lawyer and to have the lawyer with him during interrogation, and that, if he is indigent, a lawyer will be appointed to represent him.

8. 1967 February After the Supreme Court decision set aside *Miranda's* initial conviction, the state of Arizona retried him. At the second trial, with his confession excluded from evidence, he was again convicted, and he spent 11 years in prison.

9. 1972 December Ernesto Arturo *Miranda* after serving only a third of his sentence was released .

The Miranda warning / Miranda Rights is the name of the formal warning that is required to be given by police in the United States to criminal suspects in police custody (or in a custodial situation) before they are interrogated, in accordance with the Miranda ruling. Its purpose is to ensure the accused is aware of, and reminded of, these rights under the U.S. Constitution, and that they know they can invoke them at any time during the interview.

Cost of Living 1966 - How Much things cost

Yearly Inflation Rate USA 3.01%

Year End Close Dow Jones 785

Average Cost of new house \$14,200.00

Average Income per year \$6,900.00 –

Average Cost of a new car \$2,650.00 –

Average Monthly Rent \$120.00

Cost of a gallon of Gas 32 cents

Dishwasher \$119.95

Parker Pen Set \$11.95

Toothpaste Crest 50 cents

1966 New Brick Homes

Frederick Maryland 3 bedrooms large living room carport and full basement \$19,900

Burlington North Carolina 2 bedroom with carport \$6,900

Oakland California Secluded 3 bedroom , double garage , hardwood floors , full electric appliances in Kitchen \$16,900

Popular Culture 1966

Star Trek first episode of the science fiction television series Star Trek Author Jacqueline Susann has her first novel, *Valley of the Dolls* published

Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" the animated television special adapted from the book is shown for first time on CBS

Simon and Garfunkel release *Sounds of Silence*

Popular Films

Thunderball

Dr. Zhivago

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

A Man for All Seasons

Popular Musicians

The Mamas and the Papas

The Beatles

The Monkees

The Beach Boys

The Rolling Stones

Simon and Garfunkel

Popular Songs

I'm a Believer The Monkees

Good Vibrations The beach Boys

Monday Monday The Mamas and the Papas

Wild Thing The Troggs

The U.S. Department of Transportation is created.

1. The United States Department of Transportation is created in October by an act of Congress.

2. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the act into law on October 15, 1966.

3. The purpose of the department was to create a level of Federal oversight in the development of transportation policy and the creation of public transportation infrastructure.

4. Alan S. Boyd was appointed as the first Secretary of Transportation in January of 1967 and the department began its official operations on April 1, 1967.

More Information and Timeline For The Mini Skirt

1. 1955 Mary Quant opens a clothes shop in Kings Road, Chelsea, London, called Bazaar

2. Late Fifties a relatively unknown designer Mary Quant began experimenting with shorter skirts.

3. 1964 Mary Quant makes her skirts shorter and shorter in response to her customers comments

4. Quant is attributed to have named the miniskirt after her favorite make of car, the Mini

5. Other designers dispute who created the mini-skirt including Andre Courreges and John Bates

6. 1965 Andre Courreges a haute couture designer incorporated the Mini-Skirt into his Mod look, for spring/summer Fashion Show combined with white "Courreges boots" that became a trademark of the

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1966 Happenings continued...

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Mini-Skirt Fashion Scene.

7. 1965 October 30th The Miniskirt gained a wider audience when the model Jean Shrimpton wears a Miniskirt from the designer Colin Rolfe at the Australian Derby Day during the Melbourne Cup Carnival in Australia

8. 1965 More leading designers begin to include Mini-Skirts into their Autumn Winter Collections including one of the best known designers of the era. Yves St. Laurent.

9. 1966 As popularity grew amongst the younger generation hemlines gradually climbed upward and by 1966 some designs had the hem at the upper thigh

10. 1966 Popularity and the growth of outlets including major department stores both in the UK and around the world, plus the prevailing youth culture at the time and fashion-minded young women meant the Mini Skirt was the fashion of choice.

The name Mini-Skirt is attributed to Mary Quant who also went on to popularize hot pants in the later years. Although many designers claim Mini Skirts as their idea it was due to a combination of young women who became a powerful class of consumers demanding a fashion that matched the spirit of youth and in many way dictated to the designers what they wanted and changes to society in general in the swinging Sixties.

The campy and outlandish television show "Batman" airs for the first time on ABC during January . The show featured Adam West as the super-hero "Batman" and Burt Ward as his young sidekick "Robin." The show was tremendously popular after its debut but only lasted for three seasons as interest in the series declined and it was canceled in 1968. The show was known for its simple moral lessons and for airing two episodes per week with the first episode ending in a cliffhanger to be resolved during the second episode when it aired the following day. Considered to be a cultural phenomenon during the decade, many high profile stars made guest appearances on the show, sometimes being featured as villains. Some of the notable names to appear in either recurring roles or small guest roles included Vincent Price, Julie Newmar, Cesar Romero, Eartha Kitt, Burgess Meredith, Frank Gorshin, Rudy Vallee, Joan Collins, Lesley Gore, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Milton Berle, and Sammy Davis Jr.

1. The television show "Star Trek" debuts on NBC during September .
2. The science fiction show followed Captain James T. Kirk and his diverse crew of humans and aliens on their futuristic space adventures.
3. It was created by Gene Roddenberry to be a show similar in style to the popular Westerns of the time but set in space, with each episode featuring a new adventure with a modern morality lesson.
4. Many critics and television executives did not understand the show and it only aired for three original seasons.
5. After it ended, the show gained a cult following over the years and became more popular, spurring the creation of several films and six spin-offs.

The Gemini 10 space mission launches in July . The spacecraft carried astronauts John Young and Michael Collins aboard the eighth manned Gemini flight. The astronauts performed two important space walks and several other experiments. The Gemini 10 mission became the first to execute a double rendezvous and it had also reached the highest point in space that a human had ever been at the time. The mission was successful and they returned to Earth after nearly three days.

NASA's final Gemini mission, Gemini 12, was launched during November . Gemini 12 carried Buzz Aldrin and James Lovell into space where they carried out several experiments during its four day mission. The main purpose of the mission was to conduct several periods of extravehicular activity, which they did successfully. The astronauts also performed a docking with the Agena spacecraft. The Gemini program paved the way for future missions in the Apollo program, which also led to the Moon landing.

NASA launched the Surveyor 1 space probe during May . Surveyor 1 became the first U.S. spacecraft to successfully conduct a soft landing on the Moon. The Soviet Union had already done accomplished this feat earlier in the year with Luna 9. The unmanned Surveyor 1 mission was highly successful in its objectives and the robotic probe was able to transmit over 10,000 images of the lunar surface back to Earth. The Surveyor 1 mission was important in that it laid the groundwork for an eventual manned mission to the Moon which was accomplished in July of 1969.

The **Houston Astrodome** is built with the dome measuring 710 ft diameter

US Population exceeds 195 million

The **Black Panthers** are formed in US

Richard Speck Murders 8 Nurses in Chicago Illinois

Ex Marine Charles Whitman kills 14 and injures 31 on a killing spree at the **University Of Texas**

U.S. -- 500,000 troops in Vietnam

On January 1st the Subway Strike in New York brings the City to a stop, within a few days the unions demands are met with a 15% Pay Rise

Ronald Reagan enters politics on June 7th becoming governor of California

The **Salvation Army** Celebrates 100 years

All **cigarette packets** in the United States must carry the health warning "Caution! Cigarette smoking may be hazardous to your health."

Miniskirts are in fashion

Cassius Clay Defeats **Henry Cooper** in two title fights in London

The **Moors murderers** Ian Brady and Myra Hindley are jailed for life for the murder of 3 children

The UK implements much tougher new **drink driving laws**.

England defeats Germany to win the **1966 World Cup Final**.

China under Chairman Mao launches **China's Cultural Revolution** and begins purging intellectuals August 13

Harold Wilson and the Labour party wins the British General Election

From the internet.....

Preview of Coming Events

For 2021

November Finish up 2021 with a **Sunday brunch - November 7** at the *Lowell Inn* in beautiful downtown **Stillwater**. Be there at 11:30 a.m. Great food, great service, beautiful surroundings.

December Closed for the holidays. Spend quality time with family and friends. Write an article about your favorite Lincoln and send it to the Northstar News. We need your stories. Come up with some fresh ideas for fun things for the North Star region to do. Let us hear from you. Please tell us what you like best and perhaps we can do it. And keep your fingers crossed that 2022 is a much better year than the last two.

Coming for 2022

January Sunday brunch to be determined.

February CCCA Potluck and Auction, Firefighters Museum Minneapolis, date to be determined...

March Sunday Brunch, to be determined..

April Annual North Star catered lunch and Auction, Sunday at Morries in Long Lake, date to be determined..

May 05/02/21 Bill Holliday trip to Harley Davison in Milwaukee, May 2.

June Annual Bloomington Lincoln car show will be in June of 2022.

If you have any great ideas for brunch places or other events that we can do, please contact one of the board members. We can always use some help and new ideas from our members.



For Sale

1967 Continental Convertible Two owner car with only 85,000 miles. Service records since 1977. Arctic White with newer correct leather interior and ivory top. Always pampered and maintained with original 462 V8. Stainless steel exhaust and top mechanism works fine. Award winner in Touring/Original at 2012 and 2018 Mid-America National Meet. **\$39,000 Call Jon Cumpton at 612-859-1483.**

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For Sale, fine automobiles

I am a very fine car that desperately needs a new home. I have been with my present owner(s) since the early 1980s, and it has now time for me to be much loved and well taken care of in the way that I have become accustomed to by a new family. I have an excellent pedigree that can be easily verified by all of my present masters' documents.

I am a 1979 Lincoln Mark V, having traveled less than 35,000 miles in my lifetime. I have always spent my nights and days safely stored inside, in a nice secure garage, except when my mom and dad took me out for special rides and bring to car shows. I finished in a Diamond Blue metallic paint, which was rare in 1979. Both my inside and outside are spotless, with no dings, dents, or scrapes. I look almost as good as the day my first owner took delivery of me from the dealership. I have a moonroof and virtually all of the accessories that Lincoln offered in 1979. Plus, I come with all the owners and factory manuals too.



Would you please come to see me and check me out? I will not disappoint you and provide you and your family with many years of enjoyment behind the wheel and pride of ownership. Plus, my owners' price aligns with current Mecum auction results for similar Mark V's, most having more miles than I do. Very fairly priced at \$14,500 obo.

Further inquiries should be directed to Ann at 612-695-6524. She will be awaiting your call.



For Sale - 1983 Continental Mark VI

Original Gold and Cream paint. A Kentucky car that has always been garaged kept. Never driven during winter. Very solid body, no rust anywhere.

Features the very smooth running 5 liter fuel injected V8. Will do 23 mpg on the highway. Has all the usual Lincoln extras, keyless entry, analog

gages, excellent leather seating, AOD transmission. New battery, new fuel pump, new fuel tank, new TRW coil springs, shocks, tires and lots of other good stuff too. Please call for more details. 93,600 miles. This is an extremely well cared for Mark VI. Open to offers near \$7,000. Call Marlin at 763.452.0390 email: Life@wellnesspro.co