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Above - Caitlin and Michael Lawrence with their 1962 Continental Convertible

*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.*

We are lucky this month to have a very fine article from our new members, Michael and Caitlin Lawrence, of Eden Prairie, Minnesota. It is a nice story about their 1962 Lincoln Continental Convertible, from acquisition through some restoration work to getting it to the point where it is now a drivable and very enjoyable automobile. These Lincolns were admired and envied from day one. Many of us that are older can remember network news on the television showing pictures of our young president and his beautiful wife riding around in both open and closed Continentals. At the time, everyone wanted one, including your editor, but with a price tag of over \$6000, many of us could only dream of driving a new one. But, with many things, sometimes the dream is better than the realization. In this case, Michael and Caitlin were able to realize their dream, and we all wish them well and hope they will have many years of enjoyable driving behind the wheel of this iconic automobile. Here is their story.

In the spring of 2018, a random conversation with my wife, Caitlin, somehow extracted some very interesting information. Her great uncle Michael "Mick" McNellis of DeGraff, Minnesota, collected Lincoln convertibles throughout his life and left the last two remaining convertibles to his two nephews upon his passing in 2001. These two convertibles (1962 and 1965) have been sitting in a shed at her uncle's house, mere feet away from where we've visited her family for years. No one thought to mention them to me before. Caitlin and other family members began to reminisce of Mick carrying Grand Marshals or Dairy Princesses in his Lincolns in local town pa-

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Trivia from the Internet



John Denver  
American Entertainer  
1943 - 1997

*Henry John Deutschendorf Jr. was born on December 31, 1943, in Roswell, New Mexico, to Captain Henry John "Dutch" Deutschendorf Sr., a United States Army Air Forces pilot stationed at Roswell Army Air Field, and his wife, Erma Louise.*

*In his 1994 autobiography, Take Me Home, Denver described his life as the eldest son of a family shaped by a stern father who could not show his love for his children. Because Denver's father was in the military and his family moved often, it was difficult for him to make friends and fit in with other children of his own age. Constantly being the new kid was troubling for the introverted Denver, and he grew up always feeling as though he should be somewhere else, but never knowing where that 'right' place was. While the family was stationed at Davis-*

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Editors Message

November 2022

Dear Friends and Gentle Readers:

Where is the daylight when we need it? It seems to be getting dark around 6 p.m. Within a short time; we will change the clocks and lose even more daylight when most of us appreciate it at the end of the day. It really does seem as though this past year has gone by all too quickly. I think that most of you will agree with me that we got shortchanged a bit on the weather side of things. Spring was somewhat non-existent, going from cold and dreary to

terribly hot and dry. Most of my lawn faces south, and it really got burned this summer. Too much sun and not enough rain. It really wasn't great old car weather, either. Maybe, we will have better luck next year.

I don't know how many of you follow the automotive news. The transition to electric vehicles seems to be moving ahead much faster than many of us had anticipated. At the latest, Lincoln intends to have a fully operational electric vehicle by 2025. And I am guessing it may be even sooner if they can do it. This is the next big thing, good or bad; we will see what happens. While we may have plenty of EVs to choose from in just a few short years, will we have the charging equipment to keep them running? It will take substantial improvement in the power grid to support any significant numbers of EVs charging overnight. I do know that in many parts of the country, there is little cushion available for a lot of extra load being placed on our power grids. And will our power rates increase substantially to pay for rebuilding the power grid? And if most of the energy comes from fossil fuel generation, have we gained much? Time will tell. Maintaining the new Electric Vehicles will require a new breed of mechanic or perhaps a combination of mechanic/electrical engineer. New jobs and training will also be required to keep everything working as it

should. The days of the greasy finger mechanic will soon be gone.

I recently had the Continental and Aviator down to Lincoln of Bloomington for a little service. I did have recall notices on both vehicles, both minor, but I thought it was time to get them checked out just before winter arrives. They have an in-house detailing facility, and I had both cars gone through, and they now look as new. The folks at Lincoln of Bloomington are the best and can work on any



Our west coast reporter, Hugz, who lives with his humans, Andrea and Don, near Portland, Oregon, was out with them on a nice afternoon. Here is Hugz, who spotted this Lincoln SUV with the interesting personalized license plate, which reads LAWYER; Hugz, who watches a lot of cable movies with his humans, remembers seeing the Lincoln Lawyer, a really awesome movie starring Matthew McConaughey and was wondering if this was McConaughey's Lincoln and if he had moved to the Portland area. Enquiring canine minds want to know, and Hugz will check this out. Hugz is a very distant relative of Sweet Olga and may be called on to fill in for her until a new Sammy comes to live with your editor.

Ford product. And they are slowly starting to get a few new cars on a somewhat regular basis. If you need a new or gently used car, stop by Bloomington Lincoln and let them see if they can be of help. They do support the North Star Club; conversely, we should do our best to try and support them if we can. It is only fair.

We have managed to gain a few members in recent months due to the special offer of \$25 memberships to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Lincoln Motor Car Company. This is a really good deal, designed to appeal to new members, sort of an entry-level buy-in to see if the club will work for you. The normal membership price is now up to \$54, so

\$25 makes for nice savings. New members get a full years membership in the local Northstar Club. Bottom line, \$25 buys you six issues of Continental Comments and 12 issues of the Northstar News. And you get to participate in a whole bunch of monthly events, which include car shows, brunches, tours, and maybe some new things for 2023. Check out the back page and call Cornerstone Registration and tell them you want to join the Lincoln Club. Perhaps you can even sign up a friend or two. Give it your best shot and see what happens. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Till next month....  
david....

*Directors Message by Bob Johnson November 2022*

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Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona, Denver was a member of the Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus for two years. He was content in Tucson, but his father was then transferred to Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, where Denver disliked the racism of his segregated school. The family later moved to Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas, where Denver graduated from Arlington Heights High School. Fort Worth was a distressing experience for Denver, and in his third year of high school, he drove his father's car to California to visit family friends and begin his music career. His father flew to California in a friend's jet to retrieve him, and Denver reluctantly returned to complete his schooling.

**Early career** - At age 11, Denver received an acoustic guitar from his grandmother. He learned to play well enough to perform at local clubs by the time he was in college. He decided to change his name when Randy Sparks, founder of the New Christy Minstrels, suggested that 'Deutschendorf' would not fit comfortably on a marquee. Denver attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock and sang in a folk music group, "The Alpine Trio", while studying architecture. He was also a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Denver dropped out of Texas Tech in 1963 and moved to Los Angeles, where he sang in folk clubs. In 1965, he joined The Chad

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October was one of the best months for our members to attend two great activities. Our month began with a visit to Morries Classic Car Collection on Sunday, October 2, which was outstanding for everyone who attended. We enjoyed some great food, good company, and a spirited auction conducted by Tom Brace, backed up by Brian Carlson.

Next on our schedule was a driving tour Sunday, October 9, to the Hilltop Retreat, a bit north of Cumberland, Wisconsin. We got to experience the best of the fall colors. The scenery was great, and the weather was even better. This may have been the best weekend of the fall season.

Our last event for 2022 is our Year-end Sunday brunch, November 13, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. at the Pizza Ranch, 16995 Kenyon Avenue, in Lakeville, Minnesota. The Pizza Ranch features pretty good pizza, crispy chicken, salads, and desserts, all guaranteed to clog your arteries and stroke you out before you get home. We will have a private room... Please RSVP to Bob Johnson by Wednesday, November 10, if you plan to attend.

Please check out the board meeting minutes to see the latest about what is going on with the club.

After discussion, the Board of managers decided that the November election for managers would be a vote of acclimation by the North Star Board of Directors for 2023 at this meeting to reelect Matt Foley, Dave Gustafson, Tom Brace, Dave Heeren, and add Tina Zimpel and Ernie Christensen. They had volunteered for the election to be on our Board of Directors for a three-term beginning January 2023. The motion was made by Dave Gustafson and seconded by Bob Roth; the vote was a unanimous yes. We welcome Tina Zimpel and Ernie Christensen to our Board of Directors beginning in January 2023. This acclamation vote by the Board of Managers eliminated the need to mail a paper election ballot.

Now with the winter season almost here, we hope you will find some time to take pen in hand, along with some paper, and tell us about your favorite Lincoln, old or new; write an article and send it to us. We like nice, original material for our newsletter; please help us out.

**Only two months left of 2022, when we have a reduced LCOC Membership rate of \$25; let's use it to get some new members and friends for the LCOC and the North Star Region.** Please call a few people you know who love Lincolns and sign them up. We need them as members! Your call is still the best way to get a new member; please call everyone you know interested in the Lincoln brand. With the COVID issues starting to fade, we can be a more active club with an appeal to more members. Do your best and try to sign up a member or two before the end of the year. We have three new members in process, so your efforts are helping increase the LCOC membership base. We know some people would join our club, but they don't know that we even exist; it is up to us to find them and get them on board.

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

*Bob and Mary Johnson*

# Board Of Directors - 2022 - 2023

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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

## More Pride and Joy...

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rades. After putting my own eyes on these cars for the first time, I fantasized about getting them cleaned up and driving around town whenever we visited my in-laws. These are both beautiful cars in great original condition.

I grew up in a “Chevy family” that always included a 1955 Bel Air in some project state, and watched my dad work on cars and rebuild engines. When I asked him to come to help me get this Lincoln running, he was excited at the challenge. After the first few hours of tinkering, we could tell this car hadn’t run in quite a while and was going to take more work to get running and roadworthy than we anticipated. I left deflated but determined. My wife ended up purchasing the 1962 from her uncle James McNellis, making us the third-generation owners, and her dad arranged to borrow a flatbed tow truck and bring it to Blaine, Minnesota, where I could spend more time on it.

Project “Penny” begins in August 2018. I pulled the gas tank out and had it cleaned and relined. I pulled the old fuel lines and installed new stainless steel lines. My dad rebuilt the carburetor. I pulled the radiator and had it re-cored, and installed new hoses. Fast forward to spring of 2019 because I don’t have a heated place to work through the winter, and crunch time was on with the goal of driving this Lincoln to the MSRA Back-to-the-50s car show at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in June. It became an “all hands on deck” family affair, with even our mothers helping by cleaning parts and polishing hubcaps. By April, the engine was running briefly before it wasn’t again. This was when we learned about the nylon teeth timing gear. After figuring out that head-



In addition to the Continental, the Lawrence's have a small airplane.

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## Northstar Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2022

### BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The meeting was called to order at Bloomington Lincoln by Regional Director Bob Johnson at 6:37 p.m.

Board members attending the meeting were Bob Johnson, Dave Gustafson, Bob Roth, Chris Struble, Dave Heeren, and Matt Foley. The Board members not present were Tom Brace, Jay White, Bill Holaday, and Jeff Eisenberg. Visitors present were Tina Zimpel, Ernie Christensen, and Mary Johnson. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

#### Director reports:

On Sunday, October 9, 2022, we will have a driving tour to view fall leaf colors and breakfast at the Hilltop Retreat, Cumberland, Wisconsin.

Year-end Sunday brunch, November 13, 2022, Pizza Ranch, 16995 Kenyon Avenue, Lakeville, Minnesota, at 11:30 a.m. The menu includes pizza, crispy chicken, fresh salads, desserts, and soft drinks.

Morrie's was an unmitigated success; 90 persons attended, 65 were members, 79 ate lunch, and the auction raised \$445.

The status of the new region project is a directory featuring a color picture with your favorite Lincoln; Dave H reports on status, member identification, and revised photos.

Jay White (not present) reported that the club's Facebook page has 886 likes, down 2 for the first time.

#### Possible scheduled Car shows for 2023:

June - Bloomington Lincoln car show.

May - Out-of-area car show and tour to Wisconsin Dells.

Date to be determined - North Star Region Lincoln and Classic American car show at Black Smith Lounge, Hugo, Minnesota.

August 10 - 13 10th Annual Lincoln Homecoming, Hickory Corners, Michigan.

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Membership: David Gustafson reported we have five new members this month, Dale Younk, John Labahn, Josh Johnson, Cliff Nicholson, and Matt Smith.

Matt Foley reports that at the end of August, our bank balance was \$5545.24 with all bills paid.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:43 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at Bloomington Lincoln on Thursday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Struble

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*Mitchell Trio, replacing founder Chad Mitchell.*

*After more personnel changes, the trio later became known as "Denver, Boise, and Johnson" (John Denver, David Boise, and Michael Johnson).*

*In 1969, Denver abandoned band life to pursue a solo career and released his first album for RCA Records, Rhymes & Reasons. Two years earlier, he had made a self-produced demo recording of some of the songs he played at his concerts. It included a song he had written called "Babe, I Hate to Go", later renamed "Leaving on a Jet Plane". Denver made several copies and gave them out as presents for Christmas. Producer Milt Okun, who produced records for The Chad Mitchell Trio and the high-profile folk group Peter, Paul and Mary, had become Denver's producer as well. Okun brought the unreleased "Jet Plane" song to Peter, Paul and Mary. Their version of the song hit number one on the Billboard Hot 100. Denver's song also made it to No. 2 in the UK in February 1970, having also made No. 1 on the US Cash Box chart in December 1969.*

*RCA did not actively promote Rhymes & Reasons with a tour, but Denver embarked on an impromptu supporting tour throughout the Midwest, stopping at towns*

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 and cities, offering to play free concerts at local venues. When he was successful in persuading a school, college, American Legion hall, or coffee-house to let him play, he distributed posters in the town and usually showed up at the local radio station, guitar in hand, offering himself for an interview. With his foot in the door as writer of "Leaving on a Jet Plane", he was often successful in gaining some promotional airtime, usually featuring one or two songs performed live. Some venues let him play for the 'door'; others restricted him to selling copies of the album at intermission and after the show.

After several months of this constant low-key touring schedule, he had also built a sizable and solid fan base, many of whom remained loyal throughout his career. Denver recorded two more albums in 1970, *Take Me to Tomorrow* and *Whose Garden Was This*, including a mix of songs he had written and cover versions of other artists' compositions.

**Career peak** - Denver's next album, *Poems, Prayers & Promises* (1971), was a breakthrough for him in the United States, thanks in part to the single "Take Me Home, Country Roads", which went to No. 2 on the Billboard charts despite the first pressings of the track

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## More P and J

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scratcher, changing the timing gear and chain, and multiple broken or bent pushrods, this old original MEL 430 finally purred. Now on to the brakes, which were rusted and beyond salvaging. I installed new stainless steel brake lines and new shocks. At this point, the decision was made to modernize and convert to four-wheel disc brakes. After a few hiccups with the imperfect and incomplete conversion kit and installing the freshly painted wheels and whitewall tires, it was finally ready for the inaugural drive on June 15, 2019... only six days before Back-to-the-50s. Mission Accomplished.



Coming or going, Continentals are a beautifully styled car, with timeless looks.

The next goal was to get the convertible top operational again, but I was going to enjoy putting some miles on the car before tackling this project. We set the next goal of Back-to-the-50s 2020 to get that done. I ended up buying the full kit, including the pump, four hydraulic cylinders, and all new hydraulic lines. After getting the parts installed in the spring of 2020, the monumental task of bleeding the system began. After cleaning the electrical contacts, all the relays and limit switches worked. The jackscrew locking mechanisms were previously removed but found in the shed where the Lincoln was stored. A week before the COVID canceled Back-to-the-50s 2020, the convertible top was moving up and down flawlessly again.

We are now on to our third full summer of top-down cruising and couldn't be happier. Caitlin's cousin purchased the other 1965 Lincoln convertible from his uncle, and it is now cruising in Sioux Falls. We hope to reunite these two convertibles sometime next summer.

## Collectible Classic

A Collectible Classic; the 1961- 1963 Lincoln Continental. This article appeared in the November 2012 issue of Automobile magazine. It is an interesting story that deserves reprinting here.



No mistaking what this car is.

When critics carp that the Lincoln brand needs to "recapture its lost glory," the suicide-door Continental is what they have in mind. Modern yet elegant, its simple, unsculpted "blade-side" sheetmetal and overall symmetry instantly made its competitors, still clinging to fins and other styling excesses of the 1950s, look stale and irrelevant. The Continental was also the antithesis of its immediate predecessor, the frightful-looking 1958-60 Continentals (Marks III, IV, and V). The new Lincoln was perfectly in tune with Kennedy-era optimism and renewal; the beginnings of the sexual revolution; and the pillbox hats, slimmed-down suits, and other cultural signposts of the early 1960s now celebrated by the TV show *Mad Men*.



The Continental originally was penned as a two-door Thunderbird concept, but when future Ford president Robert S. McNamara

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## More about 1961 - 1963 Lincolns

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 being distorted. Its success was due in part to the efforts of his new manager, future Hollywood producer Jerry Weintraub, who signed Denver in 1970. Weintraub insisted on a reissue of the track and began a radio airplay campaign that started in Denver, Colorado. Denver's career flourished thereafter, and he had a series of hits over the next four years. In 1972, he scored his first Top Ten album with *Rocky Mountain High*, with its title track reaching the Top Ten in 1973. In 1974 and 1975, Denver experienced an impressive chart dominance, with a string of four No. 1 songs ("Sunshine on My Shoulders", "Annie's Song", "Thank God I'm a Country Boy", and "I'm Sorry") and three No. 1 albums (*John Denver's Greatest Hits*, *Back Home Again*, and *Windsong*).

In the 1970s, Denver's onstage appearance included long blond hair and wire-rimmed "granny" glasses. His embroidered shirts emblazoned with images commonly associated with the American West were created by the designer and appliqué artist Anna Zapp.

After appearing as a guest on many shows, Denver hosted his own variety and music specials, including several concerts from Red Rocks Amphitheatre. His seasonal special, *Rocky Mountain Christmas*, was watched by more than 60 million people and was the highest-rated show for the ABC network at that time. Denver was also a guest

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saw it in a design studio, he decided that it would better serve as a car to resurrect Lincoln, which was then, as now, a struggling brand. A design team supervised by Elwood Engel, who later served as Chrysler's design chief, churned out the four-door Continental in only two weeks, and it soon went into production as both a sedan and a convertible. Reviewers grasped for superlatives. Tom McCahill of *Mechanix Illustrated* wrote that the 1961 Continental was "one of the plushest wolftraps on the road. It's as quiet as the love life of a bass, and it rides as smooth as spilt fudge on a canted stove. [Its] looks will equal any car's in the nation and, in the opinion of some of my arty friends, will trim all others six ways from the post and twice on Sunday." Indeed. The editors of *Car Life*, less prone to hyperbole, declared simply and accurately that the Continental was "the best-looking American car built today."



The Continental was also one of the best-built American cars of its time, the recipient of a rigorous quality-assurance program that began with the 1956 Mark II coupe. The Continental, like the Mark III sedan, had unibody construction but was said to be 67 percent stiffer, thanks partly to the rear-hinged back doors, which allowed for stronger B-pillars.

Each of its 300-hp, 430-cubic-inch V-8 engines was dyno-tested for three hours, disassembled for visual inspection, and rebuilt, and the three-speed automatic transmission was tested for thirty minutes before installation. Completed vehicles were subjected to a twelve-mile road test, and no break-in period or 1000-mile service was required; cars were not expected back in the dealership service bay until the first oil change at 6000 miles. To reinforce the company's level of confidence in the new Continental's mechanical fortitude, Lincoln added a two-year/24,000-mile warranty, which was virtually unheard of in the early 1960s.

The Continental became not just a high-water mark in Lincoln's styling history -- equaled only by the stunning Mark III coupe of 1968 -- it for the first time put Lincoln on equal footing with Cadillac. Brian Ventura, owner of the velvet turquoise metallic over turquoise convertible that we drove, also owns the matching sedan pictured here. If two turquoise 1962 Continentals seems excessive, consider that Ventura, an oboist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, has a 525-pipe organ in the family room of his suburban colonial.



The 430 cubic inch engine does its best to fill up all the space under the hood.

Ventura's Continental twins are sitting in his driveway, and the convertible's top is down. The cars look relatively large, but in fact the Continental was petite in its time. Compared with the 1960 Lincoln, its wheelbase was eight inches shorter; its overall length, at 17.7 feet, was down some fifteen inches; and it was about three inches shorter in height. (By 1964, the Continental had a three-inch-longer wheelbase and a larger trunk. By 1969 -- the final year for what's considered the fourth-generation Continental -- it was a foot longer than in '61, the droptop had left the lineup and a coupe had appeared, and the overall form had become slightly less beautiful.) Nevertheless, as you slide over the amply padded bench seat and take in the walnut trim, the twin-hooded dashboard, and the wonderfully slim steering wheel, nothing about this car reads "small." The flat hood stretches for yards in front of you, and even the horizontal brake pedal and the slanted, vertical gas pedal, both ringed in chrome, seem oversize to modern eyes.

Lower the seat electrically, fasten the lap belt, and turn the key. A muted V-8 thrum filters into the cabin, but the point of the Continental was not to hear the engine -- it

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star on *The Muppet Show*, the beginning of the lifelong friendship between Denver and Jim Henson that spawned two television specials with the Muppets, *A Christmas Together* and *Rocky Mountain Holiday*. He also tried acting, appearing in "The Colorado Cattle Caper" episode of the McCloud television movie in February 1974. He starred in the 1977 film *Oh, God!* opposite George Burns. Denver hosted the Grammy Awards five times in the 1970s and 1980s, and guest-hosted *The Tonight Show* on multiple occasions. In 1975, he was awarded the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year award.

**Political activism** - In the mid-1970s, Denver became outspoken in politics. He expressed his ecologic interests in the epic 1975 song "Calypso", an ode to the eponymous exploration ship *RV Calypso* used by Jacques Cousteau. In 1976, he campaigned for Carter, who became a close friend and ally. Denver was a supporter of the Democratic Party and of a number of charitable causes for the environmental movement, the homeless, the poor, the hungry, and the African AIDS crisis.

**Later years and humanitarian work** - Denver had a few more US Top 30 hits as the 1970s ended, but nothing to match his earlier success. He began to focus more on humanitarian and sustainability causes, focusing extensively on nature conservation projects.

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## Lincolns continued.

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was to make its driver and passengers feel pampered and fabulous. This the Lincoln does exceptionally well. As we drive along boulevards, through a park, and onto the freeway, the Continental displays the cushy ride comfort that reviewers raved about half a century ago. The automatic transmission is as smooth as one could expect, the Conti cruises at 70 to 75 mph with nonchalance, and the drum brakes -- fortified by Ventura with dual master cylinders -- are surprisingly effective. The steering has plenty of play but ultimately is precise, and the gas pedal is stiff but moves linearly.

The Continental made Lincoln relevant and cast a halo of desirability over the brand that lasted for years. The new MKZ shows great promise, but it's not a flagship. What we need from Lincoln is a large, rear-wheel-drive sedan with the panache, poise, and impact of the 1961 Continental. We need a Lincoln that our children will want to collect in 2061.



**Why Buy?** The Continental's timeless beauty speaks of an era of boundless American optimism and of a time when Lincoln and Cadillac were building cars that were as good as anything in the world. For the cost of a new Lincoln, you can park one of these symbols of quality, good taste, and engineering excellence in your driveway. Sedan or convertible? Ask the man who owns both, classical musician and Lincoln aficionado Brian Ventura: "The convertible, especially in this color, is saying, 'take me to the beach, now!' The sedan is saying, 'take me to the symphony!'" We say, don a skinny tie and drive either one.

## Northstar Events



Members cars outside of Bungalow.

**Brunch at the Bungalow** - A September Sunday morning dawned as a beautiful day to drive to the Bungalow Inn restaurant in Lakeland, Minnesota, for brunch on September 11; the weather was near perfection, sunny, and almost cool with a light breeze.



Our North Star region was represented by 21 members; they were Faye Oberg, Bob

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He made public expression of his acquaintances and friendships with ecological design researchers such as Richard Buckminster Fuller (about whom he wrote and composed "What One Man Can Do") and Amory Lovins, from whom he said he learned much.

From 1973 to at least 1979, Denver annually performed at the yearly fundraising picnic for the Aspen Camp School for the Deaf, raising half of the camp's annual operating budget. During the Aspen Valley Hospital's \$1.7 million capital campaign in 1979, Denver was the largest single donor.

In 1983 and 1984, Denver hosted the annual Grammy Awards. In the 1983 finale, Denver was joined on stage by folk music legend Joan Baez, with whom he led an all-star version of "Blowin' in the Wind" and "Let the Sunshine In", joined by such diverse musical icons as Jennifer Warnes, Donna Summer, and Rick James. Due to his love of flying, he was attracted to NASA and became dedicated to America's work in outer space. He conscientiously worked to help bring into being the "Citizens in Space" program. In 1985 Denver received the NASA Exceptional Public Service Medal for "helping to increase awareness of space exploration by the peoples of the world", an award usually restricted to spaceflight engineers and designers.

In 1997, Denver filmed an episode for the television

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Gavrilescu, David Sandels, Tina Jean Zimpel, Matt Harbert and Angi Endicott, Bob and Mary Johnson, Jay and Carol White, Jeannie and Ray Nelson, Dave Gustafson, Paul Bur-ski, Tom Brace, Noah Olson and Samantha Sudlie, Al and Kathy Longley and, Art and Mary Munson. First-time brunch attendees were Noah Olson and Samantha Sudlie, and Tina Jean Zimpel. We also had long-time members Art and Mary Munson attend, who live not too far away at Marine on Saint Croix.



Both the food and service were good. The selections were varied, and each one was delightful. There was something for everyone in the buffet line.



After visiting inside for a while, we moved outside to view some of the collector's cars that were driven to this event; Noah Olson drove his 1979 Mark V, Ray Nelson drove his 1948 Continental custom, and Al Longley drove his 1956 Pontiac Convertible. Tina Zimpel took the pictures.

**Morrie's lunch and auction** - Our annual tour of Morrie's Car Collection was once again a fun-filled event. Sunday, October 2, turned out to be a super day; weather-wise, you could not have asked for a better day for this first-class event. By any measure, it was a great day. Our members and guests were able to spend some quality time touring the one-of-a-kind collection of some of the best and most unique automobiles in the upper Midwest. The collection has grown somewhat and rearranged to provide for a better visual experience.



John Minnick and Gene Wendt checking out Matt Foleys 1955 Cadillac 60 Special.

We had about 90 members and guests attending, with about 80 joining us for lunch.

The auction proved to be good entertainment and was also profitable for the club. Tom Brace worked his special brand of magic, ably assisted by Brian Carlson, who also provided some narration about the material being presented. Bottom line, the auction provided \$445, which helped cover some of the day's expenses.

Our sincere thanks to Morrie Wagener (who could not attend) and his exceptional staff, John Minnick, Gene Wendt, Jim Fredrick, Doug Ladwig, and Al Hagen. Once again, these fine folks gave up a Sunday at home to welcome our members and provide

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series *Nature*, centering on the natural wonders that inspired many of his best-loved songs. His last song, "Yellowstone, Coming Home", composed while rafting along the Colorado River with his son and young daughter, is included. His final concert was held in Corpus Christi, Texas, at the Selena Auditorium on October 5.

**Personal Life** - Denver's first marriage was to Annie Martell of St. Peter, Minnesota. She was the subject of his song "Annie's Song", which he composed in only ten minutes as he sat on a Colorado ski lift. They lived in Edina, Minnesota, from 1968 to 1971. After the success of "Rocky Mountain High", inspired by a camping trip with Annie and some friends, Denver bought a residence in Aspen, Colorado. He lived in Aspen continuously until his death. The Denvers adopted a boy, Zachary John, and a girl, Anna Kate, who, Denver said, were "meant to be" theirs. Denver once said, "I'll tell you the best thing about me. I'm some guy's dad; I'm some little gal's dad. When I die, Zachary John and Anna Kate's father, boy, that's enough for me to be remembered by. That's more than enough". Denver and Martell divorced in 1982. In a 1983 interview shown in the documentary *John Denver: Country Boy* (2013), Denver said that career demands drove them apart; Martell said they were too young and immature to deal with Denver's sudden success.

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guidance through this amazing collection. They really know all the details behind each car in the collection and will provide some good background information to anyone who asks. This is an amazing local resource, and it is so very fine that Morrie will open it up for us to look at and enjoy. Our two-year absence due to COVID issues made us appreciate being able to view this collection again. Marnio's Deli from Northeast Minneapolis provided our lunch, which many of our members commented on positively. The cost was reasonable and the service quite good. Perhaps, we will be able to use them next year.



When is the last time that you have seen an Eskimobile? Morrie has two in his collection.

**Hilltop Retreat** - Not missing a beat, we did a fall leaf tour over in Wisconsin, all the way up to Cumberland, with a brunch at the Hilltop Retreat, slightly Northwest of Cumberland. This tour was but a week after our Morries event, and I am sure that attendance suffered a bit due to the short spacing between the two events.



Enjoying the afterglow of a good meal.

It was another great day for a tour. The day was comfortable, with plenty of sunshine to bring out the best of the colorful leaves still on the trees. The rain and wind stayed away to ensure we would have the best of experiences. That would not have been the case a week or two later. Those who made the tour

were amazed at how intense the leaf colors were.

We gathered in beautiful downtown Shafer, not far from the Bob Johnson memorial turnabout, at the corner of highways 8 and 95, practically within shouting distance of the Shafer International Airport. Bob and Mary Johnson led the grande parade for about 45 miles through Wisconsin, eventually finding Baldwin and a bit further on to the Hilltop Retreat.

Following the Johnsons were Ray and Jeanne Nelson, Brad and Joannie Videen, Karl and Sharon Flick, Art and Mary Munson, Gene Wendt, Cliff and Nancy Nicholson, and Chris Struble. Members were surprised about how remote the Hilltop Retreat was and asked Bob how he found this hidden gem of a restaurant. He told about his attendance at Cumberland high school and how he is very familiar with the area. He and Mary have been to the Hilltop many times since it first opened in 1984, almost 40 years ago. It really is a small-town treasure.

After breakfast, we made our way to Louie's Finer Meats in Cumberland to shop for some of their delicious Italian sausage, jerky, bratwurst, snack sticks, any type of steak and smoked specialty meat; in other words, they have one of the best meat markets in northern Wisconsin.



The Nicholson's 1957 Premiere Coupe

It was then time for everyone to call it a day and head for home. The tour for some members was over three hundred miles. Our newest members, Cliff and Nancy Nicholson from Dassel, Minnesota, stayed over Saturday night in a local hotel, so they did not have to drive so far on Sunday morning. The Nicholsons drove a beautiful 1957 Lincoln Premiere. Thank you, Cliff and Nancy, for your interest in our club. We really do appreciate our members. Ray Nelson took photos of our tour that you see in this article.

## Lincoln Model L100 Concept

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Denver married Australian actress Cassandra Delaney in 1988 after a two-year courtship. Settling at Denver's home in Aspen, the couple had a daughter, Jesse Belle. Denver and Delaney separated in 1991 and divorced in 1993. Of his second marriage, Denver said that "before our short-lived marriage ended in divorce, she managed to make a fool of me from one end of the valley to the other".

Beyond music, Denver's artistic interests included painting, but because of his limiting schedule he pursued photography, saying once, "photography is a way to communicate a feeling".

Denver was also an avid skier and golfer, but his principal interest was in flying. His love of flying was second only to his love of music. In 1974, he bought a Learjet to fly himself to concerts. He was a collector of vintage biplanes and owned a Christen Eagle aerobatic plane, two Cessna 210 Centurion airplanes, and in 1997 an amateur-built Rutan Long-EZ.

**Death** - Denver died on the afternoon of October 12, 1997, when his light home-built aircraft, a Rutan Long-EZ crashed into Monterey Bay near Pacific Grove, California, while making a series of touch-and-go landings at the nearby Monterey Peninsula Airport. He was the plane's only occupant.

Denver was a pilot with over 2,700 hours of experience. He had pilot

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Lincoln L100 Concept Car

Lincoln sets its sight on what's ahead with the debut of the Lincoln Model L100, a concept with aero-influenced styling and advanced technology that creates the immersive interior sanctuary of tomorrow.

Paying homage to the 1922 Model L – Lincoln's first luxury vehicle – the Model L100 Concept takes inspiration from the brand's design heritage while advancing its vision for mobility in the future.

With a nod to the past while looking forward the future, Lincoln reveals its vision for mobility with the debut of the Lincoln Model L100 Concept.

Debuting at Pebble Beach Concours d'Elégance, where Lincoln is the featured marque as part of the brand's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Model L100 Concept pushes the boundaries of Lincoln's Quiet Flight design to create connected experiences that reimagine the ultimate vehicle sanctuary of tomorrow.

"Lincoln has been one of the most enduring and stylish automotive brands in the world and in many ways, it is perfectly positioned for a second century defined by great design, zero-emissions and technology-led experiences," said Bill Ford, executive chair, Ford Motor Company. "Lincoln has always been special to me and my family, especially my father and my grandfather. If there is one secret to Lincoln's longevity, it is the brand's ability to balance its core values with a desire to innovate and create the future."

With alluring beauty that captivates upon approach, the L100 concept embraces the tension between exuberant elegance and subtle restraint. The sleek design is aerodynamic, and the transformable space allows the Model L100 to create human connection in a sanctuary that is truly Lincoln.

"We are at a special moment in our history. Over the last 100 years, Lincoln has pioneered multiple innovations and pushed the boundaries of design that have come to define our brand as we know and love it today," says

Joy Falotico, president, Lincoln. "With the Model L100 Concept, we reimagine what the Lincoln sanctuary might look like for our clients of tomorrow moving us forward to define the next chapter of the Lincoln story."

**Advancing the technology of the future** - Imagined as an autonomous vehicle with an intelligent driving experience, connectivity and software-driven innovations, the Model L100 Concept advances Lincoln's vision and paves the way for the brand to rethink mobility in the future.

The Model L100 Concept uses next generation battery cell and pack technologies, which will deliver game-changing energy density and enable efficient, structural integration by treating the entire vehicle as a system. The advanced approach will not only help deliver elegant design, but also maximize the interior cabin space, giving designers new flexibility to create the signature Lincoln experience of the future.

"Concept vehicles allow us to reimagine and illustrate how new experiences can come to life with the help of advanced technologies and allow our designers more creative freedom than ever before," said Anthony Lo, chief design officer, Ford Motor Company. "With the Model L100, we were able to push the boundaries in ways that evolve our Quiet Flight brand DNA and change the way we think about Lincoln designs of tomorrow."

An interactive, center console chessboard features a jewel-inspired chess piece controller that captures light and depth by redefining the vehicle controls inside the cabin. The controller replaces the traditional steering wheel in this autonomous concept vehicle, making the vehicle experience intuitive and effortless.

Driver-centric and social seating configurations allow for passenger engagement that can be tailored for the occasion. Shaping the space in ways that allow connection, the front row seats can be flipped forward to create a social setting, in which front passengers can sit across from rear passengers. The transformable environment creates a more accommodating setting, giving the feeling of a true third space.

Transcending through space and time, inside and out - Tail-down, relaxed and sleek, the aero-shaped design is low to the ground, seamless and flush in its details with a K-tail execution efficient in guiding the air over the vehicle.

Arriving with elegance, the glass roof and reverse-hinged doors lift to give a true sense of

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ratings for single-engine land and sea, multi-engine land, glider and instrument. He also held a type rating in his Learjet. He had recently purchased the Long-EZ aircraft, made by someone else from a kit, and had taken a half-hour checkout flight with the aircraft the day before his accident.

Post-accident investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board showed that the leading cause of the accident was Denver's inability to switch fuel tanks during flight. The quantity of fuel had been depleted during the plane's flight to Monterey and in several brief practice take-offs and landings Denver performed at the airport immediately before the final flight. He turned down an offer to refuel, saying that he would be flying for about an hour.

**Legacy** - Upon the announcement of Denver's death, Colorado Governor Roy Romer ordered all state flags to be lowered to half-staff in his honor. Funeral services were held at Faith Presbyterian Church in Aurora, Colorado, on October 17, 1997, officiated by Pastor Les Felker, a retired Air Force chaplain, after which Denver's remains were cremated and his ashes scattered in the Rocky Mountains. Further tributes were made at the following Grammy and Country Music Association Awards.

In 1998, Denver posthumously received the Lifetime Achievement Award

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## More L100 Concept

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ceremony and welcome, with the signature Lincoln Embrace. Smart wheel covers help to advance the Embrace even further, utilizing lighting and sensors to communicate motion, battery life and human presence.

The advanced, intuitive lighting creates an orchestrated symphony of lights both inside and out – augmented to the senses in ways that create a personalized experience for passengers. Welcoming in a more human way, the Model L100 senses the client upon approach and enables the light symphony to follow the client around the vehicle by leveraging an advanced, artificial intelligence system and GPS sensors to curate the experience.

Imagined with accents of amethyst in a recycled sueded fabric, designers envisioned the Model L 100 cabin with animal-free materials and luxury alternatives. On the exterior – designers used metallic paint and frosted acrylic in lieu of chrome with a satin digital ceramic tricoat – highlighting a warm, soft white that transitions into cool, open-air blue.

The entire interior has been designed to create an immersive environment. The digital floor, canopy and ambient lighting all harmonize to create a personalized experience that can enhance your mood. Orchestrated like a fine-tuned symphony along with interior lighting that harmonizes with sound, scent and touch, the digital floor transports passengers to the sanctuary of tomorrow.

**A nod to history** - The Model L100 Concept celebrates the brand's design heritage and harkens back to the 1922 Model L which was built after Ford Motor Company's purchase of Lincoln. The 1922 Model L was highly regarded for its outstanding engineering, serving as the foundation for the design transformation and the beginning of Lincoln luxury.

A crystal-inspired greyhound hood ornament, originally selected by Edsel Ford in the 1920s, symbolizes grace, elegance and speed and is visible through the transparent hood, capturing depth and illumination.

"This concept allowed us to design a new experience that is unburdened by past limitations and represents an evolution of our Quiet Flight tenets," said Kemal Curic, global design director, Lincoln. "The ultimate expression of our Model L100 design is one that moves effortlessly – a vehicle that appears to be sculpted by the wind, as if friction does not exist."

## Fun stuff from 1962

- World Changing Event: The Cuban Missile Crisis between The United States, The USSR, and Cuba between Oct 16, 1962, and Oct 28, 1962.
- Space Race: John Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth, keeping the Space Race with the USSR about even.
- The Top Song was *I Can't Stop Loving You* by Ray Charles
- The Movies to Watch include *Lawrence of Arabia*, *The Manchurian Candidate*, and *Girls! Girls! Girls!*
- The Most Famous Person in America was probably Elvis Presley
- Notable books include: *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle and *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson
- Price of a Men's 100% Wool Suit in 1962: \$45.00 Price of a movie ticket: 70 cents
- The Funny Guys were: The Smothers Brothers The Funny Guy was: Ernie Kovacs The Funny Lady was: Moms Mabley The Funny Late Night Host: Johnny Carson The Other Funny Late Show Host: Steve Allen The Guy Who Had One Successful Funny Album (The First Family): Vaughn Meader
- The Superstores: Walton opened Walmart Discount City in Rogers, Arkansas. Woolco, Target, and Kmart also opened. The Crazy Conspiracy: Marilyn Monroe was found dead in her home on August 5, 1962. Did she take her own life as the news reports said? Was it the CIA? The Kennedys? The Mob?

Sex Symbols and Hollywood Hunks: Sean Connery, Robert Goulet, Elvis Presley, Gregory Peck

"The Quotes:"

"Heere's Johnnny!"

– Ed McMahon on the 'Tonight Show'

"With a name like Smucker's, it has to be good"

-Smucker's Jelly

"We Try Harder"

-Avis

"Think small"

– Volkswagen

"Bond. James Bond."

– Sean Connery, in Dr. No

Time Magazine's Man of the Year:

Pope John XXIII

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from the World Folk Music Association, which also established a new award in his honor.*

*On March 12, 2007, the Colorado Senate passed a resolution to make Denver's trademark 1972 hit "Rocky Mountain High" one of the state's two official state songs, sharing duties with its predecessor, "Where the Columbines Grow". The resolution passed 50-11 in the House, defeating an objection by Representative Debbie Stafford that the song reflected drug use, most specifically in the line "friends around the campfire and everybody's high". Senator Bob Hagedorn, who sponsored the proposal, defended the song as having nothing to do with drugs, but rather everything to do with sharing with friends the euphoria of experiencing the beauty of Colorado's mountain vistas. Senator Nancy Todd said, "John Denver to me is an icon of what Colorado is."*

*On April 21, 2011, Denver became the first inductee into the Colorado Music Hall of Fame. A benefit concert was held at Broomfield's 1stBank Center and hosted by Olivia Newton-John. Other performers participating in the event included the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Lee Ann Womack, and John Oates. Both his ex-wives attended, and the award was presented to his three children.*

*On March 7, 2014, the West Virginia Legislature approved a resolution to make "Take Me Home, Country Roads" the official*

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Miss America:  
Maria Fletcher (Asheville, NC)

Miss USA:  
Macel Leilani (Hawaii)

The Scandals:  
Marilyn Monroe's death was caused by an overdose of sleeping pills. Conspiracy theories involve the mob, President John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert Kennedy. Ex-husband and baseball great, Joe DiMaggio took care of all of the funeral arrangements although the couple had divorced in 1954.

October 22-28 was probably the closest we ever came to nuclear war – The Cuban Missile Crisis was officially over on November 2.

Rock and Roll Death: ex-Beatle Stuart Sutcliffe (brain hemorrhage)

**Pop Culture Facts:**

Telstar was launched as the first working communications satellite.

The light-emitting diode (LED) invented Nick Holonyak while working for General Electric.

Glenn Bell's first Taco Bell opened in Downey, California.

The first computer video game, Spacewar, was invented.

Audio cassettes were invented.

The first Vail Ski Resort opened in 1962.

The first Target (Tar-zhay) store opened in Roseville, Minnesota.

The Philips Company of the Netherlands invented and released the first audio-cassette.

Do you remember, before 1962, when you could not get Goldfish Crackers at your local store? Pepperidge Farm remembers.

You could buy a fall-out shelter for as little as \$100, feeding your family radiation-free for up to two weeks. Models were priced at \$5000 and even higher as well.

Decca Records A&R executive Dick Rowe turned down the Beatles for a record deal and reportedly told their manager, "Guitar groups are on the way out." He made up for the mistake by signing the Rolling Stones the following year.

**Uh-oh** - From 1962 to 1977, the US Nuclear Launch code was 00000000. This was due to an effort to allow the weapons to be armed and ready to launch as soon as possible.

A small town called Centralia, PA is completely abandoned because of a coal-seam fire at depths of up to 300 feet and stretch of 3,700 acres that ignited on May 27, 1962, and is only speculated to be extinguished in the year 2256.

Starfish Prime was the largest nuclear test conducted in outer space. The electromagnetic pulse knocked out streetlights and alarms in Waikiki. The explosion was visible around Hawaii.

The CIA's concern over soccer fields along the coast of Cuba led to the Cuban Missile Crisis. In September 1962, a CIA analyst noticed the fields and became concerned because, as he put it, "Cubans play baseball, Russians play soccer."

**World News:** The US signed the independence treaty for the Philippines on the 4th of July, giving them both the same Independence Day.

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**For Sale - 1979 Town Car**

Linda Fenelon has decided to sell the car that she and her late husband, Ron, enjoyed for 20 years. The rust-free California Town Car has 106,000 miles. It is mechanically sound and has a nice interior. The clear coat paint is fading. The tires are nearly new. For a personal inspection or more information, contact Linda Fenelon, Alexandria, Minnesota, 320-763-4197 or 320-491-4484. \$6000/offer.

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state song of West Virginia. Governor Earl Ray Tomblin signed the resolution into law on March 8. Denver is only the second person, along with Stephen Foster, to have written two state songs. On October 24, 2014, Denver was awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Hollywood, California.

**Related Artists** - Bill Danoff and Taffy Nivert, billed as Fat City and credited as co-writers of Denver's song "Take Me Home, Country Roads", were close friends of Denver and his family, appearing as singers and songwriters on many of Denver's albums until they formed the Starland Vocal Band in 1976. Denver's solo recording contract resulted in part from the recording by Peter, Paul, and Mary of his song "Leaving on a Jet Plane", which became the sole number-one hit single for the group. Denver recorded songs by Tom Paxton, Eric Andersen, John Prine, David Mallett, and many others in the folk scene. His record company, Windstar, is still an active record label today. Olivia Newton-John, an Australian singer whose across-the-board appeal to pop, middle-of-the-road, and country audiences in the mid-1970s was similar to Denver's, lent her distinctive backup vocals to Denver's 1975 single "Fly Away"; she performed the song with Denver on his 1975 *Rocky Mountain Christmas special*.

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ence Day" until 1962.

Seattle's Space Needle, Pacific Science Center, Monorail, Seattle Center, many other buildings were built for the 1962 World Fair.

James Dresnok was an American soldier who defected to North Korea in 1962 and lived there until his death in 2016.

**Interesting** - US President John F. Kennedy got 1200 Cuban cigars for himself in the hours before he banned their import.

On October 27, 1962, Vasili Arkhipov, a senior officer on the Soviet B-59 submarine, refused permission to launch its nuclear torpedo during the Cuban Missile Crisis, avoiding World War III.

**Pop Culture History** - Episode 122 of *The Twilight Zone*, *An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge*, was a French film short that had won awards at the Cannes Film Festival in 1962 and an Oscar for Live Action Short Film in 1963. Producers paid \$25,000 for rights that limited them to airing the story no more than two times.

*The Jetsons* original run consisted of only 24 episodes that first aired on ABC from September 1962 to March 1963. Reruns of those same 24 episodes were broadcast on Saturday mornings on ABC (1963-64), CBS (1964-65 and 1969-71) and NBC (1965-67, 1971-76, 1979-81 and 1982-83).

James Earl Jones Was in the First Production of NYC's *Shakespeare in the Park* in 1962. Marlon Brando was the first actor to command a \$1 million salary, for his starring role in 1962's *Mutiny on the Bounty*.

The shortest Oscar Speech ever was given by Patty Duke in 1962, who at age 16, the youngest person to accept an Oscar in a competitive category, said "Thank You", and walked off the stage.

Decca Records turned down a band auditioning with them, by saying "guitar groups are on the way out". The band they turned down: the Beatles.

A question mark superimposed onto an exclamation mark, often seen as ?!, is called an Interrobang. Martin K. Speckter is credited with inventing the mark in 1962 which made

it the first new punctuation mark to have been introduced in 300 years. It hasn't caught on (yet).

McDonald's Filet-O-Fish was created in 1962 for Catholics abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent.

The first modem was invented in 1962 and had a speed of 300 bits per second. The 1996 movie *Mars Attacks* was based on a set of controversial trading cards from Topps.

The record for most interceptions in a season is 42, in 1962, by Houston Oiler George Blanda.

**1962 Most Popular TV shows:**

- Beverly Hillbillies* (CBS)
- Candid Camera* (CBS)
- The Red Skelton Show* (CBS)
- Bonanza* (NBC)
- The Lucy Show* (CBS)
- The Andy Griffith Show* (CBS)
- Ben Casey* (ABC)
- The Danny Thomas Show* (CBS)
- The Dick Van Dyke Show* (CBS)
- Gunslinger* (CBS)

**1962 Billboard Number One Songs:**

- The Lion Sleeps Tonight* - The Tokens
  - The Twist* - Chubby Checker
  - Peppermint Twist - Part I* - Joey Dee & the Starlites
  - Duke Of Earl* - Gene Chandler
  - Hey! Baby* - Bruce Channel
  - Don't Break The Heart That Loves You* - Connie Francis
  - Johnny Angel* - Shelley Fabares
  - Good Luck Charm* - Elvis Presley
  - Soldier Boy* - The Shirelles
  - Stranger On The Shore* - Mr. Acker Bilk
  - I Can't Stop Loving You* - Ray Charles
  - Roses Are Red (My Love)* - Bobby Vinton
  - Breaking Up Is Hard To Do* - Neil Sedaka
  - Sherry* - The Four Seasons
  - Monster Mash* - Bobby 'Boris' Pickett & The Crypt-Kickers
  - He's A Rebel* - The Crystals
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# North Star LCOC events

For 2022

- November **Sunday Brunch**, November 13. We will wind up the year at the Pizza Ranch, 16995 Kenyon Avenue in beautiful downtown Lakeville. We will meet there at 11:30 p.m. The Pizza Ranch is noted for their fairly wide varieties of pizza, chicken, salads and some good deserts. Good food that will surely clog your arteries. We will be able to have a private room. RSVP to Bob Johnson at 651-257-1715 by Wednesday, November 10. Yes, this is a little different from our normal haunts, but let us give it a try.
- December Traditionally, the Lincoln Club does not plan any activities for the month of December. Please use this time to visit with your good friends and love ones. And as a last resort, write a nice article that we can use in the Northstar News. We would appreciate it very much.

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.



— Celebrating 100 Years of the Lincoln Motor Car Company —

We are celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the Lincoln Motor Car Company. Since 1922, Lincoln has turned out high-quality luxury automobiles, ranging from the very first Lincoln 1922 Model L to the latest 2022 Lincoln Navigator. Fine quality automobiles, many of which are true icons of fine styling, including the luxurious Model L and Model K's of the 1920s and 1930s. The high styled pre-war Zephyr and Continental models. The postwar Cosmopolitan series, which served the needs of several American presidents, the Kennedy era "slab-sided" four-door convertibles, which were an instant fashion statement. Serious collectors of all ages still desire them to have an understated elegance, minimalist styling, luxury, and performance far exceeding anything else in the marketplace.

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**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.

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