

How I Found My 1956 Mark II Lincoln Continental

This story was written by LCOC and Northstar member Bill Reese. Sadly, Bill passed away on April 25, 2008, before we received the article. Bill's wife, Elizabeth had the article proofed and gave it to us, asking if we could print it in our Northstar News. We did have the opportunity to meet Elizabeth at our recent picnic, a delightful soul, who dearly would like someone to finish Bill's "Pride and Joy".

In October of 1954, I opened and operated a body shop that specialized in custom



Bill and Elizabeth Reese's 1956 Mark II

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.

body work and specialty paint work. After 1 ½ years of 10 and 11 hour work days and weekends, my reputation for quality work at reasonable prices started paying off. I also worked on quite a few show cars that won trophies at various car shows, which further established my reputation as a quality custom car builder.

One fall day in 1956, a very gracious lady, who owned one of my favorite restaurants, stopped by my shop to get an estimate on some repairs to her personal car. Taking my pad and pen in hand, I went out to examine the damage. The car was long and low and very striking in appearance with a beautiful greenish-blue exterior and off-white interior. I did not recognize the make of the car at first, because I had never seen one like it before. When I walked around to the rear of the car, I saw the word "Continental" on the trunk lid. It was a 1956 Mark II Continental (a.k.a.MK II), the

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

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first one I had ever seen; and it was absolutely beautiful! I gave the lady the estimate and got the job to repair her car. While I was working on it, I familiarized myself with its features, knowing some day that I would own one too.



A very sad looking Mark II on it's way to better days.

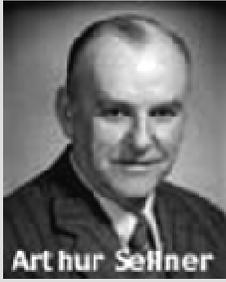
The year, 1956, continued to be eventful because I decided to change professions. I began an apprenticeship in the graphic arts trade. This experience was so positive that I ended up spending 35 years in the trade and retired as a shop owner in the photo-engraving business.

My wife Bette and I are Alpine skiers and avid golfers. I've been a PSIA (Professional Ski Instructor of America) certified instructor since 1972. Having enjoyed many cold, snowy winters in Minnesota, we usually went to warmer places on vacation; Florida, Texas, and California. We had a friend who

lived in Tucson, Arizona, who encouraged us to try a month there in the early 1990's which we did. We discovered that we both liked the warm winter weather there so we decided to buy a patio home in a private country club just northwest of Tucson at the base of the Catalina Mountain Range. The club has a 27 -hole golf course

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Trivia from the Internet



Arthur Sellner

Arthur Sellner founded the Sellner Manufacturing Company in Faribault, MN.

It's been a tilting, whirling ride for 80 years

It doesn't have the stature of Skyscraper or the lurching uncertainty of Chaos, but the Tilt-A-Whirl - one of the tamest of the State Fair's 68 rides -- has stood the test of time.

And it isn't wobbling.

Family legend has the Tilt-A-Whirl making its debut in Herbert Sellner's kitchen in Faribault, Minn. The prototype involved a chair placed on the kitchen table, with Herbert's boy Art in the chair, and Herbert rocking the table back and forth.

Art enjoyed that, the

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Editors Message

October 2008

We want to thank Roger and Barb Wothe for all of their work on our fall picnic again this year. Even more thanks to Roger for working with Morrie Wagener to secure his great conference and training center for our use. Attendance was way beyond expectations, and once again our picnic was the highpoint of the year for us.

Additional thanks to Elizabeth Reese for making our feature car story available to us. How Bill must have loved that car, and how much he must have looked forward to finishing it and taking it out for it's first drive. If you are looking for a good

sound Mark II, with most of the heavy lifting done, please call Elizabeth and try and work something out with her. It would be nice to see this car remain in the Northstar Region.

Our fall car show is planned for Saturday, October 4th at Luther North Country Ford Lincoln Mercury. Keep your fingers crossed for nice weather. We have had good luck in past years, at the time of this writing, forecasts are for a dry, but cool day. Lunch will be served and there

will be some door prizes available for those who attend. As an added bonus, Faithie is planning on attending and will be available to give a few kisses for those who stop by to say hello. This also will be a good chance for you to check out the new Lincoln MKS, a fine car, with a very reasonable price tag. This car will really energize Lincoln's sales over the next few years.



Ch. Faithie in the true investigative traditions of the other famous print media, The National Enquirer or the Star (those quality newspapers you find in the supermarket checkout lanes) now reveals the secret of how her dad gets the Northstar News out each month. She caught him using the big red "Staples Easy Button".

We also want to thank Francis Kalvoda, who has been authoring the "Welcome Wagon". It is a good way for us to learn a little bit about our new members. If any of you live

nearby, please give them a call and invite them to participate in some of our activities. We have many members scattered over Minnesota, the Dakotas, Wisconsin and a few in Iowa. Eventually, we would like to do tours into some of these outlying areas to encourage greater participation by our "outstate" members.

Till next month, David, Marion and Faithie, the Samoyed....

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story goes, so Herbert built a carnival ride along the same principles of random tipping and dipping. That was in 1926, which makes this the 75th anniversary of the Tilt-A-Whirl.



Sellner Manufacturing Company in the 1930's

It's still produced only in Faribault by Sellner Manufacturing Co., and two of the company's creations were at the 2008 Minnesota State Fair.

Another story has Herbert's great-granddaughter, Erin, growing so accustomed to the dips and swoons of a Tilt-A-Whirl that she dozed off while riding one when she was four years old.

It was at an open house for carnival people, she said. 'I got bored and got on the Tilt-A-Whirl. I rode it all afternoon and fell asleep.'

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Directors Message by Bob Johnson

October 2008



Triple WOW!!! We had 94 people attend our Annual Fall Picnic on Sunday, September 21st. Morrie once again invited the North Star Region to his beautiful facility; where Roger and Barb Wothe prepared a magnificent meal. This is the largest group that the region has ever had for a picnic or brunch. Over one third of our total membership was at this grand event. Morrie's car collection was a great attraction, what beautiful cars. Thank you to all that brought auction items, Ed Myhre again was our auctioneer, and his efforts netted the region over \$1300 and paid for our picnic. What a great time was had by everyone that attended.

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On the serious side, we came very close to not having enough food or tables. Because over a dozen people attended that did not RSVP, we were able to handle the extra people only because we had several members not attend as planned. Please remember to RSVP, it is a courtesy to our other members who did RSVP, it was not fun to tell people if they didn't RSVP they would have to wait till the end of line to see if there would be food for them. Our planning is only as good as our communications. More details about this great picnic with pictures elsewhere in newsletter.

Our October event will be our Fall North Star Region Lincoln Car Show. Once again being held at Luther North Country Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury in Coon Rapids, on Saturday, October 4th, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Make plans on attending, this will be another free Lincoln Car Show, with Dash Plaques, Door Prizes and lunch served by the Luther Dealership. You DO NOT have to RSVP to this event as the general public is invited to bring Lincolns to this show or just look. If you know anyone that has an interest or a Lincoln, please call them and invite them to this show. With your help we can get more Lincoln owners to join the Club and we all will be able to see more magnificent Lincolns.

November will be our final activity for 2008, Year End Sunday Brunch, at Al Bakers, Eagan, on November 16th, at 11:30 AM. Please RSVP to Bob Johnson, 651-257-1715 or email arborbob41@aol.com. by Thursday, November 13th. This will be our last chance to bid our Snow Birds farewell for the winter, and some may have already left for the sunny climates for Florida, Texas or Arizona.

Region Board of Directors Election for 2009 will not be held this year. We have two incumbents seeking reelection, Bob Johnson and Bob Roth. With no other candidates filing for election to Board of Directors, they will fill our two open positions.

At our November Board meeting we will be planning activities for 2009, if you have a place that you think our membership would enjoy, please contact one of our Board members with your idea.

Dave Gustafson still needs "My Pride and Joy" Lincoln articles about your car, every Lincoln has a story, please tell us yours. Dave will even send you a 2009 North Star Calendar

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

More Pride and Joy

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has produced more than 1,000 Tilt-A-Whirl rides, and more than 600 are operating today throughout the United States and abroad, including some from the 1940s and '50s.

The earliest models were of wood. 'They got broken up, used for church pews, or they were put in barns and rotted away,' Sellner Ward said.

The first 14 were built in Herbert's basement and yard. The factory opened in 1927, the year the Tilt-A-Whirl first appeared at the State Fair.

The rides are designed, built and painted in the sprawling factory. They're given a road test there, too -- with sacks of salt for riders, not young volunteers.

The motion, designed to turn children dizzy and giddy if not green, hasn't changed, but the ride is safer and wood has

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and a beautiful clubhouse with swimming pools, tennis courts, and a physical fitness center. Bette and I joined a golf club and played golf two to three times a week for five winters.

In the spring of 1996, a lot became available on the golf course with a gorgeous view of the mountain range and an elevation of 3,500 feet. We bought it and put our present home up for sale. It sold almost immediately, and we began construction on our new home in April 1997. While it was being built, we spent the winter of 1997 in Minnesota where I taught skiing at Hyland Hills.

In June of 1997, we returned to Tucson to pick out cabinets, carpeting, and tile and bath fixtures, along with the exterior and interior colors for our new home. One day while my wife was golfing and playing bridge with some friends, I decided to visit my friend John at Arizona Rod and Custom, a shop that was similar to one I had owned.

While visiting, John showed me three cars that were brought in for storage six years earlier: a 1930 Ford Model A Pickup, a 1959 Mercedes Benz 190 Roadster, and a 1956 MK II. It was my lucky day; the MK II was identical to the one I had repaired nearly 40 years ago, including the same greenish-blue exterior and off-white interior colors. John was getting ready to put the cars up for sale because he had been unable to locate their owner for more than six months, regarding payment of storage fees. I asked him if he had a valid title for the MK II, and he informed me that he was seeking an abandoned vehicle title from the State of California, where the car was last licensed in 1973. I continued to look the car over and asked John if I could come by the next morning to really go over the car. He agreed- and even made a commitment to give me first dibs of purchasing it.

I arrived at John's shop early the following day with my pad and pen in hand and started making notes on the condition of the car. It was sound! There was oxidized paint over the entire car from who knows how many years of resting in the desert sun. All the glass was good, but the chrome was pitted and peeling (bumpers, grill, headlight rims, lower body trim, rocker panel, tail light housing, and all other trim). There was a huge dent on the roof on the driver's side and gouges in the right front door panel. The gas tank and engine water pump were missing. The interior was gone, and the steering wheel was a wire circle. Under the hood, the rats had demolished the hood pad but had not done any substantial damage to the wiring.

We were able to get into the trunk by going through the rear seat and found the missing water pump and various boxes of N.O.S. parts there. Also in the trunk was an empty bottle of Ditzler lacquer paint, the hood ornament, the front fender emblems, and a brown paper bag containing three sets of Continental letters and three headlight rims. When I pulled back the carpet in the cabin and trunk, I was surprised to find that the factory undercoating was just like new. After finding no rust

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given way to aluminum, steel and fiberglass. Electric power replaced gas motors. Each Tilt-A-Whirl costs about \$250,000. The company produces a few each year, plus about 50 other rides. Spin the Apple, introduced in 1987, was followed by Berry Go Round, Monkey Mayhem and Jumping Jumbos, among others. The newest, Bumble Bee Bop, debuts this fall.

'We take our inspiration from kids' toys,' Sellner Ward said. 'Colors come from what soccer teams are wearing,' highlighted with 'candy' detail paint -- the same iridescent blends that professional drivers use on their race cars.

Most of the rides produced in Faribault go to carnivals and amusement parks, but the company occasionally sells one to an individual.

'They fly into our little airport in their jets and say they want a Tilt-A-Whirl,' Sellner Ward said. 'I laugh and wonder, 'Who are these people?' But then the

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on the fenders, door panels, hood, trunk, or roof, I decided the car was restorable, and I wanted to own it. I made an agreement with John and gave him a down payment with the understanding that when he had clear title to the Continental, I would pay him the remainder of the asking price; and the car would be legally mine. He agreed to these terms.

Almost nine months had passed when John called me in March 1998 to tell me that he had obtained a California title and an Arizona title for the '56 MK II. I paid his asking price and registered the car in my name with the Arizona Motor Vehicle Department. I took possession of the Continental and had it trucked to our home in Tucson in the middle of April 1998. I was only able to do a few basic things to the car that spring because we were returning to Minnesota on the first of May.

We returned to Arizona in November, and work on the car began. It was stripped to bare metal and straightened, and an acid etch primer was sprayed on one panel at a time (fender, door, ¼ panel, roof hood, trunk, rocker sills) until the car was totally ready for color. The under hood, trunk, door jams, and inner fender panels were cleaned and painted with the car's original color- Gainesboro Blue Metallic- and that's the color the car is now.

In 2001, I decided it was time to see if the car would run and drive. Through a mutual friend, I was introduced to Ernie Treankler, head mechanic for Ryder Trucks in Chicago and an Arizona resident since the late 1970's. We talked about the MK II, and he agreed to stop by and take a look at my project the next day. After he checked everything over, he gave me a list of things I would need in order to get the Continental in running condition. The list included a rebuild kit for the carburetor, fuel pump, distributor points, rotor and cap, new spark plugs, and high tension wires. I ordered the items the next day. While he was there, I looked over his truck- a 1993 Ford F-100 Pickup. The paint was peeling on the hood, left front fender, and front bumper. I told him I could fix that, and all he would have to do was buy the materials. He thought that was a good deal and agreed to help me with the engine work on the MK II.

When the parts arrived, I called Ernie and Said, "Let's get started." He stopped over that very afternoon and started working on the engine while I started work on repainting his truck. The truck looked pretty good after I refinished the hood, fender, and bumper. The next time Ernie stopped by he was on his Yamaha Venture motorcycle. I looked it over and noticed that the tank cover and saddle bags needed to be repainted. I said to him, "The same deal goes- you buy the material and I will do the painting."

Ernie got the MK II running, and it sounded beautiful. The next thing we did was to clean the engine. The valve covers were pretty stained, so we decided to have

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September 2008 Board Meeting

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check comes, and we have to build a ride.'

They take trade-ins, too. A battered Red Baron ride and others are in the shop, waiting to be repaired, repainted and offered to shows that can't hack the price of a new ride. A sixth of the company's business is in selling parts.

The company has no plans to compete for air space with the likes of Chaos.

'Everybody's trying to go faster, farther,' Sellner Ward said. 'I've been flung up in the air and slammed back. But I'm more of a spinner. And don't hold me upside-down!

'As a company, we found our niche with rides that grandparents can take their grandchildren on.'

An early start Herbert Sellner was a gifted woodworker who fashioned lamps, toys and library tables before finding his calling with carnival rides. He made water toboggan slides for

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September 4th, 2008

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at Culver's in Maplewood at 7:05 PM. Board members present were Bob Johnson, Harvey Oberg, Dave Gustafson, Bob Gavrilescu, Bob Roth, and Tom Brace. Other members Faye Oberg and Brian Carlson were also present. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson reviewed the upcoming Annual Region Picnic on September 21st at Morries. Directions may be found in the newsletter. Morrie has again invited our Region Members to tour his fantastic car collection. There will be an election soon for two Region Director's positions; both Bob Roth and Bob Johnson agreed to run again. Any further nominations should be directed to Bob Johnson or Roger Wothe by September 22nd. Bob Johnson reported that long time member, Steve Kastl, Loretto, MN, passed away on Saturday, August 23, 2008 at the age of 65, obituary will be in October newsletter.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported the treasury balance to be \$4,640.95, with all bills paid.

Publications and Membership Director Dave Gustafson reported that we have about 155 members. He needs more "Pride and Joy" articles. Several members were contacted and hopefully we will have articles for the near future. Please consider writing about your Lincoln, every Lincoln has a story to be told.

Projects Director Bob Gavrilescu reported that CDs of the Mid America Meet are available from Brian Carlson and North Star Region baseball caps are available for \$10.00 each, and will be on sale at our Annual Picnic.

2008 Activities remaining were discussed: Car Show, Luther North Country Ford Lincoln Mercury, Coon Rapids, on Saturday, Oct 4th, 10 to 3 PM, Lunch will be served by Luther's: and our final event for 2008, Year End Brunch – Al Bakers, Eagan, Sunday, Nov 16th, 11:30 AM

2009 Activities were discussed and we would like input from our Region Members, please contact any Board Member with your idea.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next meeting will be at Culver's, Thursday, October 2nd, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted for Secretary Roger Wothe, by Bob Gavrilescu and Bob Johnson.

For Sale

This month's feature, a Lincoln Mark II, is for sale, due to the passing of it's owner, Bill Reese. Elizabeth Reese, Bill's wife would like to see it go to someone who would appreciate it and complete the final phase of restoration. Elizabeth is open to offers and may be reached at 952-471-9467 until late November, when she may be reached in Tuscon, AZ at 502-818-1222.

Fall Northstar Picnic

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resorts in the early 1920s until the Tilt-A-Whirl took shape.

Art Sellner died in 1995 at the age of 80. Just two months later, his son, Bruce -- Erin's father -- died from a rare auto-immune disease. Bruce Sellner was 44 and had been running the company with his father. He invented 'Spin the Apple' and other new rides.

'He died on Labor Day, as the Minnesota State fair was coming to a close,' his daughter said. She took over. 'I got tossed into the business a bit earlier than I expected. But I had worked here since I was 14.'

Her great-grandfather 'would be impressed that we've kept the company going all these years,' she said. 'He'd be amazed by the paperwork it takes to bring a new ride into New Jersey.'

A fifth generation may be in the wings, ride tickets in hand. Daughter Mallory, 5, 'has the ride bug already, and she's interested in how things work,' Sellner

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It was a perfect picture day. If we still used film, Kodak would have made a fortune. We had just short of one-hundred Northstar members and their guests attending our annual fall picnic, which was hosted for the second year in a row, by Morrie Wagener at his fine conference and training center out in Long Lake.

A very special treat was the open door to Morrie's car collection, which includes some of the most significant cars from past decades. Roger Wothe, long time friend of Morrie, is responsible for securing this special invitation to see this unique collection. Displayed indoors in a well lighted and climate controlled environment, each vehicle is capable of bringing to mind remembrances of a time in cars had character and individuality.



Bob Johnson with our host, Morrie Wagener.

Outside, in the parking lot were a lot of fine Lincolns driven from distances near and far to attend our picnic. It was a nice assortment of cars from the 1930's through the very late model, everyday drivers. We really like our Lincolns.



There were some very fine Lincolns in the parking lot enjoying "their moment in the sun".

Our picnic, as in other years was well organized by Roger and Barb Wothe. The faire included marinated pork chops and chicken breasts grilled to perfection, along with beans, salads and a few other succulent dishes to round out this fine meal.

We would like to thank everyone who brought items for our auction. Colonel Ed Myhre did his best once again as our auctioneer. His efforts made it fun and netted the region over \$1300, which paid for our picnic. What a great time was had by everyone that attended. Now if we could only find out why all auctioneers hold the rank of Colonel.

It is noteworthy to know that while we set an event attendance record, we came very close to running out of food and tables to sit at. We only have a few events each year where RSVP means just that. Had only a few more folks attended, we would have not been able to serve our guests a meal.

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Ward said. 'She's excited now because she's 42 inches tall, which grants her access to the big-kid rides. But the Tilt-A-Whirl is still one of her favorites.'

A Fun Filled Future

Today, Sellner Manufacturing Company is still located at its original site in Faribault, and it remains a family owned business. Bruce Sellner served as president until 1995. Erin Sellner (Bruce's Daughter and Herbert's great granddaughter) is now president and her husband, Bruce's Wife, Tovah, is still involved with the company and serves as chairman of the board. Sellner Manufacturing has grown to over 55 employees.

The Tilt-A-Whirl is still Sellner's best selling amusement ride. However, the Tilt-A-Whirl of today is somewhat different than the original. The wood has been replaced with metal, and seven cars instead of nine now spin atop the platform. Fuchsia and white or purple and

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And that would have put a real damper on our celebration. Please next time, RSVP. It will ensure that no one goes without eating and everyone has fun. After lunch, we held our annual membership meeting. Bob Johnson dis-



Bob Johnson, center, presenting Nan and Bob Roth with a Randy Mytar print, in appreciation for their work on the Mid-America.

ussed our many activities we had during 2008 and some of the clubs plans for 2009. Bob presented framed Randy Mytar Lift Bridge prints to all Duluth Mid America National Meet Chairpersons for the efforts they made to make the event such a great success. Lift Bridge prints were presented to Roger Wothe, Meet Registration; Dave and Marion Gustafson, Meet Publicity and Printing, Bob Gavrilescu, Treasurer and Auction Coordinator; Ray Nelson, Trophies; Dick Serwat, Field Marshall; Tom St Martin, Chief Judge; Harvey and Faye Oberg, 50/50 and Hospitality; Brian Carlson, Meet Photographer; Tom Brace, Driving Tour-Bayfield, Dick Eilers, Transportation and to Mary

Johnson for her support of Meet Chairman Bob Johnson (plus she had to live with him).

Morrie Wagener was presented with a Randy Mytar Lift Bridge framed print and a 2009 North Star Region Calendar as appreciation for letting us use his beautiful center and viewing his great car collection. Roger and Barb Wothe were given gift certificates to Woody's Restaurant for all the work organizing and Ed Myhre will be presented with a



Auctioneer Ed Myhre engaged in some very serious work.

Region Jacket at our next event for his auctioneering talents and the fun we had watching him perform. Ed could talk a drowning person into bidding on a glass of water, we are very lucky to have his talent in our Region.



Dick Eilers is going home with a framed Randy Mytar commemorative print.

What could be better? Visiting with our old and new friends, having a great meal, and enjoy talking about our hobby. That is what makes our club so special. We are already looking forward to 2009, friends, fun, food and Faithie...

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lime green are popular new color schemes.

The Sellner Spin Rides have continued to be in high demand and are favorites among all ages. The colorful Apples, Berries, Barrels, and Bears are easy to spot at parks and along midways. The Windjammer is another ride produced by Sellner and is made up of six hang gliders that rotate in a circle and can be moved upward or downward by the patron.

When asked to comment on Sellner Manufacturing's 70th Anniversary, Erin Sellner Ward responded, "I am proud to be part of a company with such a long history of making fun for families across America. We intend to continue the Sellner tradition of building quality amusement rides and providing exceptional services."

*How many of you remember riding on the Tilt-A-Whirl at the various county and state Fairs? Fun, wasn't it.....
From the internet...*

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them undergo glass-bead blasting to clean them up. When we removed the covers, we were both amazed at the condition of the heads. They looked brand new, without a trace of sludge, dirt, or grease. When we saw this, my neighbor, who was from California, suggested that I call the California Motor Vehicle Department to see if I could find out what mileage the previous owner had declared to get the 1973 tabs. In 1973, the car had 28,440 miles. On this day the odometer only had 29,475 miles. Without realizing it, I had purchased a very low mileage car.

The car is now 85% complete. All of the mechanicals (brakes, brake lines, fuel lines, and one right wheel seal) have either been rebuilt or replaced with new parts. During a test drive of the MK II, none of the seals leaked on the engine, transmission, or rear end. Now the only items I have left to complete are the headliner and carpeting (cabin and trunk).

Due to some new and old health problems, my wife and I were advised not to travel to Tucson this past November (2007) to spend our usual winter there. We are both on the mend now and should be able to go west in late summer or early fall of 2008. Once there, work on the MK II will be my highest priority. It should be finished by the first of the New Year!

Our sincere thanks to Elizabeth Reese for letting us print this fine story about her husband Bill's long time dream. Elizabeth would like to have the Mark II go to a good home, to someone who will finish the car and enjoy and drive it as Bill was planning to do. She is open to offers and may be reached at 952-471-9467.

Steve Kastl Passes.

Long Northstar and LCOC member James Stephen "Steve" Kastl, age 65, of Greenfield, died suddenly and unexpectedly Saturday, Aug. 23, 2008.

Steve was born Aug. 4, 1943, in Omaha, Neb., the first child of a family of eight born to James Edward Kastl and Mary Hortense (Carl) Kastl.

The family moved to Minneapolis in 1948. Steve attended elementary school at Visitation Catholic School in Minneapolis, where he was in the first graduating class. He then attended and graduated from De La Salle High School and attended the University of Minnesota.

He was employed early in his working career at Industrial Chemical Co., and spent many years at M & H Tool Supply, with subsequent employment at other companies.

Steve married the love of his life, Norma Jean "Sam" Sampson, Sept. 24, 1966, at St. Lawrence Church on Rush Lake in Minnesota. He is survived by his wife "Sam", daughter Kristen Mary and Son Anthony Coleman (Holly Lynelle Vitoff) and four grandchildren.

Steve's lifelong passion was cars, cars! He was a member of the Minnesota Street Rod Association, The Amblers Car Club and the Lincoln Club. He worked with friends on the restoring and construction of classic custom cars. Steve also owned many of his creations including a 1950 Oldsmobile 88 convertible which he built for his wife, Sam; and his most recent creation, a bright yellow 1948 Lincoln Continental Mark I convertible. Steve was good-natured, witty, and generous, always with a twinkle in his eye, and well-liked by all who knew him. He was one-of-a-kind and he will be missed by all.

Northstar LCOC Welcome Wagon



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This month the Welcome Wagon is making five stops to welcome our new members. This requires two trips. First we head Northwest from Willmar, and then Northeast.

The first stop is at the home of Marvin and Joan Winkel, 13555 Krohnfeldt Drive NW, Alexandria, MN 56308; phone number 320-852-7603. The Winkels have two Lincolns which they bought new. A new red MK Z and an all white 1979 Mark V. They like their new MK Z but they have enjoyed the Mark V for nearly 30 years and 127,000 miles. They are actually looking for someone to give their pride and joy the care it deserves for a few more decades. If you would like to add a nice white Mark V with white leather interior to your collection, give Marv and Joan a call, and get a great deal on a great car.

From Alex, the next stop is 100 miles West on I-94. David and Vicki Conmy reside at 917 Ninth Street South in Fargo, ND 58103. Call them at 701-232-2770 before you stop in and see their AWESOME car collection. I've heard that good things come in threes and that is certainly the case in the Conmy collection. Three Lincoln Mark IVs: a black 1972; a blue 1972 custom convertible; and a stunning yellow '76 which many of us saw in Duluth at the National Meet. Three Buick Roadmasters: a 1941 convertible phaeton (oo—ahh!) which David has had for over 50 years (don't we all wish we had our first car!); a 1950 Roadmaster Sedan; and a 1995 Roadmaster Station Wagon. All great cars!!

Speaking of good things come in threes, we have three new memberships from Duluth! William Patrick drove one of his two 1997 Town Cars to the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center to see the Lincolns on display at the Mid-America meet. He was so impressed that he thought that THIS is the club he must join. Bill had a short drive to the meet from 2102 Springvale Court, Duluth, MN 55811. Bill's phone number is 218-724-2909. Since his brother sells Ford products, Mercurys and Lincolns have been Bill's choice for many years.

Next stop is at the Ed Culbert & Glo Westerdahl residence, 5030 Crosley Ave, Duluth, MN, 55804, email eculbert@otismagie.com or phone 218-625-2115. Ed was 12 years old when he first had a ride in a Lincoln Zephyr, and he's been a Lincoln fan ever since. Not so much as collector cars but as drivers, and Ed drives a lot! He enjoyed 350,000 trouble free miles from an '89 Mark VII so he got another one. A pre-owned '92 Mark VII LSC had only 80,000 miles on it but now has over 160,000. When he called me from his cell phone he was driving the '99 Town Car with 235,000 miles on it. Ed works in the insurance business and has been a pilot so he has logged many air miles. But while he has had four wheels on the ground, he has logged over 2.5 million miles, many in the comfort of a Lincoln. Gloria (Glo) works in the Minnesota Twins office so the road from the Twin Cities to Duluth is very familiar to Ed & Glo!

The last stop in Duluth is at the residence of David & Ginger Wheat and their son Don, 3920 East Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN, 55804, phone 218-525-6078 or wheat57@charter.net. David had a 1954 Lincoln and has always admired Lincolns, especially the 1956 models. David is a long time friend of our newsletter editor David Gustafson. Right now David & Ginger prefer to admire the fine Lincolns of other proud owners, but if the right one comes along...

Please give each of our new members a BIG Lincoln welcome when you see them or give them a call. We all share a common quality in our appreciation of fine cars, so the conversation will soon drift in that direction. If you have any pictures of Lincoln wagons, please send them to me via Email or US Mail. I will share those pictures with club members in future columns. If you send a picture you may even use a '57 Lincoln stamp which is one of the *America on the Move: 50s Fins and Chrome* stamps available soon at your post office. Now that's what I call FIRST CLASS delivery!! By the way, if you have a computer, do a GOOGLE search for ED SULLIVAN LINCOLN and you will be able to view several '57 Lincoln TV commercials, "Lincoln, unmistakably, finest in the fine car field!"



For Sale....



1949 Lincoln 9EL Black Sport Sedan. Like new factory paint. New carpeting. Chrome is in excellent condition. Front seat upholstery needs some attention. Engine runs perfect and doesn't use any oil. Car has Hydramatic automatic four speed drive. Radial whitewall tires.

I am the second owner of this fine Lincoln, which I purchased in 1990 with 28,266 original miles. It had been stored in a heated garage for its first 40 years. The Mileage is now 43,500. Fairly priced at \$20,000.

Call Larry Trusty at 507.645.6799.
Northfield, MN



An Amazing Opportunity

A beautiful 1954 Lincoln Capri Convertible is now available, and it could be yours. This Lincoln is very well equipped with all of the factory accessories available in 1954, including electric windows, power steering and brakes. A new cloth top along with top weather strips were installed, May 2008. Powered by the OHV 317 cubic inch V8 engine, with powered delivered to the rear wheels by the fast shifting four speed Hydramatic transmission. Very fairly priced at \$29,500. Please call me today and let's talk about this very fine Lincoln. Ed Haedtke at 763-427-5797.

Wanted

1956 or 1957 Mark II in number two condition.

Prefer an Air Conditioned car.

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

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

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

Wanted

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

Great Automotive Buys...

For Sale

1979 Mark V Cartier Edition

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

WANTED

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

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

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

Call Francis Kalvoda, Willmar 320-235-5777

For Sale

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

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

For Sale

1972 Lincoln Mark IV
38,000 Miles, All Original, Trophy Winner
Gold with Dark Brown Top and Leather
As new condition. \$10K or fair offer.
Call Don Pennock 651-488-1596
Cell 651-253-5516

For Sale

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

For Sale

1972 Mark IV, white, brown leather, VERY
nice, 79K miles, \$4500. Virgil Anderson,
Boyd, MN 320-855-2545.

1979 Lincoln Versailles, Black & Silver, gray
leather bucket seats, 57K miles, EXCELLENT
throughout, \$6000/bo. Also a beautiful
black 1978 Mercury Grand Marquis, red cloth
interior, new tires, 83K miles. Both cars
pampered since new. LaVerne Shoenborn,
Mahnomen, MN 218-935-5503.

For Sale

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

Call 507-567-2256 after 6 PM

FOR SALE

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

Priced right to sell now
\$10,000

Please call Richard Serwat 651-554-0716

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



For Sale

1989 Lincoln Town Car 8-9 passenger Limo. Silver with dark blue leather interior. 63,000 actual miles. Always privately owned, not a rental. Hess-Eisenhardt conversion, 56 inch stretch, 4 door + 2 hidden doors for easy entry/exit - unique! Just serviced, drive anywhere. Very nice classy car for only \$4989. Francis Kalvoda, 320-235-5777.

For Sale: 1989 Lincoln Town Car, white with tan cloth interior. Good work or school car. \$800. 320-599-5130

For Sale



1940 Continental Coupe, with much of the mechanical work completed. Needs wiring, exhaust system interior and painting. Health reasons prevent completion. Easy finish and fairly priced at \$14,500.

Contact Marvin Paul at 605.334.4336
Sioux Falls, SD

For Sale

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

2 front fenders for 46-48 Lincoln Right and Left

56 Lincoln fender skirts good condition

56 Lincoln hood ornament

Call Ted Anderson at 763-561-8143

150 - LINCOLNS - 150

I have over 150 1960's Lincolns now, mostly parts cars. More than I will ever use. I have now decided to sell my extra parts; sheet metal, trim, whatever...

If you are restoring a Lincoln of this era and need parts, please contact me now. I may have what you need.

Just Arrived! New windshields that fit 1961 through 1963 Continentals. "64-65" windshields available now.

Please call Gordy Jensen at 952-851-2721

STORAGE AVAILABLE

Safe, Secure Storage for your classic now available

Southwest Metro Location

Contact Connie

952-835-4148

Preview of Coming Events

The following include scheduled club events

October Fall North Star Region Car Show, Lincoln Car Show, Luther North Country, Ford, Lincoln Mercury, Coon Rapids, **Saturday, October 4th**, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM See back page for map and information.

November Year End Brunch, Al Bakers, Eagan MN, **Sunday, November 16th**, 11:30AM Map and details in the November issue.

Now Here is the Deal

For every story about a member's favorite Lincoln (the Pride and Joy front cover article), we will send out a 2009 Northstar LCOC Club Calendar. This twelve month calendar will feature pictures of our members fine cars in color, and is now be available. We need your stories and you can always use a 2009 calendar. Please send your story today to NSLCOC, 308 Brandywine Drive, Burnsville, MN 55337.

Willmar Car Club 2008 Car Buffs' Breakfasts

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

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

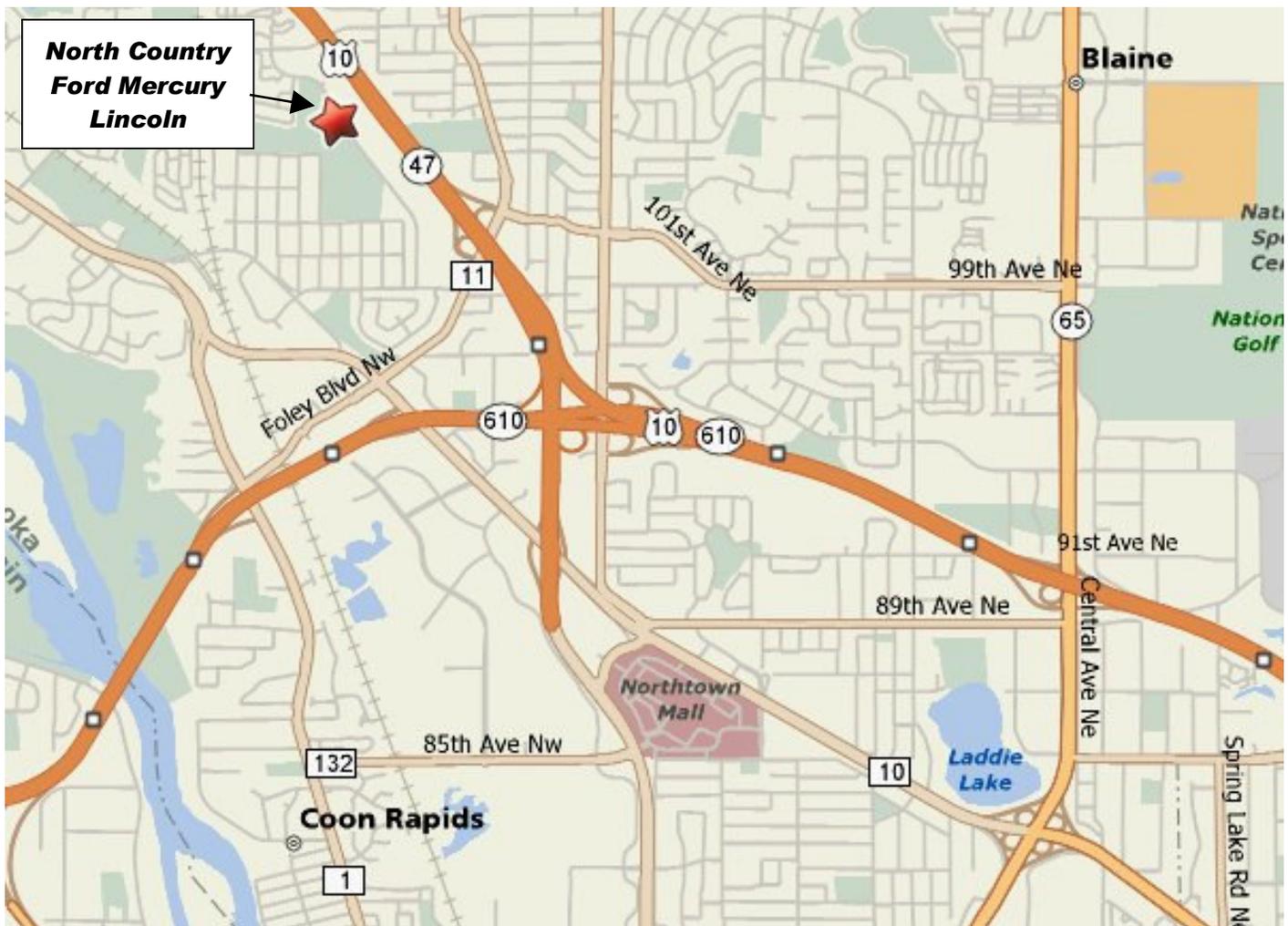
NOVEMBER 1, Clara City, Full Throttle Supper Club, 142 First Ave. NW

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FALL LINCOLN SHOW, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008 North Country Ford Mercury Lincoln



Join us at North Country Ford Mercury Lincoln, 10401 Woodcrest Drive, Coon Rapids, for our fall All Lincoln Car Show. 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

We look forward to meeting some new Lincoln owners, seeing some old friends and just having a lot of fun. There will be prizes and lunch will be at one of the nearby restaurants. Set this date aside now. Lets get those Lincolns out for one last time this year. Prior years we had great weather and good times for this last car show of the season. Lets do it again this October 4th. See and drive the new MKS.

Call Bob Johnson if you have any additional questions. 651-257-1715

I-35W to US-10. Go West on Highway 10, distance of 4.8 Miles. Take the FOLEY BLVD NW/CR-11 exit. 0.8 Miles. Keep RIGHT at the fork to FOLEY BLVD NW/FOLEY BLVD/CR-11 East 0.3 Miles. Turn RIGHT onto 99th Avenue NorthWest. 0.1 Miles. Turn Right onto WOODCREST DRIVE NORTHWEST 0.7 Miles. Luther Ford Mercury Lincoln is at 10401 Woodcrest Drive NW.
Call Bob Johnson at 651-587-1212 if you get lost along the way.