

NORTHSTAR NEWS

Paul and Deb, “Taking the road less traveled.”



This past July, Paul and Deb Andahl took this great looking Town Car to the LCOC Western National Meet in Colorado.

Our trip to the Western National Meet as told by Paul Andahl, North Star member from Bismarck, North Dakota.

Whenever we are driving one of our Lincolns, Deb always asks which one is my favorite, and I always reply “THE ONE I’M DRIVING,” in this case our 1999 Lincoln Town Car that we drove to the Western National Meet held in Grand Junction, Colorado this past July.

We purchased this Town Car in 2016 from a car dealer in Maquoketa, Iowa; who sold it new to a retired farm couple who lived in Florida most of the time. They kept this car at their home in Iowa to use during the summer months while they were home. It is the Cartier series in a color called Light Parchment that was available only on the Cartier at the time. Having traveled 18,000 miles, it still sits on the original Michelin whitewall tires.

Back to our trip to the meet...we left Bismarck July 9, so we could take in the tours that were planned for the meet. As we traveled through southwest North Dakota, we passed through or by small towns like St. Anthony, Flasher, Carson, Elgin, Burt, and Mott where some of the best pheasant hunting in the country is located. Hettinger is the last town we passed through as we leave North Dakota. Hettinger, by the way, is where some of the last great buffalo hunts occurred nearly wiping out the great herds that roamed the northern plains many years ago. Driving into northwest South Dakota, we pass by some really small towns with names like Lodgepole, Prairie City, Reva, and Hoover where, if you blink, you miss as you pass by. On this particular route, we pass through an area called “THE SLIM BUTTES” an outcrop of beautiful scenery will tall rocky buttes and stately cedar and pine trees. In September 1876, 30 or so battles occurred between the

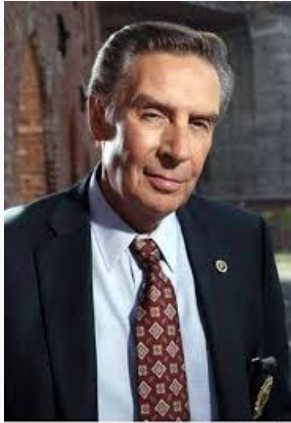
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Welcome to the Northstar News, the monthly publication of the Northstar Region of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. We value your opinions and appreciate your input concerning this newsletter and the operation of the club. This is your club.

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Trivia from the Internet



Jerry Orbach, AKA Lenny Briscoe
The loveable detective from the TV series "Law and Order"

Jerome Bernard Orbach (October 20, 1935 - December 28, 2004) was an American actor and singer, described at the time of his death as "one of the last bona fide leading men of the Broadway musical and global celebrity on television" and a "versatile stage and film actor."

Orbach's professional career began on the New York stage, both on and off-Broadway, where he created roles such as El Gallo in the original off-Broadway run of *The Fantasticks* (1960) and became the first performer to sing that show's standard "Try To Remember"; Billy Flynn in the original *Chicago* (1975-1977), and Julian Marsh in the original *42nd Street*

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Gentle readers.... Fall is here, having officially arrived last weekend. Hopefully, the air conditioning will not have to run so much to keep my home at a comfortable temperature. I have Honeywell smart thermostats, and the latest report shows that my A/C did run much less this past month over last year. Soon, we will have to switch the thermostat to the heating function, but it is fall, and that is something that we should expect this time of year.

Hopefully, our car season will last a little longer. Perhaps, we can still have some good driving days in both October and November, before the cold, damp, wet and snowy days set in for the 4-5 month duration.

We are featuring a couple of car shows this issue. We have some coverage of our fall Lincoln show, up in St. Louis Park at West End Lincoln. Those who came had a lot of fun visiting with other North Star members. The weather was the best, and we had a few Lincolns that have not been shown in a while. What cars we had were the best. Olga and I ventured all the way from Burnsville to St. Louis Park in our 1951 Cosmopolitan. This is the first journey for the Cosmo in several years, and it was nice to take it out on the road, albeit for only about 45 miles round trip. Olga was excited about riding in such a fine automobile, especially when I told her that there was a good chance of her sitting in the same spot as a few movie stars of yore. She wanted to know if any of them were Rin Tin Tin or Lassie? No, I told her, but if they were actors who worked for Warner Brothers movie studios in the early 1950s. It was a nice show, with perfect weather and Sweet Olga met a lot of both old and new friends and at the end of the day, went home really tired out from all the excitement.

The other featured car show is our Homecoming, an annual event over at Hickory Corners, Michigan. This year it was sponsored by

our sister club, the Road Race Lincoln Register; who is ably presided over by Mike and Joan Denney. The RRLR focuses on a niche of the Lincoln cars, those fine automobiles that were produced from 1949 through 1957, the bulk of which were eligible to participate in the Mexican Road Races. These are great cars, strong and fast and did the brand proud during the Pan-American Road Races. Much of the featured article is from the current issue



Sweet Olga with David's nephew, Paul Burski, is admiring Al Longley's classic 1958 Lincoln Continental Mark III convertible. She likes the color and that it has a nice, soft leather back seat. She wants her dad to get a car like that so she could ride around the Twin Cities on nice days with the top down and the wind blowing through her hair. Olga, you are not the only girl that would look great in this nice Lincoln.

of Viva Carrera, the RRLR club official publication. This homecoming show was a great event, not due to the size, but due to the wide range of fine cars that attended along with their most interesting owners. A special thank you to Bob and Mary Johnson for their contributions to the homecoming show. Bob was responsible for the registration and all of the associated paperwork. A daunting task to take on. Mary also worked tirelessly with Bob to help put everything together and make sure that everyone got what they signed up for. Not an

easy task. We are truly fortunate to have these two fine folks as both LCOC and North Star club members.

We do have two more scheduled events left for this season. Our next one is October 6, coming right up. We will be making our annual trip up to see Morrie's auto collection and join together for a club paid dinner. No pot luck, no auction, just the opportunity to enjoy seeing some great cars, some good food and even better fellowship. Get on board and RSVP now. Check out the back page.

Our last event will be a brunch, November 10, at the Lowell Inn in beautiful downtown Stillwater. Let's get together and talk about what went well for 2019 and what we might expect for 2020. I hope to see you at both events.

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

*Directors Message by Bob Johnson October 2019**(Continued from page 2)*

(1980-1985). Nominated for multiple Tony Awards, Orbach won for his performance as Chuck Baxter in *Promises, Promises* (1968-1972).

Later in his career, Orbach played supporting roles in films such as *Prince of the City* (1981), *Dirty Dancing* (1987), *Crimes and Misdemeanors* (1989) and Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* (1991). He also made frequent guest appearances on television, including a recurring role on *Murder, She Wrote* (1985-1991) as private detective Harry McGraw. However, he gained worldwide fame for his starring role as NYPD Detective Lennie Briscoe on the long-running NBC crime drama *Law & Order* (1992-2004).

Orbach was born October 20, 1935, in the Bronx, the only child of Emily, a greeting card manufacturer and radio singer, and Leon Orbach, a restaurant manager and vaudeville performer. His father was a Jewish emigrant from Hamburg, Germany. Orbach stated that his father was descended from Sephardic refugees from the Spanish Inquisition. His mother, a native of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, was a Roman Catholic of Polish-Lithuanian descent, and Orbach was raised in her faith (a religious background later replicated in his character on *Law &*

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The August heat wave has appeared the third week in September here, and it really feels good. Our only sign of fall around the corner is the leaves turning all their beautiful colors. I'm hoping for an extended fall this year, maybe till November? This is definitely cruising weather, and our area will really get busy with all the leaf lookers we see at this time of year. The fall season is here, enjoy!

The seventh annual Lincoln Homecoming (August 3-10, 2020) gathering of the four major Lincoln clubs, will recognize the centennial of the Lincoln Motor Company; which was founded in 1920 to build automobiles. This celebration will take place on the museum grounds August 6-10 and will be preceded by a gathering in Dearborn, Michigan August 3-6. Watch the LCOC website and the Lincoln Motor Car museum for updated information. This will be the only LCOC National Meet for 2020, with LCOC having a Sunday Judged car show.

Our Second annual Lincoln Car Show at West End Lincoln, on Saturday, September 14, had decent weather with no rain after a solid week of heavy rains; which I think held our attendance down. We had 16 Lincolns at this show with a variety from most decades. More on car show elsewhere in the newsletter.

Our Annual North Star Potluck, Sunday, October 6, 2019, will be once again at Morris Car Collection in Long Lake, Minnesota. There will be several changes for this year. First there will be *NO AUCTION*; second, it will be a fully catered meal, not a potluck as in the past. Third, it will be free to Members, spouse, and children. Fourth, a member can prepay for up to two guests at \$25 per person.

We will be able to view Morrie's collection from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with our catered lunch served at 12:20 p.m..

You need to RSVP to Matt Foley and Bob Johnson and prepay to Matt Foley by Wednesday October 2, if you plan on attending or bringing non-members as your guests to this Sunday catered event. PLEASE RSVP NOW.

Our November Sunday Brunch will be at the Lowell Inn, Stillwater, MN, November 10 at 11:30 a.m. Jay White has checked out and highly recommends the Lowell Inn, so please attend.

2020 North Star Board Managers up for election, we had five persons file Dave Gustafson, Tom Brace, Matt Foley, Jeff Eisenberg and Tony Karsina. The last day to file was September 12, so we have five persons for five positions, and the board will approve by acclimation at October board meeting — there will be no paper ballot election.

Dave Gustafson is currently out of "My Pride and Joy" articles. We need "Our Pride and Joy" articles about your Lincoln. Please share your story about your car with all of our members, and we would like to know how you got it, what you enjoy about it, what you have done to it or have left to do. Please send your article to Dave Gustafson, he can only do the newsletter with material that you send him, so get busy.

For September we have two new members of the North Star Region, Jim Olson, Mendota Heights and Dan Lubbers, Minneapolis, recruited by Stef Bailis.

Face book progress; we are now up to 249 likes. Please post your Lincoln pictures and stories on our face book page: North Star Lincoln Continental Car Club.

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

Bob and Mary Johnson...

Board Of Directors - 2019

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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 Paul and Deb and their great road trip

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U.S. Army and the great Sioux Nations along these buttes. These skirmishes took place two months after the defeat of General George A. Custer and his troops at the battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana. These battles marked the beginning of the end for the Sioux Nations as they knew it.

As we travel toward the Black Hills of South Dakota passing miles and miles of ranchland and a spattering of farmland, the old saying comes to mind "Even the coyotes are lonely in this vast country." As we near Newell and Spearfish, South Dakota, we pickup Interstate 90 heading West toward Gillette, Wyoming and then south toward Douglas and west to Casper, Wyoming, where we stayed the first night. This area between Gillette and Douglas produces some of the finest sub bituminous coal in the United States, shipped to all parts of the country.

Having encountered several rain showers, lots of bugs, and a near miss with a pheasant, the first day out we had the car cleaned the next morning before we started out for Grand Junction. As we leave Casper, we head for Rawlins, Wyoming, and south to Craig, Colorado. North of Craig, we encounter a five mile road construction project underway. We were led through the road construction following a pilot car traveling 30 to 35 MPH. All I could think of was the Lincoln ad "The Road Less Traveled." The only thing that could have made it worse would be if it would have been raining. Construction behind us, we reached Grand Junction in need of a major car cleaning. Once that was done, we arrived at the Doubletree Hotel where Bill Fletcher and his granddaughter had just arrived from Illinois and were unloading their luggage out of their beautiful Continental Mark IV and Jake Dout was on hand greeting all the early arrivals.

After getting settled into the hotel, there was a barbecue held that evening on the hotel patio for a time to get together and visit with the early bird participants.

The first day driving tour took us out to the Colorado National Monument, where stunning views of the surrounding mesas and canyons are something to behold. Returning to the hotel mid-afternoon, a delicious buffet was served up in the evening fol-

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Paul and Deb's 1999 Town Car

Northstar Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2019

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Bloomington Lincoln. Board Members present were Bob Johnson, Bob Roth, Jay White, Matt Foley, Bill Holaday, and Roger Wothe. Other members present were Mary Johnson and Jeff Eisenberg. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Member Jeff Eisenberg lead a discussion about having a monthly, mid-week meeting with some other car clubs to try to promote an increased membership of young people. It was suggested that we try to encourage the Buick, Cadillac and the two Thunderbird Clubs to participate with the North Star Chapter of the Lincoln and Continental Owner's Club. Jeff plans on visiting the New Bohemia Restaurant/Grill in Golden Valley to check on the desirability and possibility of having a meeting there on the 15 or 22 of the month. Jeff will report his findings. Regional Director Bob Johnson reviewed the upcoming events: The Second Annual Lincoln Car Show at the West End Lincoln is to be September 14, 2019, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Our Annual North Star Potluck Sunday, October 6, will have several changes for this year. There will be NO AUCTION plus a fully catered free meal to all members, spouses, and children, and any members may prepay for up to two guests at the rate of \$25.00 per person. Please RSVP to Matt Foley so that he can relay that number to the caterer. 2020 North Star Region Board of Managers up for election and have filed so far are Dave Gustafson, Tom Brace and Matt Foley and also new members Jeff Eisenber and Tony Karsina. The last day to file with Secretary Roger Wothe is September 12. Roger will then notify Bob Johnson of any additional filings. The LCOC Eastern National Meet is 19-22 September 2019 in Dutchess County, New York. **The only LCOC Meet for next year is the 2020 Grand National Meet in Hickory Corners, Michigan.**

Activities Director Jay White reported that the Facebook page is now at two hundren forty-nine "likes." The month of August had one slab-side Lincoln renewal, and two slab-side Lincoln members expired.

Treasurer Matt Foley reported the treasury balance to be \$4,378.59 with all bills paid.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson's report was given by Bob Johnson. Membership total is about one hundred forty with a new member Patrick T. Flavin from Buffalo, Minnesota.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 3, 2019, at Bloomington Lincoln. All members are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

Plans are in the works for North Star activities for 2020. Please let us know what your favorites are, or if you have any ideas for new places to visit or have a good meal at. Help us make 2020 a banner year, and send us your ideas.

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Order). Throughout his childhood, the Orbach family moved frequently, living in Mount Vernon, New York; Wilkes-Barre, Nanticoke and Scranton, Pennsylvania; Springfield, Massachusetts; and Waukegan, Illinois. Orbach attended Waukegan High School in Illinois and graduated in 1952 (having skipped two grades in elementary school due to his high IQ). He played on the football team and began learning acting in a speech class. The summer after graduating from high school, Orbach worked at the theatre of Chevy Chase Country Club of Wheeling, Illinois, and enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the fall. In 1953, Orbach returned to the Chicago area and enrolled at Northwestern University. Orbach left Northwestern before his senior year and moved to New York City in 1955 to pursue acting and to study at the Actors Studio, where one of his instructors was the studio's founder, Lee Strasberg.

*Gallo in the original 1960 cast of the decades-running hit *The Fantasticks*, and Orbach became the first to perform the show's signa-*

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ture song and pop standard "Try To Remember." He also starred in *The Threepenny Opera*, *Carnival!*, the musical version of the movie *Lilith* (his Broadway debut), in a revival of *Guys and Dolls* (as Sky Masterson, receiving a Tony Award nomination for Best Featured Actor in a Musical), *Promises, Promises* (as Chuck Baxter, winning a Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical), the original productions of *Chicago* (as Billy Flynn, receiving another Tony Award nomination), *42nd Street*, and a revival of *The Cradle Will Rock*.

In the 1980s, Orbach shifted to film and TV work full time. Prominent roles included tough, corrupt NYPD narcotics detective Gus Levy in Sidney Lumet's *Prince of the City*; he was the 1981 runner-up for the NSFC Best Supporting Actor award. He also portrayed gangsters in both the action-thriller *F/X* and the Woody Allen drama *Crimes and Misdemeanors* (the latter of which also featured his future *Law & Order* co-star Sam Waterston). In 1985, Orbach became a regular guest star on *Murder, She Wrote* as private detective Harry McGraw, which led to him starring in

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lowed by the auction topping off the day.

The second day driving tour took us out to beautiful Colorado back country finally arriving at the beautiful Gateway Canyons Resort. What a site to watch all of the Lincolns and Continentals as they arrived at the resort. The resort houses a private car collection of around 60 beautiful cars of all makes and models. After spending time taking in the collection, a private lunch for the LCOC participants was held there with lots of visiting and time enjoying the grounds of the resort and gorgeous scenery surrounding it. I might add this resort is owned by the Hendricks family, founders of the Discovery Channel and is listed for sale at a mere \$279 million. It does include a nearly 8,700 acre ranch featuring a 22,000 sq. ft mansion including a helipad. After enjoying the day out, its back to Grand Junction to get prepared for Saturdays judging and car show. We entered our Town Car in the senior class division and knew there was going to be some fine competition on hand in the senior division, and there was.



Deb and Paul Andahl with their trophies.

At Saturday evenings dinner and awards banquet, our Town Car took home the Doug Mattix Trophy for the senior division. All senior division entrants placed first, so there were some fine Lincolns presented for judging.

After pictures Sunday morning with John Walcek and saying our goodbyes, it was time to head for home. As we left the Doubletree, Deb and I, both agreed one of the best meets ever. The hotel was wonderful, and the food

was fabulous, the tours on a grand scale, the meet without a hitch – hats off to the meet planners and the National Board members on hand to lead, namely Paul Temple, Tony Russo, and Jake Dout. Great job each and every one.



Another view of a great couple with their exceptional Town Car.

Back to the trip home. As we left Grand Junction, heading to Denver, we thought our timing would be pretty good to avoid heavy traffic into Denver with everyone returning home from weekend activities...WRONG... the heaviest traffic ever with lots of rain showers, but the Town Car handles the stop and go traffic with ease. Finally taking a toll road shortcut that would have been worth twice the price in time alone, in skirting the heavy Denver traffic, traffic thinned out quickly as we headed north to Cheyenne on the I 25. We approached Cheyenne there was a strong thunderstorm brewing as we pulled off for fuel and a little lunch. And sure enough, a strong wind storm with heavy rain blew in while we were stopped. We enjoyed our Subway sandwich while the storm passed by. Back on the road heading for Casper, Wyoming on the I 25 a few miles north of Cheyenne we encountered a semi-truck laying on its side blocking the entire south bound lanes and traffic backing up for what seemed to be miles. Oh, so glad to be heading north bound.

Staying overnight in Casper, the following day we continued on to Sheridan, Wyoming. The open road is where these Town Cars really shine, traveling along at 80 plus MPH in solid comfort really makes the miles slide by. In Sheridan, we spent some time visiting Deb's Aunt Birdie, who has been living at a retirement home for the past three years. After our goodbyes, we proceed north into Montana where we took a shortcut to pickup 194. A few

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the short-lived spin-off series *The Law & Harry McGraw*. In 1987, he was featured in the hit film *Dirty Dancing* as Dr. Jake Houseman, the father of Jennifer Grey's character "Baby." He made further TV appearances on popular shows such as *The Golden Girls* (for which he received his first Emmy nomination), *Who's the Boss?*, and *Frasier* (as a guest caller).

In 1992, Orbach joined the main ensemble cast of *Law & Order* as the world-weary, wisecracking NYPD homicide detective Lennie Briscoe. He had previously guest-starred as a defense attorney on the series and was subsequently cast as the new "senior detective" following Paul Sorvino's departure. Orbach's portrayal of Briscoe was based on his similar role from *Prince of the City* years before, which *Law & Order* creator Dick Wolf had personally suggested to him at the time of his casting. Orbach starred on *Law & Order* for 12 years, ultimately becoming the third longest-serving main cast member (behind S. Epatha Merkerson and Sam Waterston) in the show's 20-year-run history, as well as one of its most popular. During Orbach's tenure on *Law & Order*, the series won the 1997 Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Drama Series among

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miles in we encounter another major road construction project, this time 12 miles long! Pavement removed, gravel, washboard, and dust flying everywhere! We finally found the end thankful the windshield was intact. Once again, these Town Cars are up to the task handling rough roads with ease. As we move on toward Hyshem, Montana the countryside is covered with green grass everywhere, and yellow clover in full bloom covering hills and draws making a picture perfect scene everywhere. Once on 194 heading east the scenery along the Yellowstone River Valley is spectacular. I always think of the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804-1806 and am in awe of the adventures they and their crew must have experienced in the wild frontier over two hundred years ago. Traveling along, we pass Terry, Miles City, Glendive, and Wibaux finally reaching western North Dakota where it seems the grass is always greener with beautiful farmland abounding everywhere. As we pass Beach, North, Dakota, we approach the spectacular Badlands and home of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park where our 26th president spent enough time to declare, "I would not have become president without the experiences I had in North Dakota." We always spend time in the small western town of Medora; which is a tourist attraction everyone should experience. Family friendly with fine food, the Medora Musical, trail rides, and hiking, the Teddy Roosevelt Experience, and the Bully Pulpit Golf Course one of the finest golf courses to be found anywhere. As we roll on through western ND heading home to Bismarck, the open country is as green as I can remember with crops waving in the breeze. What a time to be on the road taking in the wonderful scenery. Oh so little time.

As we approach Bismarck first crossing over the beautiful Missouri River, we have traveled over 2000 miles in solid comfort, averaging 22 miles per gallon...what a great car these Lincoln Town Cars are! The more you drive them, the more you appreciate them!!



Town Cars

The **Lincoln Town Car** was a model line of full-size luxury sedans that was marketed by the Lincoln division of the American automaker Ford Motor Company from 1980 to 2011. Taking its nameplate from a limousine body style, the Town Car first appeared in 1959 as a sub-model of the Continental Mark IV, returning as a Lincoln Continental trim line from 1969 to 1980. Following a revision of the Lincoln model line, the Lincoln Town Car became a distinct product line for 1981, replacing the Continental.

Third generation
Lincoln Town Car sales

Year	Sales
1998	97,547
1999	84,629
2000	81,399
2001	66,859
2002	59,312
2003	56,566
2004	51,908
2005	47,122
2006	39,295
2007	26,739
2008	15,653
2009	11,375
2010	11,264
2011	9,460
2012	1,001
Total	1,058,888

Town Cars were produced across three generations, each using the rear-wheel drive Ford Panther platform. While designed with its own exterior and interior, chassis and mechanical components were shared with the Mercury Grand Marquis and Ford (LTD) Crown Victoria. During its production, the Town Car was offered nearly exclusively as a four-door sedan (a two-door sedan was offered for 1981 only). Outside of the retail segment, many examples of the Town Car were sold for fleet and livery use, serving as a popular limousine platform throughout its production.

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other accolades, made multiple crossover episodes with fellow NBC series *Homicide: Life on the Street*, and spawned a franchise that included the TV film *Exiled: A Law & Order Movie*, the spin-off series *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* and *Law & Order: Criminal Intent* (both of which featured Orbach in guest appearances), and three video games. Orbach himself was nominated for a 2000 Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series (losing to James Gandolfini for *The Sopranos*). *TV Guide* named Lennie Briscoe one of their top-25 greatest television detectives of all time.

Orbach was married in 1958 to Marta Curro, with whom he had two sons, Anthony Nicholas and Christopher Benjamin; they divorced in 1975. Elder son Tony is a construction manager and an accomplished crossword puzzle constructor who has published more than 25 puzzles in *The New York Times*; he appeared in the *Law & Order* episode "Doubles" as a reporter. Younger son Chris Orbach is an actor and a singer; he played Lennie Briscoe's nephew, Ken Briscoe, during the first season of *Special Victims Unit*.

In 1979, Jerry Orbach married Broadway dancer Elaine Cancilla,

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From 1983 to its 2011 discontinuation, the Town Car was the longest car produced by Ford Motor Company, becoming the longest mass-production car produced in North America from 1997 to 2011.

The third generation of the Lincoln Town Car was unveiled at the 1997 New York International Auto Show, going on sale in November 1997. For the 1998 model year, all three Panther-platform sedans underwent complete exterior and interior redesigns, with the Town Car given the most extensive revision. Shifting away from the straight-lined design language used by full-size Lincoln sedans for over 35 years, the 1998 Town Car adopted the rounded exterior of the Lincoln Mark VIII and 1995 Lincoln Continental. The third-generation Town Car was introduced nearly concurrently with the Lincoln Navigator, the first SUV sold by the Lincoln division.

The third generation of the Town Car marked several major changes within Lincoln-Mercury. From 1999 to 2002, the Lincoln-Mercury division became a brand of Premier Automotive Group, a division of Ford created to manage its premium automotive brands acquired during the 1990s; following organizational difficulties (leading to Lincoln falling behind Cadillac behind sales in 2000), Lincoln-Mercury was restored under its previous divisional structure during 2002. As part of The Way Forward, the 2007 closure of Wixom Assembly Plant was announced, initially putting the future of the Town Car at risk. To preserve production of the Town Car, for the 2008 model year, production of the Town Car was transferred to the St. Thomas Assembly plant in Canada, alongside the Ford Crown Victoria and Mercury Grand Marquis.

For its redesign in the 1998 model year, the Lincoln Town Car retained the Ford Panther platform that had underpinned its predecessor. To improve the cornering stability of the Town Car, a Watt's linkage was fitted to the solid rear axle suspension (a change also seen in its Mercury and Ford counterparts). The front brake calipers were changed to a larger dual-piston design; 16-inch wheels became standard.

For 2003, the steering system was changed from a recirculating-ball to a rack-and-pinion configuration.

Fall Car Show

Our fall Lincoln car show was held Saturday, September 14 at West End Lincoln in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. While we had rain on and off for most of the week preceding the show, Saturday proved to be the perfect day for a car show. Some sun and a little wind proved to work just great for us. Unfortunately, attendance was down; which might have been due to the possibility of rain for Saturday. Those who missed the show missed a great opportunity to visit with North Star members during the four hour show. We had 16 very nice Lincolns along with their owners in attendance. The total membership head count worked out to be about 25. We will be considering a venue change for next year to try and increase attendance. If you have any suggestions for a good location for our 2020 fall Lincoln show, please let us know. We all would like to see a better turn out.

People's Choice Awards were given out at the end of the show for the three cars; which did their best to capture the hearts of those who attended.



1951 Lincoln Cosmopolitan, best of show

Best of Show went to a seldom seen 1951 Lincoln Cosmopolitan, displayed by David Gustafson, of Burnsville. Second place went to a 1978 Mark V, Diamond Jubilee Edition, owned by Brian Carlson, of Oakdale. Brian's car is about a near perfect example of a Mark V that you could ever hope to see. Our third place award was presented to Stef Bailis, of Bloomington. Stef has a very nice example of a 1960 Continental sedan, and it is black, one of the best colors for these cars. We were very fortunate to have a nice representation of these late 50s Lincolns at the show. Al and Kathy Longley brought their relatively rare 1958 Continental MK III convertible. It is the

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whom he met while starring in *Chicago*.

Orbach lived in a high-rise on 53rd Street off Eighth Avenue in Hell's Kitchen and was a fixture in that neighborhood's restaurants and shops. His glossy publicity photo hangs in Ms. Buffy's French Cleaners, and he was a regular at some of the Italian restaurants nearby. As of 2007, the intersection of 8th Avenue and 53rd Street was renamed in honor of Orbach.

In January 1994, less than two years into his stint on *Law & Order*, Orbach was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He initially received radiation therapy as treatment, but by December 1994, cancer had returned and metastasized. At that point, he went on hormone therapy, on which he remained over the next decade while he continued to star on *Law & Order*. Following his departure from the series at the end of the 2003/04 season, Orbach underwent chemotherapy, but he ultimately succumbed to his cancer December 28, 2004, at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York at age 69. Despite being diagnosed with cancer more than a decade before his death, Orbach's illness was not revealed to the general public until just weeks before he died. Before his death, Orbach

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most beautiful example of this three year run of these unique cars. And it drives as good as it looks. Bill Holaday came through with his 1959 Continental Sedan. It is a work in progress; it runs and drives well too. It was a sight to see three of these beauties lined up in a row.



Second Place, 1978 Mark V, presented by Brian Carlson.

Our long distance award went to Ray and Jeanine Nelson, who coasted all the way down the hill from Ham Lake with there truly "one of a kind" 1948 Lincoln Continental custom coupe. This sweet coupe comes with a great story, and you need to sit down with Ray for about an hour and a half and get the details of how this car came to be. Lots of changes make for a fine long distance cruiser.



Stef Bailis took a third place with his 1960 Continental. A real black beauty.

Our thanks go out to all who came to share the day with us. It was a great day to spend with friends, talking about cars and just about any other subject that came to mind. It was one of those days where it just doesn't get much better.

We also want to thank David Wright, General Manager of West End Lincoln, for making space available for our fall Lincoln show.



Left to right: Al Longley's 1958 Mark III convertible, Stef Bailis' 1960 Continental sedan and Bill Holaday's 1959 Continental sedan. A trio of beauties.



Bob Johnson, right, presenting David Gustafson with the Peoples Choice first place award



Brian Carlson with his second place Peoples Choice award.



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was signed to continue in the role of Lennie Briscoe on the new spin-off *Law & Order: Trial by Jury*, which was to accommodate his illness by giving him a lighter schedule than he had had on the original series, but he was only featured in the first two episodes, both of which aired following his death.

The day after Orbach's death, the marquees on Broadway were dimmed in mourning, one of the highest honors of the American theatre world, while NBC re-aired the *Law & Order* episode "C.O.D." (the last episode of the original series to feature Orbach) in honor of him.

In addition to his sons, wife and former wife, Orbach was survived by his mother and two grandchildren, Peter and Sarah Kate Orbach, children of his older son Tony. Having had perfect 20/20 vision his whole life, Jerry Orbach requested that his eyes be donated after his death. His wish was granted when two individuals - one who needed correction for a near-sighted eye and another who needed correction for a farsighted eye - received Orbach's corneas.

In addition to his Tony Award and nominations, Jerry Orbach is also a member of the American Theater Hall of Fame, having been inducted in

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More Fall Show



Stef Bailis with his third place award for his 1960 Lincoln.



Jeanine and Ray Nelson, Long Distance award winners.



A big thank you to Bob and Mary Johnson for working so very hard for 18 years to make these car shows a lot of fun for all.

Homecoming 2019

The following is from the fall issue of the Road Race Lincoln Register, VIVA CARRERA and was authored by Mike Denney.



Classic Road Race Lincolns in front of George and Sally's at Hickory Corners.

The Road Race Lincoln Register hosted 2019's Lincoln Homecoming August 7 through the 12th, 2019. The decision was made early on in the planning that we wanted to change it up this year by inviting all Ford products to the show. We welcomed 125 members and their families from all four Lincoln clubs plus Ford, Edsel, and Mercury for this first time event featuring all Ford-built automobiles. All in all, the event was a success; however we were a little disappointed in the turnout of non-Lincoln cars. The non-Lincolns that did show were high quality and pretty diverse. While many of us arrived Monday to help set up registration and get organized for the week's activities, Wednesday was when our first event took place. Some of our group drove out to the Gilmore Museum for their weekly cruise night. There was a large turnout of local cars of all types and ages, and the evening was perfect! Those that choose to stay at the hotel got to enjoy a welcoming party with free appetizers and a cash bar.



Lincolns at the Kellogg Manor House

Thursday there were two tours planned, one was to the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary and Kellogg Manor, where attendees were treated to a fantastic lunch at the mansion. The other

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1999. In 2002, Orbach was named a "Living Landmark" by the New York Landmarks Conservancy, along with his *Law & Order* co-star Sam Waterston. Orbach quipped that the honor meant "that they can't tear me down."

On February 5, 2005, he was posthumously awarded a Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series for his longtime role on *Law & Order*. His wife Elaine accepted the award on his behalf.

On September 18, 2007, a portion of New York City's 53rd Street near Eighth Avenue was re-named 'Jerry Orbach Way' in his honor.

After *Law & Order* was canceled in 2010, executive producer René Balcer was quoted by *The Wall Street Journal*: "I always think about the show as before Jerry and after Jerry... You saw the weariness of 25 years of **crime-fighting in New York written on his face.**"

New York Times writers Ben Brantley and Richard Servero analyzed the breadth and scope of Orbach's career:

Whether singing "Try to Remember" as the dashing narrator of "The Fantasticks" in 1960 or trading barbs with fellow detectives and reluctant witnesses on television in recent years, Mr. Orbach

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tour was to Vicksburg Historical Village, where people could tour the village at their own pace. After the tours, we were back at the Four Points Hotel for an Italian buffet. Bob Johnson and yours truly gave welcoming speeches to our group.



Gerald R. Ford Museum

Friday our tours included two options: visit the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary and Manor for some, and the other tour was to the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids. The museum is very interesting, proving that Gerald Ford was a great man. That evening we toured out to the Gilmore Museum for a Texas barbecue buffet. Following our dinner, we were treated to a presentation by author Andrew Layton about the 1954 Carrera Panamericana winner Ray Crawford. He wrote a book called "Speed Merchant" which highlights Ray Crawford's racing career. He also included a very interesting history on the Mexican road races from 1950 to 1954.

After Mr. Layton's presentation, we held our annual auction to raise money for our Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum. Tony Russo showed his usual fantastic auctioneer skills, getting as much money as he could out of the bidders.

Saturday was show day at the Gilmore. We had around over sixty cars on the show field, mostly Lincolns but we did have some other Ford products. We had three Mercurys, several Fords and Mustangs, one Edsel and a Cobra. A group of Lincoln Mark VIIs showed as well. This year, the judging was simply people's choice. We had several categories that participants could pick their favorites from. One addition this year was a DJ (funded by RRLR), who really added to our event. Known as "Rooster," Mitch Wooster really livened up our day with music from all

eras (Hot Rod Lincoln was heard several times) and also gave us the ability to make announcements. In the afternoon, we had a car parade around the grounds of the Gilmore, which was a nice addition to the day. I would like to add that throughout this event the weather couldn't have been better, sunny skies, temps in the low eighties with light breezes. It was a great day to be on the field looking and talking cars!



DJ "ROOSTER" rightfully known as Mitch Wooster, spun all our favorite songs from the 50s and 60s, including "Hot Rod Lincoln" and the "Mercury Blues." He was a big hit!

Saturday evening, once again, our banquet was held at the Gilmore Museum. Gale Halderman (father of the Mustang) was scheduled to be our guest speaker, but illness forced him to cancel. Tony Russo, Dan Staehle and I talked our DJ in to staying over and provide entertainment for our evening (the three of us paid for his additional time). It worked out great, and we even had some dancing! Jim Blanchard gave a speech about the Lincoln Heritage Museum fundraising efforts. I spoke and thanked our attendees for supporting our event.

Sunday was more of our cars on display, and at noon we gave out our People's Choice Awards. Following the awards, we had another car parade around the grounds. That evening, we had a delicious Mexican themed buffet back at the Four Points Hotel.

Monday (yes Monday) was a new idea that Bob Johnson had come up with. It was "run what you brung" drag race day at 131 Motorsports Park in Martin, Michigan. We rented the track from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.; you could run your car and be timed as many times as you wanted. The turnout was small, but it

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exuded a wry, ragged masculinity that was all his own. As a star of musicals, he created a new kind of hero who was leagues away from suave, swaggering Adonises like John Raitt, Howard Keel, and Alfred Drake... And he flourished at a time when the Broadway musical hero was fast becoming an endangered species... His rough-edged individuality may account for his endurance on the Broadway stage in an era when other promising musical actors - including Larry Kert, Robert Goulet, and Robert Morse - proved unable to follow through on their breakthrough successes. Mr. Orbach may have been the last of a breed: no male star since has matched the breadth and continuity of his career in musicals... It wasn't until the 1990s, when he started appearing as Lennie Briscoe in "Law & Order," that Mr. Orbach became a familiar name throughout the country. The rough edge that distinguished him on Broadway eased his transition to character roles like Briscoe, the recovered alcoholic who seemed to greet the discovery of each episode's crime with a world-weary shrug.

Reruns of Law and Order can be found everyday on a cable channel

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was a lot of fun none the less. John Herren had trailed his 57 Ford drag car, complete with a built 460 Ford motor, all the way from Florida with his brother Jimmy following in their super nice 55 Capri.



Dan Staehle with some of the bounty that he went home with. He won the auction for the original watercolor artwork Mike and Joan Denney had commissioned from a local Tulsa artist and good friend Monte Toon. The rendering of the '54 Ray Crawford Lincoln was done in watercolors and was used in our fliers, t-shirts and other advertising. His beautiful '54 Capri graced the cover of the June issue of Viva Carrera which is edited and produced by Mike Denney. Dan Staehle also won best of show at the homecoming. The bottle of wine was a gift from the Denney's for Dan and Joyce to enjoy. Big thanks to Dan for laying out the show field!



Dan Stahle's 1954 Capri

The group of Mark VIIIs that came to the Gilmore also came to run their cars, and believe me they were fast! A local guy brought his 84 Thunderbird Super Coupe complete with Coyote Ford crate motor that really screamed. I took my 52 Capri down the track and barely got it to 70 mph in the quarter mile. John Herren's 57 Ford was fun to watch, and he even let me take it down the track twice, at the end of the quarter mile that

car scared the #@#%* out of me. We hope this event will catch on in the future; it really was something different and a lot of fun!



Tom and Alice Dailey drove their 1939 Mercury all the way from Washington state to Kalamazoo, a trip of approximately 2000 (trouble free) miles. After the Homecoming, they were traveling down to Auburn, IN for the Early Ford V8 national meet. You can't help but admire them for driving the first year Mercury all those miles. Great people, we really enjoyed meeting and talking with them. They certainly deserved the two awards they won!



Above, the 1939 Mercury 8 that belongs to Tom and Alice Dailey. It just runs so nice and sweet. And they drive it everywhere.



John Herren's 1957 Ford Dragster, a lot of power under the hood. It did well at the dragway on Monday.

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Hickory Corners Lincoln Homecoming continued...



The Minnesota “gang” at Hickory Corners, taking a break, enjoying some food and friendship. L to R; Mary Johnson, Bob Johnson, Katie Foley, Brad and Joanie Videen.



Not your typical Mark VIII, this one features a belt driven supercharger, which makes the Mark VIII, normally a quick car, even quicker. Several of the Mark VIII at the show were supercharged.



Joanie Videen waving happily, with her husband Brad behind the wheel of their 1956 Capri. Note the A/C scoops in the rear of the car, which makes for one very rare Capri.



A very happy Margaret Foley enjoying her day at Hickory Corners with her mom, Katie.



There were eight Mark VIII at Hickory Corners, here are six of them lined up in front of the museum. The first one, a nice dark green in color, is a custom convertible.

I was really happy and impressed with the amount of Road Race Lincoln Register members that came to Kalamazoo to support our club’s hosting of this year’s Lincoln Homecoming. Seventeen members attended. Every year Lincoln we follow was there, with the exception of a ’57 (Bob Hardisty where were you? LOL). It means a lot to me personally that so many of you came to give your support to our efforts to put this meet on, even volunteering to help with different tasks required for the show to run smoothly. Overall, I think our homecoming was successful, of course, we would like to have had a larger turn out of non-Lincolns, but it was still a great event.

Welcome Wagon

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Francis Kalvoda's elusive Lincoln "Welcome Wagon"

Spring and Fall are my favorite times of the year. I hope we have a nice long Fall so we can enjoy our Lincolns and other collector vehicles before the salt season sets in.

Our new member this month is **Nick C. Goman**, 9154 100th Avenue SE, Clear Lake, MN 55319, 320-743-3310.



Nick Goman's 1978 Corvette

Nick owns a 1978 Silver Anniversary Edition Corvette; which he ordered new and has enjoyed for over 120,000 miles. Nick also has a 1940 Ford Sedan street rod under construction. When the going gets tough, Nick has two no frills 1971 Dodge four-wheel drive former government trucks that are primarily used for chores and wood haulers. Nick has enjoyed many quality cars over the years including a 1977 Lincoln Town Car. Nick currently does not have a Lincoln, but as with all of us, it is quite likely that there may be a Lincoln in Nick's future. Nick is a retired, single man; who has enjoyed cars all of his life and retired after a thirty year career in non-destructive metals testing. Along with many of you, Nick plans to attend the October 6 North Star picnic at Morrie's collection. Greet Nick with a warm welcome to our North Star Lincoln family. Enjoy our colorful Fall, and enjoy your special vehicles a little bit

Lincoln wins honors...

DEARBORN, Michigan, Sept. 12, 2019 – Lincoln Continental and Lincoln Nautilus continue to impress and meet the discerning expectations of luxury clients. Based on owner feedback, Lincoln Continental has earned best-in-class honors for luxury cars in AutoPacific's 2019 Ideal Vehicle Awards while Lincoln Nautilus takes the top spot among executive luxury SUVs.



Above, understated elegance, the Lincoln Continental. Below, the perfect sized SUV, the new Lincoln Nautilus.



The awards recognize vehicles that are ideal for their owners, with respondents rating 14 attributes ranging from technology offerings to interior quietness. The AutoPacific awards are based on responses from more than 50,000 owners of new vehicles across all major manufacturers.

"Our Ideal Vehicle Awards speak to a vehicle's layout and design," says AutoPacific president, George Peterson. "Giving owners a chance to tell us what they would change and how they would change it reveals which vehicles are best designed to meet their needs and expectations."

Earlier this year, Lincoln Continental and Lincoln Nautilus also earned AutoPacific's 2019 Vehicle Satisfaction Awards, a key industry benchmark for measuring how satisfied owners are with their new vehicles. Continental earned best-in-class luxury car in vehicle satisfaction as well as top car in vehicle satisfaction, while Nautilus was named best-in-class among luxury crossover SUVs.

Lincoln's momentum continues with the recent launch of the all-new Aviator and Aviator Grand Touring, as well as with the all-new Corsair, launching this fall.

Preview of Coming Events

- October **Annual North Star Potluck** (no Auction), **Sunday, October, 6, 2019** at **Morries in Long Lake**, Minnesota
- November **Year-end Sunday brunch**, **November 10, 2019**, at **11:30 a.m. Lowell Inn**, Stillwater, Minnesota
- December No North Star Activities planned. Please spend some quality time with good friends and relatives.



For Sale 1979 Lincoln Mark V

Shows under 37,000 miles, two owner car.

Diamond Blue metallic paint, rare color for 1979. Matching blue leather interior. Has moon roof and all other accessories Lincoln offered in 1979. Al-

ways garaged, never driven in winter. A great car for either touring or showing.

No dings, dents or scrapes. Have all maintenance records and factory manuals. Fairly priced at \$14,500/best offer. Call Maxine at 320-269-7547 Minnesota.



For Sale

1967 Continental Convertible Two owner car with only 85,000 miles. Service records since 1977. Arctic White with newer correct leather interior and ivory top. Always pampered and maintained with original 462 V8. Stainless steel exhaust and top

mechanism works fine. Award winner in Touring/Original at 2012 and 2018 Mid-America National Meet. **\$39,000** Call **Jon Cumpton** at **612-859-1483**.

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North Star Activities

FALL NORTHSTAR LCOC Potluck

This will be a fully catered FREE event for Northstar members and to provide for more time for socializing, there will be no auction.

Sunday, October 6, 10 AM to 3 PM, Morrie's Conference Center
2605 Wayzata Boulevard (Old Hwy 12), Long Lake, MN

In lieu of the traditional potluck, the North Star club will be treating our members to a free, fully catered dinner, and will be limited to North Star members only.

This is a strictly RSVP event. No reservations, no food, it is as simple as that. Contact Bob Johnson and Matt Foley to make your reservations and arrange for payment, if you plan to bring any non-members. You must RSVP by October 2, 2019
Contact Bob Johnson at 651-257-1715, email: arborbob41@aol.com
Contact Matt Foley at 612-280-4930, email: mcfoley@earthlink.net



November Year End Sunday Brunch Historic Lowell Inn, Stillwater

Our last great brunch to wind up 2019
Sunday, November 10, 11:30 a.m.

Make plans to attend this North Star year end event. This will be a RSVP event, so if you are planning to attend, please contact Bob Johnson or Jay White regarding your plans to attend.

Bob Johnson, 651-257-1715, email: arborbob41@aol.com

Jay White, 612-559-3219, email: jay@jwhiteandassoc.com



For Sale - 1941 Continental Coupe

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Reasonable offers will buy this good solid
Lincoln Continental Coupe.

Please call me today....