

NORTHSTAR NEWS

LCOC Mid-America



From high atop the Centerpoint Marriott, The Mid America Show Field.

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.

Wednesday morning, July 26th, I loaded up the MKT and took off on one fine road trip. Filled up the car at the neighborhood SA and started making my way over 35E to catch highway 94 over to Wisconsin. Just a little East of Hudson, it started to rain on and off most of the way to Madison. One stretch, it came down in buckets so fast that the wipers on high speed could hardly keep up.

Madison and a tank full of gas, brought the first glimmer of sunshine. Also, the temperature started going up from the high 60's to about 80 degrees, with humidity to match. A stop for lunch just North of Chicago was a good chance to get out of the car and stretch my legs. The lady that hides in my dashboard and gives me directions,

got me a bit sidetracked and instead of catching the 294 bypass, I wound up going along 90/94, right through Chicago. The good news, it was only about 1:30PM, but the bad news, it did take me a little over two hours to get to the Indiana border.

Once I got over to Indiana, it was pretty much clear sailing over to the Detroit area. There was a little road construction along the way, but for the most part traffic did move fairly well. Not being familiar with how the Indiana tollway works, I come to the first toll booth, and to my amazement, it was unmanned. The sign demanded the sum of \$1 to continue on my way, payable by inserting a dollar bill or a credit card into the appropriate slot. Alas, my

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Members and guests are welcome to attend the Board Meetings which are held the *first* Thursday of every month except December at 7:00 PM at Culvers Restaurant, (dine with friends at 6:00PM) I-94 AND RUTH STREET, St. Paul.

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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folding money had been folded a bit too often and could not successfully be inserted into the slot. The #@% &* machine did not like my money. I did have the alternative of using a credit card, but as I normally use an AMEX card, I do not usually carry a VISA or Mastercard. As luck would have it, I finally found a red Target card which the machine seemed to like. (Marion later reported, that shortly after I used the card, VISA security called our home to report an unusual, out of our area use of this card. She was asked if she wanted the card shut down. I guess she must have given them the right answer, as I had to use it once more to get through Indiana). By then, there were about 15 cars lined up behind me, quite possibly wondering why the fool in the first car was having all the trouble. The gate went up, and I quickly gathered up speed, all the while hoping that those behind me were suffering the same fate as I.

As I lost an hour when I entered Indiana, it was a little after 9:00PM when I arrived at the MidAmerical host hotel, the Centerpoint Marriott in Pontiac, MI. As I had anticipated getting there after 6:00PM, I had Marion give the hotel a call and reconfirm my late check in. I was able to greet a few attendees in the lobby that I had recognized from previous meets in Lincoln and Duluth.

Thursday came early. I hustled down to the coffee shop and stoked the fires for the day ahead. It was about 8:00AM by then and I was able to pick up my registration packet. The Michigan folks did a great job with the registration process, it was quick and painless. I had signed up for the tour of the Henry Ford Museum over in Dearborn, which was scheduled to leave the Marriott at 8:30AM. The bus was filled up, so rather than miss the opportunity to see the Ford Museum once again, I decided to drive over by myself. I have

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Trivia from the Internet



Henry Martyn Leland
1843 - 1932
The man who brought us Cadillac and Lincoln

Few Americans know the name of Henry Leland. But they know the two automobile companies he founded, Cadillac and Lincoln. The high quality and standards that Leland demanded of his cars still resonate today, as Detroit faces stiff competition from auto-makers around the world.

Henry Martyn Leland was a machinist, inventor, engineer and automotive entrepreneur who founded the two premier American luxury marques, Cadillac and Lincoln.

He was born in Bar-

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Editors Message

September 2011

So far, so good. While it would have been nice to have a few nicer days this summer, it's still been a lot of fun. We've had some great brunches, a couple of good cars shows, and I have had a trip to the Mid America over in Pontiac, MI. *Ah, Nothing could be finer.* And what a great time we North Star members had over in Michigan. On the over and back, the MKT ran well, 70-75 most of the time, except through Chicago on Wednesday afternoon. The adaptive cruise control worked well, keeping me at a very safe distance from the cars

ahead and the blind spot indicators in the mirrors are a good feature too. The satellite radio featuring the Sirius channels provides whatever you want to hear along the way. The Elvis channel, not so much for me, but the '40's, '50's, '60's and other easy listening channels make spending hours in the car very bearable. Total trip miles were about 1,550, with an average of 23.6 mpg. Not too bad for pushing about 5,200 pounds of car around.

Please don't forget that we still have a three, count 'em, three more months of North Star events before winding up the year. And guess what, 2012 will be even better.

The brunch that we had over at Lord Fletchers was truly over the top. Excellent food and service. What a great way to spend a Sunday, visiting with friends and talking about Lincolns, that is what makes for a real good day. We had our own room with thirty club members attending this event. Paul and Deb Andahl, were presented with a large picture poster

displaying pictures taken during the North Star "Bismarck or Bust" Tour, August 2010. Andahl's opened their home after our Edie Ford Lincoln car show in Bismarck, where they hosted over 30 Lincoln lovers to a great meal. Our Region really appreciates the generosity Paul and



Dad says that the dog days of summer are here. I guess that I feel just like that poor plant looks.

Deb put forth to entertain fellow Lincoln enthusiasts.

Please remember the Saturday, September 10, the all Lincoln show at North Country Ford and Lincoln in Coon Rapids. The details are on the back page and we hope to see you all there. We

changed the date to try beat the bad weather of prior years. Let's see if we get lucky. Also the St. Croix boat tour in October should be fun. We should get to see some nice fall colors too. The Pot Luck at the end of October at Morris will be one of our best events. Full details in the October issue.

There is a lot of buzz in the auto magazines about how Ford is planning on moving Lincoln forward. In the next few years, look for greater differentiation between Ford and Lincoln, with both exterior and interior styling to be significantly changed. There will be no mistaking Lincolns for Fords. Lincoln already builds a great car, look for it to get much better. By the way, stop by your local Ford Lincoln dealer and check out the prices on the remaining 2011 cars. Lincoln has always represented great value for the money and it's even better today.

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

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ton, Vermont and learned engineering and precision machining in the Brown & Sharpe plant at Providence, Rhode Island. He subsequently worked in the firearms industry, including at Colt. These experiences in toolmaking, metrology, and manufacturing steeped him in the 19th-century zeitgeist of interchangeability. He applied this expertise to the nascent motor industry as early as 1870 as a principal in the machine shop Leland & Faulconer, and later was a supplier of engines to Ransom E. Olds's Olds Motor Vehicle Company, later to be known as Oldsmobile. He also invented the electric barber clippers, and for a short time produced a unique toy train, the Leland-Detroit Monorail. He created the Cadillac automobile, bought out by General Motors. He also founded Lincoln, later purchased by the Ford Motor Company.

The importance of Cadillac and Lincoln in upholding the reputation of American auto-

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Directors Message by Bob Johnson September 2011



On the 1st of August, I went in and had surgery to get a new Left Hip. After staying in Fairview hospital in Wyoming for two days, I was able to go home on Wednesday, August 3rd. Recovery from a hip operation is supposed to be a lot shorter than a knee operation which I had two years ago. I sure hope recovery time goes faster the next few weeks than it has the past three weeks. I want to thank every one for your kind thoughts and prayers.

We had 13 Lincolns drive in nasty rain to get to our Ninth Annual Out State Lincoln Car Show on Saturday, July 23, in Montgomery, MN, as part of Koolacky Days. It was a very good day after the rain quit. Hope you were able to attend this car show.

For the cruise to Lord Fletchers, Mary and I were passengers in Ray and Jeanine Nelson's 1964 Light Blue Continental convertible, what a nice ride. Ray was going to chauffeur us in their 1989 Lincoln limo, but the night before it developed several problems. We had 30 members attend this fantastic Sunday Brunch at Lord Fletchers, on Sunday, August 14th, This is one of the finest restaurants in the Twin City area. What a great place Lord Fletchers is. Service was good, food quite probably the best that we have been served at one of these events. Our door Prizes were won by Jan Leppla, a ladies denim shirt, and Dick Eilers, a Lincoln wrist watch. This was a great place for visiting with friends and enjoying a beautiful day.

Please join us on Saturday, September 10th for our 5th Annual North Star Region, Lincoln Car Show, at Luther North Country, Ford, Lincoln, Coon Rapids, 10401 Woodcrest Drive, 55433, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This is a free Lincoln car show. We will be served lunch, and we will also have dash plaques and door prizes. Please invite anyone you know that has a Lincoln to come to this car show; they do not have to be a member of LCOC or the Region to attend. If they have fun and like our club, perhaps we will be able to get them to join LCOC and our region. We have moved this event from October to September to have it in warmer, and hopefully drier weather, see you there.

Special Event: join us on Sunday, October 9th, for a Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Tour, on the St Croix River, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with an On Board Luncheon. Boarding time is 10:45 AM. Luncheon features Chicken with all the fixins, \$27.00 per person includes tax and tip. Our Friends from the CCA are also invited to join us on the paddle wheeler boat trip on the St Croix River. To reserve your seat on this beautiful Leaf Cruise, **a check must be sent to Harvey Oberg, 6738 Buckingham Bay, Woodbury, MN 55155, by Thursday, September 22nd**. For information about Boat Cruise, call Bob Johnson, 651-257-1715 or email: arborbob41@aol.com

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August Northstar Board Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 4, 2011

Director Roger Wothe, in lieu of Regional Director Bob Johnson who was absent because of hip replacement, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Culver's Restaurant in Maplewood. Board members present were Harvey Oberg, Dave Gustafson, Bob Gavrilesco, Tom Brace and Roger Wothe. Member Faye Oberg was also present. The minutes of the past meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved, moved and seconded.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Director Roger Wothe reported the next brunch will be at Lord Fletchers on August 14. Please RSVP to Roger Wothe at 952-473-3038 or rwothe@mchsi.com by Tuesday, August 9. The Fifth Annual North Star Region Lincoln Car Show will be held at Luther North Country Ford - Lincoln in Coon Rapids, Saturday, September 10, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Taylors Falls Cruise will be held Sunday, October 9. Details will be posted in the newsletter. Send a check for \$27.00 per person to Harvey Oberg. The Upper Midwest Region of the Classic Car Club of America has also been invited. The Annual Region Pot Luck Picnic Lunch will be at Morries Long Lake facility on Sunday, October 30, 2011. Viewing of Morries collection will begin at 10:00 AM and continue until 12:00 PM. Lunch will be served following. There will be no access to the museum after 12:00 PM. We will need a cleanup crew. If you plan on attending please RSVP to Roger at 952-473-3038 or rwothe@mchsi.com by Tuesday, October 26, with what food items you will be bringing.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported the treasury balance to be \$2,582.90 with all bills paid.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson reported the paid membership is one hundred fifty-two. He also reported on the Mid America Meet in Pontiac MI. There were about seventy-five cars for judging and another twenty-five for exhibition. The Palmers, Andahls and Fletchers also attended. They had a great driving tour. Dave received many favorable comments about our Mid America Meet in Duluth, especially the food and hotel. Both Lloyd Pearson, and Ray Nelson won trophies at the Ninth Annual Outstate Lincoln Car Show at Kocky Days in Montgomery MN.

Bob Roth was nominated for re-election as a Director by Tom Brace and seconded by Harvey Oberg. Please notify Secretary Roger Wothe of any further nominations for Director.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next meeting will be held at Culver's, Thursday, September 1, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

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makers was driven home in July 2003, when marketing research firm J. D. Power and Associates released the results of two surveys. In its Vehicle Dependability Study, a yardstick for quality and reliability, only four American nameplates made the list's top ten (in order of placement: Buick, Cadillac, Lincoln, and Mercury; a Japanese brand, Lexus, came in first). In its Customer Service Index Study, which measured consumer satisfaction with dealers, again, just four American brands ranked in the top ten (in order: Saturn, Lincoln, Cadillac, and Buick; another Japanese company, Infiniti, topped the list).

Cadillac and Lincoln made the top ten in both surveys. The quality of these two renowned American lines can be traced to Henry Leland. Perhaps the country's most underrated automaker, Leland focused on precision

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manufacturing and put American automobiles on the world stage.

Leland's early work as a machinist introduced him to the idea of precision manufacturing.

Born in 1843 in Vermont, he made guns during the Civil War at a federal arsenal in Springfield, Massachusetts, and then at a Colt factory in Connecticut. Later, he found work at a Rhode Island company that made machine tools and micrometers.

"Tolerance" is a machinist's term meaning the variation that part sizes will permit, and Leland's jobs involved using extremely low tolerances, just fractions of an inch.

Restless, Leland wanted to strike out on his own and start a factory. He moved to Chicago to chase his dream, but in a twist of fate, he arrived there on what became one of the city's most notorious days, May 4, 1886. It

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been there a number of times, but not in the last 12 years or so. It is truly a wonderful place to tour through. It has changed considerably over the last 40 years, it is much better now. The exhibits are arranged in a more logical manner.



The "Sunshine Special", a 1939 Lincoln K used by Presidents Roosevelt and Harry Truman. On display at the Ford Museum. With amour plating, special windows and other equipment, it weighed in at 9300 pounds



The 1950 "Bubbletop" custom Cosmopolitan which served Presidents Truman, Eisenhower and John Kennedy.

The highlight of the museum is, of course, the automobile section, which was closed till the Spring of 2012 for updating and to improve the presentation. The tour also included the Greenfield Village, but much of that is

walking outdoors between buildings and I chose to stay in the semi-air conditioned space of the museum.

Marilyn and Jack joined LCOC over thirty years ago, after acquiring a 1961 Continental Sedan from Jack's late sister's estate. At the present time they belong to three regions. Not only do they attend region events, but they have shown their Lincoln's in close to, if not more than fifty National Concours. None of their cars are hundred thousand dollar museum vehicles, all were purchased for less than \$10,000 each. Marilyn's 96 PGA Tour Edition Town Car, that they are taking to National meets this season was bought on e-bay for \$4,200.00 and it is a serious contender for the Mattix Trophy. (More about this car in a future edition of our News Letter.)

When asked what they like most about LCOC, Marilyn and Jack quickly responded, "the people". They consider LCOC as an extended family. A functionally well oiled extended family. Lincoln's are important and perhaps the reason for initially joining, contacts for parts and sources for service are important - another reason for joining, socializing and driving tours are important - perhaps a third reason for joining. BUT IT IS THE PEOPLE YOU MEET AND THE FRIENDSHIPS THAT DEVELOP THAT LAST FOREVER. In the end it is the people in the Club who are the real treasures of LCOC national and regional membership.

If you have not seen the Henry Ford, please plan on making a trip there

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was a time when workers bristled against the power of industrialists, and on that day, a labor demonstration in Chicago's Haymarket Square turned violent. Someone threw a bomb into police ranks; officers fired into the crowd, and when the smoke cleared, policemen and civilians lay dead. Alarmed by the riot, Leland packed his bags and left. The bloody day may have cost Chicago a place as a prime site for automobile manufacturing, as Leland's companies later became formidable forces in the field.

Leland decided to settle in Detroit, and he founded a firm to make gears, machine tools, and gasoline engines. His company's products had tolerances as low as 1/2,000th of an inch, a spectacular achievement for the time. Word spread of Leland's high-quality products, and his customers grew, among them early automobile manufacturer Ransom E. Olds, who used Leland's gears and engines in his cars. The

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someday. There is a lot to see and you will truly enjoy every minute of your visit there.

Later on Thursday evening, there was a welcoming pizza party for the LCOC members.

Detroit is a good pizza town and the hotel served up some pretty good pizza. It was very well attended, as most folks had arrived during the day. There were a lot of familiar faces, and a lot of time was spent renewing old friendships and making some new ones. For most folks, it was a late night. The Michigan LCOC had their hospitality room on the top floor of the hotel. It was called the concierge suite, and is normally used by the special guests of the hotel for meetings and small functions. It served the meet very well, allowing great opportunities to visit and interact with other members. It also provided a great view of the show field, as evidenced by the picture on the front page of the newsletter.



The "300", one of the iconic high performance, well styled and understated produced by Chrysler during the 1950's.

Friday brought mechanical judging for those folks planning on showing their prized cars. There were alternative activities available too. A trip to the Ford Michigan Proving Ground was one great event, another was a tour of the Chrysler Historical Museum over in Auburn Hills, a relatively short distance from the hotel. As I have two older Chryslers in our garage, a 1951 Imperial and a 1956 Imperial, I thought it would be fun to see the Chrysler Museum. It was a great tour, the guides who took us through the exhibits were very, very good. There was a good representation of the various decades of accomplishments that made Chrysler widely known as a very well engineered vehicle. While Lincoln perhaps made cars which featured better styling, mechanically, Chrysler was right out front with the best of them. Great brakes, bullet proof engines and good value for the money, tended to make up a little for the somewhat dowdy looking styling of the forties and early fifties. Unfortunately, Chrysler will be remembered for their quality control problems of the 1957 and later models, which haunted the company for years afterward. But

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Lincolns on display in front of the Chrysler Museum.

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Cadillac Automobile Company recruited Leland, and two years later he took over the company and reorganized it as the Cadillac Motor Company, becoming its first president. By 1905, Cadillac was one of the world's leading car makers.

Cadillacs became known for their innovations. They sheltered passengers from the elements with closed sedans--in contrast to the open, window-less bodies that were standard at the time--and also featured self-starting motors. (Tragedy inspired the latter, as one of Leland's friends had died from injuries sustained while cranking a car.) Moreover, Cadillacs were revered for their quality, all the more remarkable because they used mass-produced parts. Henry Ford's assembly line was several years away, and cars were still built manually. Workers also used hand-made parts with gross tolerances, employing a tedious process of filing and grinding pieces to make them fit together.

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Marilyn and Jack Fletcher with her award winning 1996 Town Car.

food was good, and the service was even better. I dined with Harvey Bane and his wife, who are the proud owners of a 1958 Continental Mark III black convertible. Harvey showed it at our Duluth MidAmerica meet in 2008. They liked their stay in Duluth and enjoyed every minute of the event. They plan on attending our



John and Dorothy Palmer at the Saturday night awards banquet.

some dealership Lincoln Mercury cast aluminum letters, which were the high point of the auction. Well over a thousand dollars was paid for these signs. With lots of stuff commanding high prices, the Michigan region was flush with cash at the end of the evening. The hospitality suite reportedly was open quite late to accommodate those hoping the night would never end.

Saturday morning, the show field was busy with owners preening over their beautiful chariots. Eve-

again, this is another must see collection of great cars displayed in a great setting.

After the museum visit, there was a driving tour to a great lunch place out in the middle of no where. But, what a fun way to spend a couple of hours. Seeing some nice Michigan countryside, and having a nice lunch with about 35 LCOC members. The



Paul and Deb Andahl's Emeritus winning 1994 Town Car.

2012 Bloomington show, next year. Friday evening the Michigan region hosted a herb chicken and pulled pork dinner with the customary auction following the meal. The club had secured



Northstar member Steve Young with his first in class award.

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Such hand-made parts carried a talisman of refinement and precision, or so many people believed. Leland knew better. He felt that manually built components lacked the precision of mass-produced, standardized parts, and he wanted to prove it.

In 1908, Leland got his chance. England's Royal Automobile Club challenged automakers to test the precision of standardized parts during a special competition. Three Cadillacs, the only cars that entered the contest, were shipped to England, and officials completely disassembled them, mixed up their parts, and then reassembled the cars. All three ran perfectly. On the strength of this performance, Cadillac became the first American company to win the prestigious Dewar Trophy, awarded to the company that introduced the year's greatest automotive innovation. Leland helped to dispel the notion that machine-made components lacked the qual-

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ryone was a winner. Not one bad car in the lot. The judges had their work cut out for them trying to decide which Lincolns should "go home with the gold". With many volunteering for the thankless job of judg-

Paul and Deb Andahl have been members of the LCOC since 2006. Here are their thoughts on the 2012 Mid America.

Our recent trip to the Mid America Meet held in Pontiac, Michigan was well attended with nearly 100 cars on the show field several for exhibition and all very fine cars. The hospitality afforded by the Michigan region was nothing short of spectacular, with fine food and fellowship!! Renewing old acquaintances and making new ones is always a highlight of any meet. The tours to the Henry Ford Museum, the Ford Proving Grounds, and the Rouge Assembly Plant where the Ford 150 pickups were being assembled were very enjoyable.

During the awards banquet, an emotional and resounding tribute honoring the late Art Whitmire for all of his effort and accomplishment for the betterment of the LCOC demonstrates the tight knit closeness and care LCOC members share. Art will surely be missed. Our condolences to Art's wife Carol, and their family.

It is always a good time getting together with other Lincoln enthusiasts to share and create new memories, and we always look forward to the next meet.

ing, it was completed around 2:00PM. As most of the scores were

quite close, there were several additional second looks made to try and break some ties. At last, the final scoring was completed, with the results to be made public at the awards banquet that evening.

A very good dinner was served in the hotel ballroom. The Marriott did a good job on the food, and my beef was excellent, cooked to perfection. I was fortunate to be able to sit with the Northstar contingent, including John and Dorothy Palmer, Paul and Deb Andahl, Jack and Marilyn Fletcher, and from the Lakeshore Region, Carol Whitmire. It was great to be able to socialize with good friends over dinner, discussing not only great cars, but the friendships that can be made through the various LCOC and regional activities.

John Talbourdet, LCOC Chief Judge served as Master of Ceremonies, went through the various classes and presented the awards to the very happy recipients. Every car entered from the Northstar region went home with an award. John and Marilyn Fletcher won in the Senior Class for Marilyn's 1996 Town Car; Paul and Deb Andahl scored in the Emeritus Class once again with their 1994 Town Car. John and Dorothy Palmer claimed another Emeritus Award for their absolutely pristine 1989 Mark VII.

Last, but not least, Steve Young won in his class too with his 1969 Mark III. This car gets a little better with each meet. We want to add that Steve showed his Mark III last year in the Western National meet

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ity of their hand-made counterparts. After triumphing in England, Cadillac adopted the proud advertising slogan, "Standard of the World."

In 1909, the General Motors Company bought Cadillac for almost \$6 million, and GM President Walter Durant asked Leland and his son, Wilfred, to stay and run the division. Cadillac soon became GM's prestige brand, and its reputation loomed larger in 1912 when it became the only company ever to win a second Dewar Trophy, this time for its electric starting and ignition system.

In 1917, when the U.S. entered World War I, Leland wanted Cadillac to produce airplane engines, and when Durant refused, Leland left. But at 73 years old, he stood on the cusp of another great achievement.

Leland formed a new company, and friends urged him to name it

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and won there too.

Sunday morning brought many good-byes and promises to see each other at future meets. Indeed, promises worth keeping. A number of LCOC members were off to the Concours d'Elegance of America at it's new location over in Plymouth, MI. In prior years, it was held at the Meadow Brook Hall over in Rochester, MI. This year the new location proved to be a great success according to all who attended. There were plenty of the "true classics" to look over and wish you could take home for that vacant spot in the garage. While I didn't make it over to the show, I did read several accounts of show and those who attended had a very special day. For me, it was make my way back to Burnsville. The weather was good, the traffic light and it was a very easy drive home. What a trip! I hope that our Mid America next year will be every bit as good as this one was.

While pictures are often said to be worth a thousand words, pictures just don't do justice to the quality of the cars shown at this event. If you have a little extra time and some money for travel, it is worth it to attend one of the three LCOC sanctioned shows each year. The great cars that you will see and opportunity to visit with their fine owners truly make for one of the most enjoyable experiences you can have.

I urge you to mark your calendars for August 15 - 19, 2012, and set that time aside to attend the North Star hosted LCOC Mid America in Bloomington, MN. It truly will be a fun time for all.

David Gustafson, Editor.....

Kolacky Days, July 23

The weather report on Friday night was for a late Saturday afternoon rain, so I did not check morning weather reports. As I arrived in Montgomery, the sky turned black and green, just after paying entry fee all hell broke loose. After finding the Bank where we were to park, it was raining so hard I couldn't get out of car to visit with the first arrivals, Larry and Twylah Suhsen. About 9:30 AM the weather then cleared and turned into a beautiful day.

We had 13 Lincolns in our Lincoln Parking area next to the Montgomery bank. As Dave G has previously stated "we Lincoln owners are pretty hardy stock and we will not let a little threat of weather deter us from a day full of fun".

We had New LCOC members Jim and Ruth Boylan, Excelsior, attend their first Lincoln event in a newly purchased dark blue 1941 Lincoln Sedan Coupe. This car and couple were just great to see and meet, as they won our Best of Show, 1st Place Award on their very first showing. Our 2nd Place Award was won by Ray and Jeanine Nelson, Princeton, with a 1957 Premiere 2 Door Hardtop. Our 3rd Place Award was won by George Traficante, St Paul, with a 1979 Mark V. We even got a picture of George by his car. Our Long Distance Award was presented to Brad Wiemann, Rochester, with his 1986, Lincoln Mark VII LSC GTC.

Door prizes were won by, John Palmer, Lincoln Wrist Watch, Nan Roth, Ladies Denim North Star Region Shirt, along with several other items given away. Kolacky Car Show Awards for Lincoln as featured model went to: Lloyd and June Pearson, Edina, 1st Place, Outstanding In Class Award with their 1939 3 Window Coupe: **Five more Out**

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after himself. Had he done so, the name "Leland" would probably be a familiar one today. Instead, Leland decided to honor one of his idols. Since the Civil War, he had deeply admired Abraham Lincoln; his personal library was stocked with books on the sixteenth president, and a portrait of Lincoln graced his office. In 1917, the Lincoln Motor Company was born, and for the rest of the war the firm produced airplane engines.

After the war, Leland turned again to car manufacturing, unveiling a new Lincoln automobile with a powerful V-8 engine. His new company, however, stumbled on financial difficulties, as Leland struggled to repay loans; the Treasury Department also wrongly sued him for owing more than \$5 million in war profits taxes (it later dropped the charges). Henry Ford provided a way out for Leland when he

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I hope you have had opportunities to get your special Lincoln(s) out this summer. It is hard to believe that we only have a couple more months to enjoy our vehicles before snow and salt season begins. This month I will



introduce three new Northstar members; first is **LARRY BRAGUE**. Larry Brague's address is: W4266 County Road M, Trlr#41, LaCrosse, WI 54601. There you will find Larry's clean 1997 Cartier Town Car. Due to space restrictions (we can all relate) Larry just has one Lincoln at a time. This is Larry's 4th Lincoln but it is one of his favorites for comfort and economy. His 2000 and 2004 Town Cars suffered from right rear water leaks but his 90's Lincolns have remained nice and dry inside. Feel free to contact Larry at 608-796-02140 or lbrague@centurytel.net and welcome him to the Northstar LCOC!



Next, let's meet **JAMES AND RUTH BOYLAN**, 6760 Minnewashta Parkway, Excelsior, MN 55331, 952-797-2083, email jboylan@visi.com. Jim has enjoyed automobiles ever since he bought his first car back in the 1960's. His first car was a 1951 Ford which he bought for \$10 – that car had everything except floorboards and an engine – but a short time later it had both. Recently Jim and Ruth purchased 'Mary Todd' a great running 1941 Lincoln Continental Coupe in Texas and drove the classy lady back to Minnesota.



You will read more about that experience in their PRIDE & JOY article. Other current 'car' members of the Boylan family are, from left to right: a gold 2005 Thunderbird; a fast and furious 1986 Pontiac Fiero with a GM 3800 super-charged engine; Mary Todd; a 1984 Corvette; a barn find 1940 Chevrolet Special Deluxe Coupe; and a 1988 Ford Bronco with only 50K miles. We welcome Jim, Ruth, and Mary Todd to the Northstar Lincoln Club!

Promote the Northstar LCOC. Ask a Lincoln owner to join. We will host the National Meet next year, we have monthly events, we have great publications, we like to eat and meet, we have a friendly organization. Without new members, my job is shutdown. Don't let that happen – it's not Minnesota nice!

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bought Lincoln at the fire-sale price of \$8 million. But Leland never got along with Ford, whose leadership he considered truculent and intrusive. In 1923, he left Lincoln and automobile manufacturing for good. By the time Leland died in 1932, Lincoln was firmly ensconced as Ford's luxury division.

Leland remains a little-known yet crucial pioneer in automaking, a man who parlayed his experience in tool casting into luxury automobile manufacturing. At a time when American car makers yearned to establish themselves against European manufacturers, Leland won international acclaim and championed innovations and precision engineering. Today, at a time when the domestic automakers face even more worldwide competition, the companies that Leland founded still attract attention for quality.

From the internet.

More Directors Message

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Please RSVP to Roger at his home 952-473-3038 or email rwothe@mschi.com, by October 27th. When doing RSVP please let Roger know what you will be bringing for our pot luck, he may have some suggestions on what is needed.

Once again, it is time for you to consider being a member of our Region Board of Directors. We have a great club, and you can help make it even better. The Region needs to have all members involved in the process of operating your Club. If you want to be involved and can make a commitment to attend meetings on a regular basis, we could use your help. Here is your opportunity to move the club in the direction that you feel is best. If you are able to help, please send your nomination to our Region Secretary, Roger Wothe, by September 16th. Rogers address is in our Region Directory There is more information else where in newsletter.

Dave has two "MY PRIDE and JOY ARTICLES". We thank our members so much for taking the time to write article. We will need more articles and we want to feature your Lincoln, but first you have to write the article, if you need help, Dave Gustafson will help you in any way possible.

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

North Star Activities....

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Standing In Class Awards were presented to Brad Wiemann, Rochester, 1986 Mark VII GTC: Dave Gustafson, Burnsville, 1951 Lincoln Cosmopolitan: Larry and Twylah Suhsen, Delano, 1951 Lincoln Sports Coupe: George Traficante, St Paul, 1979 Mark V, and Bob Johnson, Shafer, 1989 Mark VII Convertible. Our North Star Region won the Club Participation Award with our 13 Lincolns being shown. Ray and Jeanine Nelson, Princeton, won Peoples Choice Award for Best Ford Product with a 1957 Premiere 2 Door Hardtop. John and Dorothy Palmer, Barnum, with a 1976 Mark IV Lip Stick Edition, won Award for Best Original Paint.
(submitted by Bob Johnson)

For Sale 1968 T-Bird



I need a new home! I am a 1968 Thunderbird, four door Landau, fully loaded with all the good stuff that was offered in 1968. I have a new A/C compressor, converted to R134A refrigerant, and I now blow nice cold air. I have had three owners and my history is available. I have but traveled by 77,000 miles and most folks say that I am in mint condition. You can have me for around \$8,500 or a good offer close to that. To take me home, Call North Star Member Don Peterson at 507-454-3010, 507-429-0476 or 507-454-5231, Winona, MN email: dop@mwsco.com

You May Be Interested in these Items for Sale

For Sale, to a discriminating collector;

1978 Lincoln Continental Mark V Diamond Jubilee Edition, in Jubilee Gold.

If you have been to a NSR-LCOC event, you will likely recognize this car. I purchased it 10 years ago from the second owner. Since then, it has competed in three LCOC national meets, the last one (Duluth 2008) it was awarded Best in Class in Touring/Original, scoring 98 points. The original build sheet, shipping document, and a recent Marti Report confirm the car is exactly as originally build, apart from the dealer installed integrated CB radio (one of the few options it didn't already have when built). The car has 39,700 miles since new, and is ready to drive to any LCOC meet in the country. Very realistically priced at \$12,500 (as one who works with no less than four price guides, I ought to know). You will not be disappointed; this is an original, investment grade car that is Bloomington Gold SURVIVOR show eligible.

Brian Carlson; bmitchell@juno.com or 651-739-1608.

For Sale:

Windy Hill Auto Parts at New London, MN recently took in 4 1956 Lincolns; 3 2dr Hardtops and a 4 dr with factory A/C. One 2 dr hardtop runs, drives, and has add on A/C and they want \$3000 for that one. The other 3 will be parted out. The cars came from Iowa. They also recently took in a dark blue 1979 Town Car Collector's Series that runs and drives. Also a 1977 Town Car. Windy Hill's phone number is 320-354-2201, open 7days a week, 8-5. (Info from Francis Kalvoda)

For Sale:

1948 Continental Coupe. Has had a complete engine rebuild 400 miles ago by Adelman engines.. New brakes, battery, chrome has been re-plated, new dark green paint, new tires, good working overdrive. Needs upholstery. Very fairly priced at **\$17,000**. Call Ted Anderson, 763.561.8143.

For Sale:

1981 Mark VI Signature Series. White, moon roof, padded trunk lid, lots of extras. All interior features work. Red cloth interior. Mileage on high side, 161,700. Started recently after long term storage. Call Karl Westenfield (C) 763-229-2183

For Sale:

1956 Lincoln Pink Pearl Premiere 2 dr HT. \$27000. **1956 White Pearl Lincoln Continental Mark II**, \$25000. **1956 Lincoln Convertible** with parts car, \$20000. Jack Simler, 320-834-4784.

For Sale:

1971 Continental Mark III, white, blue leather interior, clean car. \$2,500 obo.

1975 Continental, four door, yellow with gold-white leather interior. \$2,500 obo Nice original condition. Call Rodney at 701-252-2222 or 252-4149.

For Sale:

I need a new home. I am a **1969 MK III** with only 103,000 miles and I am green with a like new green interior. Front windows need some work. Call Rich at 715.321.1938 Best offer will own me.

For Sale:

1980 Mark VI Givenchy Coupe, New FoMoCo 302 V8 has 40,000 miles; car needs a little TLC, \$2500/offer. 320-429-0139

For Sale

For Sale:

1961 through 1967 Lincoln Continentals, complete and mostly complete cars, Sedans and Convertibles. I need to thin out my collection and if you need one of these cars either to restore or to use in your existing restoration project, please give me a call. Gordy Jensen 612.819.2107

For Sale:

1991 Lincoln Town Car Executive Series - 17,900 one owner miles, always garaged and well cared for all it's life. Garnet Red with light gray leather interior. Asking \$7,900. Contact Steve Schneider, Oakbrook, IL area, 630.479.1778

For Sale

1957 Lincoln Premiere Two door hardtop. Frame off restoration, with everything either rebuilt or replaced by a long time Ford mechanic. It has been done right and the car is probably in better condition than when it left the factory in 1957. Body work and paint done by a well known area shop. It is absolutely beautiful, and would easily score close to 100 points at any LCOC meet. Over \$41,000 restoration costs. This Premiere has all of the accessories, with the exception of air conditioning. If you want one of the finest 1957 Premieres, please call John Boegeman at 952.445.3004. Remember, you cannot buy and restore one to this condition for less than my asking price.

For Sale:

1972 Mark IV \$2,000 - 60K Miles. Rebuild Carb, Pertronics Ignition system (old system goes with car), Crager spoke wheels, complete set of service manuals, Personalized "Lincoln" plates good through 2011. Some other new parts go with car. Needs some Tender Loving Care, but the car is basically sound and a good value at the price. Call Dave Breault at 612-722-2075 and leave a message. Come take a look at this Lincoln Mark IV soon.

For Sale:

I have over 150 1960's Lincolns now, mostly parts cars. More than I will ever use. I have now decided to sell my extra parts; sheet metal, trim, whatever. If you are restoring a Lincoln of this era and need parts, please contact me now. I may have what you need. Just Arrived! New windshields that fit 1961 through 1969 Continentals. Available Now. Please call Gordy Jensen at 612.819.2107

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Preview of Coming Events

September **5th Annual North Star Region, Lincoln Car Show**, Luther North Country, Ford, Lincoln Mercury, Coon Rapids, Saturday, **September 10**, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
September 11, Wayzata Rotary and Minneapolis Club Charity Car Show, 10AM to 4PM, Mill Street, Downtown Wayzata. \$20 per car. One “goodie bag” of really great stuff is given to each show car.
Western National Meet, Redmond, Oregon, September 14 - 18
LZOC Gathering of the Faithfull September 28 - October 1. Lincolns on Lake Michigan at the Blue Harbor Resort and Conference Center, Sheboygan, WI. For those who love Lincoln Zephyrs and other Lincoln cars of that era, this is a great meet to attend. For more information, go to www.lzoc.org

October Please join us on **Sunday, October 9**, for a Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Tour, on the St Croix River, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with an On Board Luncheon. Boarding time is 10:45 AM. Luncheon features Chicken with all the fixins, \$27.00 per person includes tax and tip. To reserve your seat on this beautiful Leaf Cruise, **a check must be sent to Harvey Oberg, 6738 Buckingham Bay, Woodbury, MN 55125, by Thursday, September 22**. For information about Boat Cruise, call Bob Johnson, 651-257-1715 or email: arborbob41@aol.com.

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November **End of year brunch**. Al Bakers in Eagan, MN. Sunday, November 13, at 1130 AM
Another great meeting place with very fine service and food.

December Never any official Northstar club activities in December. It's time to rest up and get ready for a very busy and fun filled 2012, including the LCOC MidAmerica in August, right here in Bloomington, MN. Buy your spouse some nice Lincoln stuff.

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www.northstarlcoc.org Click on publications.

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North Star Events for August and September

FALL LINCOLN SHOW, SATURDAY, September 10, 2011

North Country Ford Lincoln

Join us at North Country Ford 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 served by North Country. Set this date aside now. Lets get those Lincolns out for one last time this year. Unlike last year, we will have great weather and good times for this last car show of the season. Lets do it again this September 10. See and drive all the new Lincoln cars. Best part, we will be served lunch.....

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.



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It will be a great fall day, with fall colors prevalent along the St. Croix. Enjoy the day in the company of your friends from the Lincoln Club.

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