

The Great Lincoln Homecoming



The ribbon has been cut, the dream has come true
The Museum is now open for all to admire and enjoy

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.

It was a little after 7:00AM, Wednesday, August 7th, when I finished loading up the MKT, and started out on my journey to Kalamazoo, Michigan to attend the dedication of the Lincoln Motor Car Foundation Museum. In all respects, it was a beautiful day, the weather was nice and I was listening to Louis Armstrong on the Sirius radio. The Lincoln MKT with its long legs is very capable of covering great distances as comfortably as possible.

One of the nice things about road trips, you have a chance to think about a great many things as the road ahead rapidly unfolds. The museum had been on the drawing boards for a long time, just a glimmer in the eyes of a few. But, what a persistent bunch those few were. While it was discussed in great detail for years, it has really started to make progress in the last 5-6 years. One very significant donor made a pitch to the museum board which provided that a large contribution would be made to the foundation, if construction could be started near the end of 2012 and be completed by 2013. At that point, things began to move very quickly. Agreements were made with the Gilmore foundation to construct a

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Members and guests are welcome to attend the Board Meetings. Our meeting location will be printed elsewhere in the newsletter, as it often will be held in conjunction with other club events.

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building at their Hickory Corners site. Contracts were issued for drawings of the proposed building so they could be used for further planning purposes and to help secure funds from donors. Along the line, it was decided to include as many of the various Lincoln branded clubs in the process as it was felt that an all inclusive group would fair better in the fund raising process.

The Lincoln Motor Car Foundation came to be, and it included the Lincoln Owners Club, whose members have a fondness for the 1920's and 1930's Lincoln L and K models. The Lincoln Zephyr Owners Club are also members. This group consists of all the Lincoln vehicles which were equipped with 292/305 cubic inch V12 engine. The Road Race Lincolns, a small club are part of the foundation too. The club was founded in about 1972 to recognize those Lincolns manufactured from 1952 through 1955. During that period of time, Lincolns were entered in the Mexican Road Race and became legendary for their ability to not only finish the race but to win too. Over the course of time, it also included 1949 through 1951 and 1956 and 1957 models too. The Lincoln Continental Owners Club is a member too. Virtually any Lincoln produced between inception (1921) and the current model year is eligible for membership and therefore a lot of overlap exists between the four clubs. The foundation, with its desire to create an open, welcoming structure, has worked well to bring the various clubs together to secure the necessary plans and funds to make the museum possible. It is also believed that it will be easier to have shared events at this fine facility in the years ahead.

Along our journey through Wisconsin on US 94, we noticed an abundance of Wisconsin Highway Patrol cars on the stretch between Hudson and Madison. The posted limit is 65 and there were very few cars ex-

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Trivia from the Internet



Donald Gilmore
1895 - 1979

In western Michigan, say around Kalamazoo or adjacent Barry County, the surname "Gilmore" is golden. That's true for a lot of reasons. The one most people in the area probably know best, even though it's been departed since 1999, is the Gilmore Brothers department store in downtown Kalamazoo. The name-sake proprietors, James and John, founded the retail landmark in 1888. After James died in 1908, his widow, Carrie, married her neighbor, Dr. William Erastus

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Editors Message

There is a saying "that the realization of a dream never quite matches the anticipation". In the case of the new Lincoln Motor Car Foundation museum, we can definitely say that this is not true. For those that made the journey to Hickory Corners, Michigan where the new museum is located, I think that everyone was quite impressed with what was unveiled during the dedication weekend. We have dedicated this issue primarily to the new museum and we hope you find the coverage interesting and informative.

We have Olga featured on page three this month. Samara, who is Olga's aunt (and Faithie's daughter) and our West coast correspondent will continue to "report" on interesting things from time to time as she travels around the Pacific Northwest part of our great country. Olga, like a small child, did not arrive with an instruction manual and that has proved to be a bit interesting for Marion and I as we try to figure out exactly what she expects of us. She is a very sweet, quiet little girl who seems to be very happy and wants to please us as much as she can.

September has come far too soon, our three summer months are remembered as somewhat of a blur. The weather hasn't been that great. Let us

hope that September and October are two of our best months this year, with plenty of nice fair days for taking out our Lincolns for some cruising.

We still have a few things left this year. The LCOC Mid America show

will be in Rockford and promises to be a great event. The tours will be good and there are many members and cars already registered for this show. Before Rockford, we will be having our own Lincoln show, once again at Luther North Country Ford Lincoln at Coon Rapids. We will see you there on Saturday, September 13th, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. We will have some nice door prizes and North Country Ford Lincoln will be serving up a nice noon time meal. October brings us our fall potluck, once again at Morries conference center in Long Lake. The details are on the



Olga who has been working very hard with her dad on this issue of the Northstar News is taking a break to enjoy a nice summer day. Marion and I have told her that winter will be here in a few months. She doesn't know about winter.

back page. This is our best and most attended event of the year. Tour one of the best car collections in the upper Midwest, enjoy a fine potluck lunch and bid on some much needed items at the auction. This might be one of the last nice days of the season to get your Lincoln out and exercise it well before the cold weather sets in. We hope to see you all there.

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

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Upjohn. The second-generation physician is arguably the most prominent individual to ever emerge from the Kalamazoo area, establishing the eponymous pharmaceuticals icon. The melding of these two royal Michigan dynasties bore rich fruit, especially where automotive history was concerned. The Upjohn Company's attachment to Kalamazoo was strengthened by the fact that the company remained largely a family affair. When William Upjohn, eulogized as "Kalamazoo's First Citizen," died in 1932, the job of running the company fell to his nephew, Dr. Lawrence N. Upjohn. In 1944 Lawrence Upjohn retired and Donald S. Gilmore became president. Gilmore, whose family owned Gilmore Brothers', a huge midwestern department store, was

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Bob Johnson and John Talbourdet at the LMCF Museum dedication.

We have had mostly below average weather this past Spring and Summer, but there have been a few noticeably exceptional days, and a few were stretched together for the Lincoln Museum dedication this past August 6 through August 9 at Hickory Corners, Michigan. There are many among us who have absolutely no idea where Hickory Corners is, much less what it is all about. This issue of our newsletter will feature information about the Lincoln Museum along with the other brand museums at Hickory Corners and some pictures to make things interesting. Our new museum does represent our "Pride and Joy" and all of our LCOC and North-

star club members should be very, very proud of it. In time, it will be known as the mecca of all things Lincoln.

We have three wonderful events left for 2014 and it should prove to be an amazing time. September will feature a classic car show, October will feature our premiere event, the annual potluck/auction and November will be our year end Sunday brunch. We hope that you can attend all three of our activities. Our members are the best and we hope that you will join us for fun and fellowship. Oh, yes, come to see our beautiful Lincolns.

Join us at Luther North Country Ford Lincoln, 10401 Woodcrest Drive, Coon Rapids, for our eight annual classic Lincoln car show, Saturday, September 13. From 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We look forward to meeting some new Lincoln owners, seeing some old friends and just having a lot of fun. There will be door prizes and lunch will be served by North Country. Set this date aside now. Let's get those Lincolns out for one last car show this year. Please bring a Lincoln friend that is not in our Club.

It is almost here, the 2014 LCOC Mid America National Meet, hosted by the Lake Shore Region. September 17 -21, in Rockford, Illinois. If you want to caravan to Rockford, we will meet at McDonalds on top of Hill in Hudson, I94 at 8:30 AM, on Wednesday September 17. We will take the freeway, please contact Bob Johnson, email arborbob41@aol.com or call 651.587.1212 if you would like to join us on the caravan.

Plan now for our annual North Star potluck and Auction at Morries, Long Lake, Sunday, October, 12. 10AM to 3PM. As usual, we will be able to tour Morries car collection from 10:00AM to Noon. Lunch will be served at 12:30PM. There will be the auction at about 1:30, so please bring a item of interest that may be auctioned off, the proceeds will go to benefit the North Star Region. **Please RSVP by Monday, October 6th, to Roger Wothé,** 952.473.3038 or email rwothe@mchsi.com, with how many are coming and what item you plan to bring to the pot luck to share. We ask you to please RSVP as timely as possibly, as there are potluck items that we must purchase and have in sufficient quantities to permit everyone to be served. RSVP early, it is the nice thing to do, and Lincoln club members are nothing but nice.

The North Star Region Car/Grille Badges are just about sold out, so we

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both the step-son and the son-in-law of William Upjohn. Ray T. Parfet, who was president of the company from 1961 until the late 1980s, also married into the family. The company has been so tightly held that until 1968 no one who was not a family member or employee of Upjohn was permitted to sit on its board of directors.



You can see it for yourself by driving a short distance northeast of Kalamazoo and visiting the Gilmore Car Museum, the fabulous collection and show grounds that Donald Gilmore and his wife, Genevieve, bequeathed to generations that would follow

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Northstar Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 14, 2014

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 in the second floor conference room at Morrie's Ridgedale Ford/Lincoln. Board members present were Bob Johnson, Dave Gustafson, Dennis Owens and Roger Wothe. Region member Mary Johnson was also present. Board members Bob Gavrilescu, Tom Brace, Bob Roth, Jay White and Harvey Oberg were absent. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson reported the Lincoln Museum Dedication was fantastic. There were a large number of cars and members present. The Museum has a new website at <http://lincolncarmuseum.org>. The 2014 Mid America National Meet will be held in Rockford IL September 17-21. It already looks to be successful. The committee has booked an additional fifty room at the host hotel. Most of the new grille badges have been sold so another forty have been ordered. Three North Star Region board members, Bob Johnson, Bob Roth and Jay White's terms are ending in 2014. Nominations are in order now up until September 15th. Please send all nominations to Secretary Roger Wothe at rwothe@mchsi.com or 952-473-3038 before September 15th.

Bob Johnson reported for Treasurer Harvey Oberg that the treasury balance is \$3,839.93 with all bills paid.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson reported that about one hundred thirty-six members have renewed. He will accept any new "My Pride and Joy" articles for publication.

Activities: The next Regional event will be the eighth annual Lincoln Car Show at Luther North Country Ford/Lincoln in Coon Rapids from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday September 13th. The Annual North Star Potluck and Auction will be at Morrie's Collection in Orono MN from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Sunday October 12th. The year end event will be brunch at the Roasted Pear in Brooklyn Park on Sunday November 9th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next meeting will be at Morrie's Ridgedale Ford/Lincoln second floor conference room at 7:00 PM on Thursday September 4th.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

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theirs. Donald Gilmore was born in 1895 and became an executive with the family department store before Dr. Upjohn, recognizing his business skills, wooed him away to manage the drug company as it rapidly grew. Donald married Genevieve and eventually advanced to the chairmanship of Upjohn. In doing so, he became a personal friend of Walt Disney, who allowed Donald's firm to open an Upjohn pharmacy on Main Street U.S.A. at Disneyland, the only such courtesy Disney ever extended to a drug company.



Donald retired from Upjohn in 1963, whereupon

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ceeding 70MPH. I stopped counting WHP cars about 25 or 26, with a few motorists stopped, ostensibly for speeding. South of Madison, things opened up a little with just about everyone pushing along at 75 or so. Compared to most of the Midwest states, Wisconsin has fairly good roads.

South of Beloit, I hit the famed Illinois tollway. Most of this was under construction all the way down to Chicago. Speeds were posted at 45 mph as construction was supposed to be underway. There was little evidence of any construction activity for most of the tollway. The lanes were narrowed down, but most of the traffic was exceeding 60 mph, with a few of us daring individuals cruising about 70-75.

What a relief it was to finally hit the Indiana border. From there to Kalamazoo, it is just about 125 miles, and all of them really easy. It was just a short bit of time before I was pulling into the Sheraton Four Points hotel, our host hotel for the next four days.

Registration was easy, a nice room, with tables, chairs and refreshments. It was a good opportunity to say hello to other LCOC members who I had not seen for a while. Later Wednesday evening there was a cocktail party with a nice selection of hors d'oeuvres to help ease the hunger pains.

Thursday morning seemed to come early. I am guessing that it was because I lost an hour because of the time differences between Michigan and Minnesota. The Four Points had a breakfast buffet for the Lincoln people staying at their hotel. There was plenty of sausages, bacon, potatoes and other breakfast faire designed to stoke your furnace for the remainder of the day.



After breakfast, it was time to take in the tour of the day, a trip to the Kalamazoo "AirZoo". The tour group was to assemble at the Gilmore and then travel back to the AirZoo. This seemed to be a bit redundant as the AirZoo museum is located near the airport and a few miles south of our hotel. So Brad and Carole Yoho and I got into our Lincolns and after a slight struggle with the navigation units, eventually found the correct path to the AirZoo. It seems as though the AirZoo is not located in Kalamazoo, but in Portage. Once that was programmed into the GPS unit, we were in good shape.



AirZoo tour guide with Brad and Carole Yoho, ready to lead them astray.

The Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum was founded in 1977 by Sue and Pete Parish, "dedicated to preserving and displaying historical and mili-

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Genevieve gave him a present, a 1920 Pierce-Arrow, not completely in pieces but needing a great deal of work. Until then, Donald had never been strongly into old cars, but that changed fast. He stuck the project Pierce under an Army surplus tent near the family's vacation home and got to work.



Along the way, he started buying more cars, and then built a small shop with three repair bays across the street from the family's downtown residence. You can probably figure out where this story went from there: The budding collector couple quickly ran out of space.

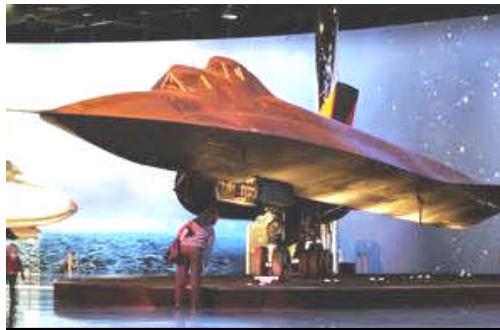
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tary artifacts and to serving as a research and educational facility for this country and abroad". The doors opened on November 18, 1979, to great local acclaim, and the museum quickly developed into one of the 10-largest nongovernmental aviation museums in the United States.



SR-71 Blackbird

It holds many historical and rare aircraft, including the world's fastest air-breathing aircraft, the SR-71B Blackbird. Many of its antique planes are airworthy. Among its other attractions are a 180-degree theater that projects a 4-D simulation of a B-17 bombing mission during World War II; and various amusement rides, including flight simulators of a rocket trip to Mars, U.S. Navy F/A-18 Hornets, a stunt biplane, a hot air balloon, and more.

In 1994, the Restoration Center was added, allowing the museum to restore old aircraft to working order. In early 1999, the moniker "Air Zoo" was adopted, along with plans for a major renovation. On April 25, 2003, construction began on a new 120,000-square-foot facility that doubled the museum's size and added flight simulators, amusement rides, Smithsonian Institution exhibitions, character actors, and a 4-D theater that combines 3-D films with special effects such as

rocking chairs and plumes of smoke to simulate anti-aircraft fire.

The new facility opened in April 2004. It holds the world's largest hand-painted indoor mural: "Century of Flight", by aviation artist Rick Herter, a 25,000-square-foot tribute to the history of flight in the main entrance.

Across the hall is the 168-foot "Night to Day" mural by Miriel Williams. There is also a computer-generated background on an adjacent wall.

In June 2007, the Michigan Space & Science Center opened in the old building (East Campus). The building featured World War II aircraft, several artifacts from the defunct Jackson Space Center, and more.

On October 1, 2011, the Air Zoo expanded its Main Campus again, moving everything from the East Campus into the new 50,000-square-foot addition. Half of this new expansion (known as the "East Wing") is devoted to the Space Theme, while the other half of the add-on includes World War II aircraft. The East Campus is now being used as the Restoration Center, which is noted for its work on aircraft including a Douglas Dauntless, a Sopwith Camel, and the newest project: An FM-2 Wildcat that had been lying at the bottom of Lake Michigan for 68 years.

It was time for a late lunch, and Brad, Carole and I found our way over to the cafeteria, where we munched on wrap type sandwiches. Joining us were Karl and Sharon Flick. The lunch company was superb, the meal not so much.

Returning back to the hotel, I met up with some folks from the Zephyr club and we spent about an hour dis-

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ful CEOs, Donald thought big. He picked a spot midway between Detroit and Chicago, and pretty close to Kalamazoo, in Hickory Corners, Michigan. There, he bought 90 acres of gently undulating farmland and built a much larger machine shop, plus a building for displaying his cars. By 1966, he and Genevieve had acquired 45 of them. He shopped around nearby parts of Michigan, bought three historic barns, had them dismantled board by board and then reassembled at Hickory Corners.



The whole site was tied together by two miles of newly paved roads. The Gilmore Car Museum opened to the public

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cussing the future of the clubs and what could be done to keep the various Lincoln clubs in business for future generations. Few clubs are growing today. Most of us face the same problems, graying membership, and a lack of interest from people in their 20's and 30's to participate in the hobby. Some of this is due to younger people not viewing the automobile in the same light as the older generations do. Our generation looked upon automobiles as status symbols, devices to enhance personal freedom, rites of passage... We all had our own reasons for getting behind the wheel when we reached that mystical age and received that license which enabled our fondest dreams to be realized. Other generational differences are the way we tend to communicate. Most of us feel comfortable with membership in our various social organizations, many of our younger folks do not favor clubs or societies, but value the newer methods, such as email, texting, facebook and other semi-impersonal forms of interaction. Additionally, the hobby is not inexpensive. It takes money to own a classic Lincoln. Frequently, fresh college grads are strapped with educational loans and their disposable income is somewhat limited. Most of us do believe that there are opportunities for our Lincoln clubs to grow, it is just that we have to find new and innovative ways to do this. The same old ads in monthly hobby publications no longer can bring in new members to the extent we need to survive. We did have a great discussion about the future. It will be in everyone's best interest to continue the dialog between the various clubs in the

near future.

Later Thursday evening, Bob and Mary Johnson got in from their San Antonio detour and a bunch of us North Star members went down to the hotel restaurant for dinner. Most of us called it a night early, to rest up for the next day.

Friday saw us depart on another tour, this time to something a little more centered with our interests, two car collections. As the collections were near to the Gilmore, that was our starting point, where we would meet at 10:00AM and depart from there.

We formed what must have been a 100 car caravan of some of the finest Lincolns ever. All ages included from the earliest 1920's all the way to 2014 models. It was truly most impressive to see all of these great cars underway, headed to our first destination.



One of the many classic Lincolns on the Friday tour, arriving at the Bill Parfet collection.

It was but a short distance to see the very interesting collection owned by Bill Parfet. It was composed of vehicles from all of the decades, all restored to perfection. A bit eclectic, it appears to reflect what appeals to the owner, rather than a particular theme. We came here to celebrate the Lincoln brand, most of us enjoy seeing excellent examples of other brands.

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on July 31, 1966, supported by a non-profit foundation that Donald and Genevieve established. The Gilmore collection is one of the world's great, must-see gatherings of automotive history. The Hickory Corners site has expanded to include a standalone museum dedicated to Donald's beloved Pierce-Arrow, a steam power exhibit, a recreated 1930s service station and a classic 1940s diner relocated from Connecticut. The Gilmore museum is also home to the Classic Car Club of America's permanent collection and an exhibit of historic motorcycles. It's only part of the local Gilmore legacy.

Exhibits range from the early cars of the 1890s, to the Duesenbergs, Hudsons, and classics of the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s, as well as automobiles built in

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Bill Partet's one of a kind Pontiac



The Parfet collection also includes a very impressive Duesenberg.



If you like wooden boats, you will love this 1950 Chrysler Town and Country. Also in the Parfet collection.

The collection ranges from Duesenbergs and Cadillacs to Chevrolets. And of course, there are a couple of very fine Lincolns. A Chrysler woody convertible caught my eye, along with a one of a kind 1959 Pontiac pickup. Pontiac had intended to produce a car much along the lines of the Chevrolet El Camino and had assembled one as a styling exercise

and test vehicle. It probably would have been very successful and would have competed with the El Camino in the marketplace. General Motors did have a policy at the time of not allowing their various divisions to directly compete with each other, and killed off the concept. Bill Parfet has some very fine cars in his collection and it was nice for us to be able to see them.



Above, 1932 Lincoln K, below 1960 Continental Convertible



Back in our Lincolns again, it was a six mile drive to our next stop, the Off Brothers collection near Gull Lake. The Off Brothers (Bill Johnston and Ron Ellenbaas) have a large collection of interesting cars of all ages, mechanical devices and automobilia housed in two large buildings.

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the "Other Motor City - Kalamazoo." Also on display is a vintage Franklin dealership and the largest gallery ever dedicated to the Model A Ford. Featured are the Dust Bowl and Great Migration vehicles of the 1920s and 1930s, a 1948 Tucker, vintage pedal cars, and the Eldon and Esta Hostetler Hudson Motor Car Collection.



On site is a 1941 Blue Moon Diner and a recreation of a 1930s Shell Gas Station, where gas is always 18 cents a gallon.

Of special interest is the museum founder's personal friendship with Walt Disney. On display is the movie set and car as seen in the

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There was a Duesenberg or two, Packards, Cadillacs, even a few

V16's, Buicks and some exotic foreign stuff too. These people love cars, really nice cars and their collection shows it.



One of my favorites in the Off Brothers collection was this simply beautiful 56 Premiere convertible.

There was a mechanical orchestra which was playing from time to time, a great addition to any collection. Also included were the usual auto related signs all over the walls and hanging from the ceiling. There was even a large mechanical elephant, operating under its own power and guided by a person sitting high atop the life like beast. It looks like it would be very impressive to see underway in parades.

Leaving the Off Brothers collection, it was but a few blocks to lunch at "The Dock" restaurant, where our tour group had reservations. After lunch, we eventually found our way back to the Gilmore or our hotels.

Friday evening featured a reception and dinner back at the Gilmore. It was a well attended event featuring a nice selection of buffet items. Due to great attendance, a large open tent was setup, with plenty of room for all. We had a nice summer evening, with a gentle breeze, making it a perfect time for socializing outdoors. The activities concluded around 9:00PM

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1967 Walt Disney movie, *The Gnome-Mobile*, about a family who discovers gnomes living in the forest. Museum founder Donald Gilmore and Walt Disney were good friends and after production of the film ended, Donald purchased the 1930 Rolls-Royce Sedan DeVille used in the movie from Disney Studios. After visiting the Gilmore Car Museum in person before its public opening, Disney gave the original movie set, a four-times-larger-than-life recreation of the back seat of the Rolls-Royce, to Donald as a gift. Both pieces are on display at the Gilmore Car Museum. Walt Disney and Donald Gilmore were friends and neighbors in the Smoke Tree Ranch of Palm Springs, Calif. Gilmore, who became Upjohn president in 1944, was an

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and it was a very pleasant drive, especially for those with open cars, back to the hotel.

Saturday was the big day. Lincolns of all ages converged at the site of the new Lincoln Motorcar Museum at Hickory Corners beginning at 9:00AM. Bob Johnson, our Region Director, was busy serving in his new role as "Traffic Director", making sure that all Lincolns were pointed in the direction of John Walcek to be recorded as a digital image for posterity. The oldest Lincolns were parked nearest the museum, newer ones were parked on the grounds adjacent to the museum buildings.



A 1921 open car, believed to be one of the oldest models existing was parked next to the main entrance. It was truly an impressive sight.



Also next to the entrance is a metal sculpture of Abe Lincoln, sitting on a bench, his signature top hat is removed and is placed next to him on the bench. Abe is smiling, relaxed and really looks happy. It is

obvious that he has finally found his home.



LCOC folks hanging out with Abe Lincoln include Chris Dunn and his son, above and Paul and Deb Andahl, below.

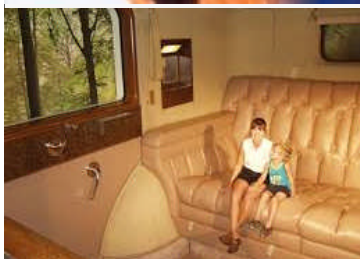
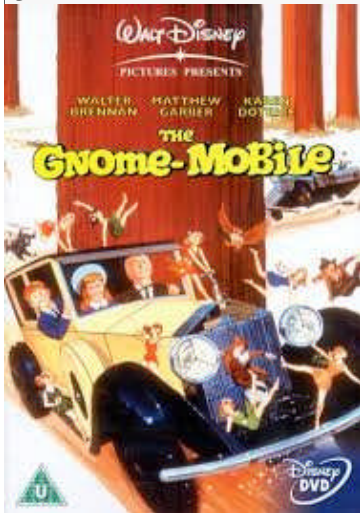


I am guessing that there were somewhere between 175 and 200 Lincolns on the grounds and everyone was a winner. Of the cars there, I believe that about half of them were from the 1920's, 30's and 40's. I have never seen this many Lincolns assembled together from these three decades. It was breathtaking. The folks at the gate report that almost

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original sponsor of Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. An Upjohn Pharmacy was part of Main Street, USA, when the amusement park opened in 1955.



Disney made multiple visits to Kalamazoo to spend time with Gilmore, including in 1964 when he also met with local children. Disney sold the Rolls-Royce to Gilmore for the cost of having it shipped to Hickory Corners. Disney also sent a

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1,000 people came to attend the Saturday events. In addition to the Lincoln museum, the entire Gilmore complex was open. It contains marquee specific collections including Pierce-Arrow, Franklin, Cadillac LaSalle, Model A Ford, and Lincoln. The Classic Car Club of America also has their collection which contains those automobiles that their club as defined as "true classics". The Gilmore Collection also includes automobiles which overlap the other collections and many, many more that are not found in the brand specific collections. Due to the size and number of the buildings in the complex, one cannot easily take in everything in a single day. It would take a couple of days to truly do a good coverage and a return visit every few years would be warranted.



Above: Ray and Jeanine Nelson arriving with their 1948 custom Continental Coupe.



Above, a very rare Lincoln, a 1949 Town Sedan. This one is mostly original, low mileage and very nice.

At 5:00PM, we gathered around the front of the Lincoln museum for the formal dedication presentations and speeches by the foundation dig-

nitaries. All was well and all was good. The foundation board members along with the representatives of the four partnering clubs, with scissors in hand cut the ribbon stretched across the front doors of the building. Symbolic keys to the building were turned over to the four clubs and the Lincoln Foundation Motor Car Museum was now officially open to the public. The dream has now come true.



Afterwards, there was a social hour and a very nice formal buffet dinner. The food, catered by the Four Points was good and everyone appeared to be well fed. Dennis

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special-effects mockup of the car's rear passenger area, which is four times the original size. The set piece was installed and dedicated in the museum in September, 1966. Disney died on Dec. 15, 1966.

Donald died in 1979 and Genevieve passed away 11 years later at age 95. His late nephew Jim was a broadcasting executive and long-time sponsor of A.J. Foyt. A brother, Irving, founded The Gilmore, the nation's premier international festival for keyboardists. Donald's grandson, Bill Parfet, is the Gilmore museum's chairman, and board chairman of MPI Research in Kalamazoo.

From the internet and Hemmings Classic Car... Jim Donnelly



Get out your magnifying glass. Northstar members at the dedication include: left to right, Karl and Sharon Flick, Bob Gavrilescu, Tom Brace, Paul and Deb Andahl, John McCarthy, John and Debbie Wessel, Bill and Donna Allen, Bob and Mary Johnson, Judy and Bruce Nichols, David Gustafson, Brad and Carole Yoho, Jeanine and Ray Nelson. Front kneeling, John Talbordet, LCOC President. A very nice unidentified gentlemen is between the Nichols and we believe that he is either from Sweden or Germany.

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Garrett, who worked tirelessly to put this wonderful event together gave a short pep talk on how very important it is to still contribute to the foundation. While we have the building completed, we still need to add interior items and finish some of the exhibits and provide an endowment to cover future operating costs. Dennis, the consummate salesman, very quickly raised about \$60,000 from the audience which will go to the foundation for future expenses and the endowment. If only there was a Dennis Garrett store where we could go and get one or two for each re-

gion, most of our problems would be solved. Thanks Dennis, we all appreciated your efforts in making the dedication an event we will remember for years to come.



One of the pavers outside the museum.

Bob Johnson Continued...

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have placed another order. We will have them on display and for sale at our events. The cost is \$40.00 each.

Tragedy recently hit close to home for us. We have some very good, long time, friends, Don and Randy King who for many years have lived in the San Antonio area. Randy, who underwent cardiovascular surgery in June, developed an infection and passed on August 1. With memorial services planned for August 5th, it became necessary for us to change our Kalamazoo travel plans. Rather than leading the caravan through northern Michigan and over the Mackinac bridge, Mary and I departed on Sunday, August 3rd for San Antonio. I want to thank Karl and Sharon Flick for picking up the slack and successfully leading the caravan safely to Kalamazoo. After careful observation, Ray Nelson reports that the Mackinac bridge is not as long as advertised.

Even with a 2,000 mile detour, the Mark VII once again proved its mettle as a great road car. The eight days from Shafer and back totaled about 3,500 miles, Not bad for a 27 year old car.

Each year in October, it is necessary to go through an election process for North Star Board of Directors. Our region is required to elect by "blanket ballot", one third of our board of directors, and for 2015, we have three positions to fill. The term of our directors/managers is three years. These positions will be filled by nominations in September and elected by using mail ballot in October. The new board of directors will elect region officers for the term of one year in November 2015. All active members of the region are eligible to nominate and vote in the election. We currently have nine Directors. The bylaws call for at least five directors and no more than nine. Please contact Roger Wothe at home 952.473.3038 or email rwothe@mchsi.com, by Monday, September 15th, if you are interested.

The North Star Board Meetings location has changed and now will be at Morries Minnetonka Ford Lincoln dealership, 13400 Wayzata Boulevard, Minnetonka, for the rest of 2014. The new meeting dates are as follows: Thursday, September 4th, Thursday, October 9th and Thursday, November 13th. All meetings will begin at 7:00PM. For 2015

we will again try to have our board meetings before our Sunday brunches.

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

A few more pictures...



Left: Roald and Rosalee Storvick, Northstar members from Austin, MN



1932 Lincoln Model K



Dennis Garrett's 1972 Mark IV.
Pictures in this issue courtesy of John Walcek, Mitch Carr, Glenn Kramer and David Gustafson

You May Be Interested in these Items for Sale

The space on these two pages is provided as a service to our readers who wish to place ads for automobiles, parts and other treasured parts that they wish to find new homes for. In an effort to keep our pages fresh, we will publish your ad for a period of three (3) months.

After that period of time, we will delete it unless we hear from you that you wish to have it continue for another three issues.



For Sale: Parts for 1946 - 1948 Lincoln

Bumpers, four from \$75 to \$300. Steering wheel \$500.
Lincoln script spot lights \$75. Master cylinders \$20.
Spare tire and rim \$25.
Pedal Car \$200. Gas tank, free.

Call Dave Bodziak at 612.788.3758



Northstar Region grille badges are now available.

Over half of the initial order have been sold. To obtain yours, contact Harvey Oberg at 651.739.9754 Call now before they are all sold out and we have to order more.



Roll top, S-curve desk by Pennsylvania House. All solid wood, no fiber-board! Roll and center drawer lock separately, 55" wide, lamp illuminates writing surface. In absolutely as new condition. Was \$3500 new (Google Pennsylvania House), sell for \$750. Dave Kotz, (612) 384-0566

Perfect for keeping track of your old car receipts.

For Sale:

1993 Lincoln Continental **new** air suspension pump. \$125 Identifying numbers on unit are 3B484; F20C; 9B2G; and E90Y-5319-B call Don Peterson, Winona, MN 507.454.3010, 507.429.0476 or (office) 800.657.4422.

For Sale

For Sale: **1948 Lincoln Continental Coupe**. Complete V-12 engine overhaul. New brakes and battery, New tires. Chrome has been replated. New dark green paint. Good working overdrive. Trunk just has been recarpeted. Reduced to \$14,000. also have V-12 radiator for sale and V-12 motor mounts, complete set of upper and lower grilles and fog light holders for a 1946 - 1949 Lincoln. Call Ted Anderson 763.561.8143 9/14

FOR SALE: **1982 Mark VI 2dr** with Sun Roof. 132,000 miles \$1,000; **1983 Lincoln Continental 4dr**, no title and doesn't run \$500. **Parts cars: 1956 Lincoln Capri Sedan, 1955 Custom Sedan, 1954 Lincoln Front Clip, 1953 Lincoln Cosmopolitan Sedan.** Contact Elrod Kaufman, 27951 440 Avenue, Freeman, SD 57029 Call after 6PM for more details 605.925.4986 9/14

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 \$4,900/Best offer will own me. 9/14

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 9/14

For Sale:

1984 Mercury Colony Park wagon. White with "wood trim" and nice dark brown velour interior. Fully equipped with 41 options, no rust ever, turbine wheels and complete service history. 181,000 miles, but doesn't show it. Please give me a call for more information. Roald and Rosalee Storvick, Austin, MN **Call 507.433.3944 or cell, 507.438.1016.** 9/14

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 9/14

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 9/14

Preview of Coming Events

September **8th Annual Luther North Country Lincoln Car Show**, Saturday, September 13, 10 to 2 PM Spend some quality time with your good friends and their very fine Lincolns. Enjoy a good lunch and your chance to win some nice door prizes.

Mid America National Meet, September 17 -21 in Rockford, Il. Reserve your room now at the Radisson hotel, 815.226.2100. Ask for the Lincoln Club room rate of \$90, which includes taxes. Down load meet information from the LCOC.org web site. This will be a very good meet, over one-hundred cars expected. See you there.



**WAYZATA ROTARY
CHARITY
MOTORSPORT SHOW**

6th ANNUAL!

Vintage • Classic • Rod & Custom
Foreign • Sports and Motorcycles
Vehicles of all types welcome.

Please mark your calendars
and get your show vehicles ready!!

Sunday - Sept. 7, 2014
10:00 am to 4:00 pm,
Rain or Shine
Downtown Wayzata,
Minnesota
During JAMES J. HILL DAYS

:: Free to the Public ::
\$20.00 per Vehicle Donation
(One Goodie Bag and
Event Poster per vehicle)

Contact: Marty Schneider
612-237-3843
www.wayzatarotary.org

The poster features a central illustration of a vintage open-wheel race car with the number 10 on its side. To the right of the car is the Wayzata Rotary logo, which includes a gear-like wheel and the text 'WAYZATA ROTARY'. Below the logo is a small crest with the text 'MINNEAPOLIS CLUB'. In the bottom left corner, there is a small illustration of a motorcycle rider.

October **Annual North Star potluck** and auction at Morries Conference Center in Long Lake, Sunday October 12, 10 AM to 3 PM See page 18 for more information.

November **End of year Sunday Brunch.** November 9, Roasted Pear, 9690 Colorado Lane, Brooklyn Park, just off Zane Ave and Hwy 610. Be there at 11:30 AM

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North Star Activities

FALL LINCOLN SHOW, SATURDAY, September 13, 2014

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 2:00 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 13. 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.

Northstar LCOC Board Meeting, Our new meeting dates are as follows: Thursday, September 4th, Thursday, October 9th and Thursday, November 13th. All meetings will begin at 7:00PM, 2nd floor conference room, **Morries Minnetonka Ford Lincoln**. After the meeting, sales staff will be available to take your order for a new Lincoln or Ford automobile.

Mid America National Meet, September 17 -21 in Rockford, Il. Info on LCOC web site.

Historic Hastings Saturday night cruise-in. 5PM to 9PM. Sept 6 and 20.

FALL NORTHSTAR LCOC Potluck and Auction

Sunday, October 12th, 10:00AM to 3:00PM

Morrie's Conference Center

2605 Wayzata (Old Hwy 12) Boulevard, Long Lake, MN

We will be able to view Morrie's Car collection for two hours only, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Our potluck lunch will be served about 12:30; PM. We will again have an auction that will be held after we eat, so please bring something automotive related, and better yet, with a Lincoln name on it. Please RSVP to Roger at his home 952-473-3038 or email rwothe@mschi.com. no later than October 7. When doing the RSVP, please let Roger know what you will be bringing for our potluck, he may have some suggestions on what is needed. Spend a great Sunday with friends and talk about the great activities we had this past year.