

NORTHSTAR NEWS

Our Pride and Joy, the Lincoln Museum



The 2015 Mid America at the Lincoln Heritage Museum

For many books and movies, the sequel is never as good as the first. But with the Hickory Corners experience, every visit will be better. The Lincoln and Continental Owners Club Mid America meet of 2015 is now history. And for those who attended, it will be nothing but great memories of exceptional Lincolns and their wonderful owners who make up the LCOC.

August of 2014 saw the grand opening of the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum and the many activities related to this event made for a truly once in a lifetime event. And now, one year later the Lincoln museum is firmly established and is available to all who wish to visit and immerse themselves in the great Lincoln heritage.

And now, every second weekend in August, the Lincoln Motor Car Museum becomes available for the exclusive use of the four clubs (Lincoln and Continental Owners Club, Lincoln Zephyr Owners Club, Lincoln Owners Club and the Lincoln Road Race Registry Club) and retired Ford Motor Company executives who worked together to create the Lincoln Motor Car Museum Foundation and construct the museum. This past August it was decided that the LCOC would sponsor the Mid America show and that Dennis Garrett would serve as the show chairman, ably assisted by our own Bob Johnson. Getting their heads together, it was decided that the show would be called "The First Annual Lincoln Homecoming 2015". In addition to Dennis and Bob, many others were also involved in

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

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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.

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

2015 LCOC Mid America

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both the planning and implementation of many details necessary to make for a successful show.

As in prior years, the show was kicked off by opening up the registration room at the Four Points at noon on Wednesday. That evening was reserved for the welcoming buffet, also at the Four Points. The food was good and it was an excellent opportunity to socialize with other Lincoln Club members.

Thursday morning, after breakfast, there was a driving tour over to historic Saugatuck, with about 30 cars and some 70 people making the delightful drive through the Michigan countryside. Unanticipated road construction did lead to the tour becoming disjointed along the way. Fortunately, most of us had GPS devices and we were able to eventually get to our destination without too much delay.

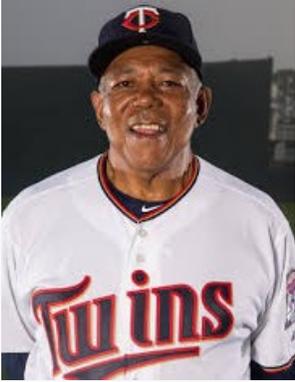


Roger Wothe with his '42 Continental at Saugatuck

Originally a lumber town and port, Saugatuck, along with the adjacent city of Douglas, became a noted art colony and tourist destination in the Arts and Crafts movement of the late 19th century. Today, tourists are drawn to the art galleries, harbor, marinas, scenery, unusual stores, and the view from atop Mount Baldhead, and tourist attractions as well as Oval Beach on Lake Michigan. Saugatuck is quite small, with a total

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Trivia from the Internet



Tony Oliva
Minnesota Twins
Baseball Great

Tony Pedro Oliva (born Antonio Oliva Lopez Hernandez Javique on July 20, 1938) is a former Major League Baseball (MLB) right fielder and designated hitter. A star of the first magnitude during baseball's "second deadball era", he spent his entire 15-year baseball career playing for the Minnesota Twins from 1962 through 1976.

Oliva was the 1964 American League Rookie of the Year. He was an All-Star for eight seasons, an American League

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Editors Message

September 2015

Summer is winding down and fall is just around the corner. Hopefully, we should have some pretty nice days to cruise the highways and byways of our great country before winter once again comes to call.

Kalamazoo/Hickory Corners was a lot of fun. We had a good turnout for the LCOC Mid America meet with slightly over 100 cars on the field for both judging and exhibition. The weather was some of the best we have seen for meets in the past few years. Not too hot, and only a short sprinkle or two. We had some great Lincolns come to the field for the first time. It would have been nice to see a few more from the 1920's and 1930's, but the other decades were very nicely represented. We will have more on the Mid America in a separate article.

I do need to apologize to our long time member and friend Ken Sampson. Ken had sent in an ad by mail earlier this summer. Unfortunately, I opened the envelope, saw what it was, and put it in a safe place for attention at a later date. Unfortunately, the later date was far too late. The ad now appears toward the back of the newsletter. The two cars that are for sale are fairly described and represent a very good value for the priced asked. If you are interested, give Ken a call and he will be more than happy to answer any questions you might have about either of these

two Lincolns.

The "what is it" contest that we had last month was won by Phil Skaar who emailed us with the correct answer. It was a rather cute little bear in the shape of a radiator cap-hood ornament for a 1927 AC Speed 6. Phil was sent a nice coffee table style book about classic automobiles. We are planning on doing this feature again,

when we can find interesting things for people to speculate what automobile they came from.

Two great events are left this year. The first is our annual North Country Lincoln show at Luther's North Country Ford Lincoln this September 12th. This show is always fairly well attended and we hope to see a few new Lincolns along with some new members this year. As in the past, there will be prizes for people's choice and some door prizes to be given out, along with a nice lunch



Sweet Olga is seen taking a break from working on the Northstar News. She along with Marion and David stopped for a treat at a local Dairy Queen. Nothing could be finer.

furnished by North Country. Please plan on coming as it is nice visiting with so many of you. Our second event is our fall potluck and auction at Morries car collection in Long Lake in October. Last year over 100 came to join in on the food, fun and friendship and to check out the wonderful cars on display in Morries collection. More details are on the back page. We hope that you can make one of these events.

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

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(AL) batting champion for three seasons, an AL hit leader five seasons, and a Gold Glove winner one season. On a consensus Hall of Fame track his first eight years, his career was cut short in its prime by a series of severe knee injuries, forcing him to become a designated hitter during his final four years of baseball. He is widely regarded as one of the best players not inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

In 2014, Oliva appeared on the Hall of Fame's Golden Era Committee election ballot for Hall of Fame consideration in 2015, and missed getting elected by one vote.

Oliva was born in Pinar del Río Province, Cuba. He played baseball weekly with his father, brothers, and neighbors in a vacant lot near the family farm. Oliva's father, who worked in a tobacco factory and was famous for rolling the best cigars,

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It is hard to believe that September is almost here. This has been a very busy summer with ideal weather, except for this past week. Our rain gauge is at three inches and it is still raining. It seems as though every spare moment this summer has been spent riding around on the lawn mower cutting grass. We have returned from our trip to Hickory Corners, where I assisted Dennis Garrett in hosting the 2015 LCOC Mid America National Meet. Over 214 guests enjoyed camaraderie in a congenial atmosphere and perfect weather. 100 plus Lincoln's may have bought us together, but it is the fun and fellowship that keeps us coming back year after year to these great events. A North Star Region member scores again, the Elliston H. Bell Founders Trophy was awarded to a 1954 Capri Coupe, Dan Staehle, his two sons Jake and Tommy, from Brownsville, Wisconsin. Dan first entered this car at Red Wing in 2002 and again in 2012 in Bloomington. Our region had 28 members attend this First Annual Lincoln Homecoming. The Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum is our Pride and Joy and will be our feature article this month.

Our LCOC needs your help in two ways, first to join and support the Lincoln Motor Car Foundation, and your help to recruit new members for LCOC. I have said this before, if every member can recruit just one member each year our LCOC would grow and we would be able to do so many more things for our membership, like a full color Comments magazine, annual membership cards, improved web site, invest in face book type technology and more events in your local area. You, our loyal members are the back bone of this club, please help recruit more members this year.

Join us at North Country Ford Lincoln, 10401 Woodcrest Drive, Coon Rapids, for our Ninth Annual Classic Lincoln Car Show, Saturday, September 12th, all the details are on the back page.

The annual North Star Potluck and Auction, once again will be at Morries in Long Lake, on Sunday, October 11th, 10AM – 3 PM. We will tour Morries car collection from 10AM to Noon, and the potluck will begin just after Noon. **This year we will honor Harvey Oberg, who is retiring from our Board of Managers and Region treasurer after 32 years of dedicated service. Please join us on this special day for Harvey and Faythe.** Please RSVP by Monday, October 5th, to Roger Wothe, 952-473-3038 or email rwothe@mchsi.com, with how many are coming and what type of dish you will be able to bring to the potluck to share. Your RSVP is important as the club will be furnishing the refreshments and other incidentals and we really need to know just how many will be attending. **There will be an Auction, beginning about 1:30 PM, so please bring a Lincoln item to auction off.**

Each October we hold elections for managers to the North Star Board of Directors. Each year in the fall, our Region is required to elect by blanket ballot, one third of our Board of Directors. For 2016, we have three openings. The term of a Region Manager is three years. These positions will be filled by nominations in September and election using mail ballot in October. The new

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Northstar Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 14, 2015

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Morrie's Minnetonka Ford Lincoln Dealership. Board members present were Bob Johnson, Dave Gustafson, Jay White and Roger Wothe. Regional member Mary Johnson was also present. Board members absent were Harvey Oberg, Tom Brace, Bob Roth, Dennis Owens and Dick Eilers. The minutes of the past meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson reviewed the Mid America Meet at the Lincoln Motor Car Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum at Hickory Corners Michigan. The Meet drew one hundred four cars of which forty were exhibition. The auction at the Friday buffet dinners and the Awards Banquet netted over five thousand dollars and the fifty-fifty chances took in over six hundred dollars in two nights. Richard Eilers was the big winner.

Treasurer's Report: The treasury balance at the end of July was \$2,652.87 with all bills paid.

Secretary Roger Wothe (information provided by Bob Johnson) reported that October will be the election for managers to the North Star Board of Directors for 2016. There are three openings for the expiring terms of Harvey Oberg, Dave Gustafson and Tom Brace. Harvey will retire after thirty-two years of service. The term of a Region Manager is three years. These positions will be filled by nominations in September and elected by using mail-in ballots in October. All active members of the Region are eligible to nominate and be nominated and to vote in the election. The new Board of Directors will elect Region Officers for a term of one year in 2016. The by-laws call for at least five Directors and no more than nine. We currently have nine Directors. Please contact Roger Wothe at home (952-473-3038) or by email (rwothe@mchsi.com) by Tuesday, September 8, if you wish to nominate someone or to be nominated.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson reported one new member this past month bringing the total to one hundred forty-two. He is looking for more "My Pride and Joy" articles.

Projects: Region lapel pins are available for \$5.00. Contact Bob Johnson.

Activities: Please consult the *Northstar News* for a list of activities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next Board meeting will be at Coon Rapids Ford Lincoln at 1:00 pm on September 12, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

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was also a former semi-professional player who instructed Tony and helped him become "the best hitter in Pinar del Río". A scout for the Minnesota Twins noticed the youth and brought him to the United States to play professionally. He was reluctant to leave his parents and nine siblings, but his father encouraged him to become "rich and famous" in America.

Oliva arrived in the U.S. in the spring of 1961. During spring training that year, he appeared in the Twins' final three games, collecting seven hits in ten at bats. The Twins, however, had already filled their minor league rosters and released Oliva, with some saying it was due to his poor outfield play. Having nowhere else to go, Oliva traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina to train

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with a friend who played for a Minnesota Twins Class A farm team. His quick wrists, long frame, and "unharnessed power" impressed Charlotte general manager Phil Howser, who placed a call and convinced the Twins to re-sign the potential star.

Due to a paperwork switch at Oliva's arrival in the US to reflect the name and birthdate of his younger brother Pedro Jr. (born 1941) in order to appear younger to Major League scouts, many newspapers reported the 21-year-old Tony as his 18-year-old sibling. However, the name stuck and Oliva even officially changed his name to Tony Pedro Oliva in the late 1990s.

The Twins assigned Oliva to the class-D Wytheville Twins in the Appalachian League, where he played in

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area of 1.47 square miles. The population ranges from about 1,000 during winter months, growing to about 3,000 during the summer. In 2010, Saugatuck came in fourth in *Budget Travel* magazine's ten coolest towns in America.



The Kalamazoo River pictured from the deck of the Star of Saugatuck.

Our attraction to Saugatuck was the Star of Saugatuck, a large paddle-wheel boat, which our group boarded for a delightful meal and tour of the Kalamazoo River and Lake Michigan. The Captain was a veritable Wikipedia of knowledge about the history of the Kalamazoo River harbor and the area out in Lake Michigan. It was a great way to spend a few hours, seeing some very unique scenery, having lunch and spending some time with good friends.

Friday was an open day, with members having a full day to do whatever they wanted. Most made the drive out to Hickory Corners to take a look at what was new as the Lincoln Museum and check out the many other museums located at the Gilmore complex.

Last September, the Cadillac Museum opened to much fanfare from the Cadillac LaSalle club. Their museum is designed as to what a Cadillac showroom from the late 1940's should look like as suggested by Cadillac

factory dealer guides. It is a mostly open area with a good representation of Cadillac's on display for visitors to view and enjoy. I did get the sense that a little more needs to be done to fully pull the exhibit together.



1937 LaSalle on display at the new Cadillac Museum.

Below: Dan Staehle checking out a 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham



Tom St. Martin's 1948 Continental Cabriolet at the CCA Museum.

One of the older museums is the Classic Car Club of America's historic Thomas W. Barrett Barn.

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64 games and led the league with a .410 batting average, but had a low fielding percentage of .854. After finishing second to Orlando Cepeda in batting average in the Puerto Rico leagues in winter ball, Oliva was sent to the single-A Charlotte in the South Atlantic League, where he played 127 games and hit .350 with 17 home runs and 93 RBIs. He was called up to the major leagues with nine games left and debuted for the Twins September 9, 1962, hitting a searing .444 in 12 plate appearances. In 1963, he was invited to spring training with the Twins and management hoped that the lefty Oliva would counter-balance their right-handed sluggers Bob Allison and Harmon Killebrew. While there, he became friends with teammate, and fellow Cuban, shortstop Zoilo Versalles, who quickly became convinced that Oliva was "the new Ty Cobb", citing

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Opened in 1987, it houses a good representation of the CCCA True Classics, including such famous nameplates as Duesenberg, Packard, Pierce-Arrow, Stutz, Lincoln and others. Included in this collection is the very beautiful 1948 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet, donated to the CCCA by North Star Member Tom St. Martin.



To the left: 1937 Pierce Arrow 7 Passenger Sedan
On the right: 1936 Pierce Arrow Club Sedan

Also on site is the Pierce-Arrow Museum, which opened in 1999. Pierce-Arrow was founded shortly after the Civil War in Buffalo, New York. Originally manufacturing birdcages, ice-boxes and other household items, it moved on to bicycles in 1896, and within five years was building motorcycles and automobiles. For 38

years, it produced some of the finest luxury automobiles ever made. Pierce-Arrow was once one of the most recognized and most respected names in the automobile industry.

The H. H. Franklin collection is housed in a re-creation of the famed Ralph Hamlin auto dealership of Los Angeles, circa 1918. This beautiful collection includes automobiles, engines and artifacts that span the four-decade history of the Franklin Company.

The Model A Ford Museum is the largest public museum dedicated to the Model A Ford. It is a 13,000 square foot re-creation of a 1928 Ford dealership and includes a service bay and gas pumps. Included in the museum is Thomas Edison's Model A, a school bus, a mail truck and a tow-truck.

The museum provides a home for the Model A Foundation's collection of vehicles, display engines, factory photos and other research materials. This is a great place to visit to see other aspects of the Ford Company, perhaps unknown to most of us who are Lincoln collectors.

Friday night featured a nice buffet at the Four Points and the customary auction of Lincoln related items. This year it was conducted by LCOC

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The old and the new, the Shell station at the Gilmore complex and your editor's MKT.

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their similarities in hitting ability, speed, and arm strength. However, Oliva failed to make the Twins major league team and was assigned to the Dallas-Fort Worth Rangers, the club's Class AAA affiliate in the Pacific Coast League.

Compiling one of the great freshman campaigns in baseball history, Oliva was selected as a near-unanimous 1964 American League (AL) Rookie of the Year, receiving 19 of 20 first-place votes. Oliva's 374 total bases tied a rookie record. In spite of such overall dominance, Oliva finished fourth in MVP voting.



In 1965, Oliva won a second straight AL batting title with a .321 average, his back-to-back first and second year wins

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member Tony Russo, from Collegeville, Pennsylvania. There were a lot of items presented, and thanks to Tony Russo and his great skill, after an hour and a half, the museum was almost \$5,000 to the good. Dennis Garret utilized his 40 plus years as a Lincoln salesman to help Tony out and wring the money out of the members.



Russ Upton brought his 1992 Lincoln Town Car - Flower car conversion. A necessary vehicle for those wanting to go out in style.

Saturday morning seemed to come all too early. After breakfast, it was once again off to Hickory Corners and the show field adjacent to the Lincoln Museum. Saturday was a great day weather wise, with a bit of cloudiness, a slight breeze and temperatures that you could live with. Judging began promptly at 10AM and went smoothly, and was completed by 2:00PM. All told, there were about 60 cars entered for judging and about 40 cars in the exhibition class. Every car there was simply great. I am sure that the judges had their work cut out for them picking out the best of the best. There were five 1954 Lincoln coupes and convertibles. All fine cars. And there was a very nice 1953 Lincoln coupe parked next to the '54's. Also, the '60's,

'70's and '80's were nicely represented with fine examples from each decade. The activities related to judging were finished and all the results were in for final tallying. The field was released at 3:00PM and we all headed back to the Four Points hotel to get ready for the evening festivities.

The Saturday evening awards dinner featured steak and salmon served buffet style. The buffet style seems to work well as our diners have the ability to pick and choose what and how much they want on their plate.



Perry Bush with his very nice Continental Mark IV.

Dennis Garrett, our meet chairman, did an admirable job of keeping things moving throughout the evening. Eventually, the awards were presented and we are happy to report that most of the North Star members went home with awards for their Lincolns. A full list will be printed in a future issue of Continental Comments, but here are a few that may be of interest to those in our region. Al and Kathy Longley picked up a couple of awards, including the Lincoln award for their just finished 1947 Continental Cabriolet. Al did most of the work on the car and it is just a very nice Continental which we hope to see at more LCOE meets in the future. Richard and Linda Herman won in the primary class for their 1970

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once again a baseball first. His performances were all the more noteworthy for falling right at the onset of baseball's "second deadball era", with only two other AL hitters reaching the .300 mark that season, (Carl Yastrzemski (.312) and Vic Davalillo (.301)). That season, Oliva became an All-Star for the first time when he was selected to replace Mickey Mantle who was injured and named as an All-Star to the All-Star Game and didn't make the AL All-Star team. Oliva got into the All-Star game at right field in the 8th inning replacing game starter Rocky Colavito and got a double in the 9th inning after first pinch hitting in the 7th inning and grounding out.

Through the end of July in 1966, Oliva was leading the league with a .328 average, but a 3-for-30 slump in the middle of September cost him a chance at his third

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Mark III. Richard Koop also received two awards, including the Lincoln award for his 1979 Versailles. Winners in the Emeritus class included Paul and Deb Andahl, from Bismarck. They were showing their 1979 Versailles. John and Dorothy Palmer picked up another Emeritus for their 1965 Continental Convertible. A truly nice car. Richard Eilers won another Emeritus for his 1995 Towncar. Our very own Bob and Mary Johnson also received another Emeritus tag for their 1989 Mark VII Custom Convertible. Roger and Barb Wothe rightly received another Emeritus for their stunning 1942 Continental Cabriolet.



Al Longley explaining the fine points of his newly restored 1947 Continental Cabriolet to Bob Johnson. Bob was proposing an even trade for his 1989 Mark VII, but that idea failed to take root with Al.

Dan Staehle, a long distance member from Brownsville, WI, had his hands full with several awards that he won for his extremely fine 1954 Capri hardtop, including the much coveted Bell trophy, best in show. A great trophy to a very fine gentleman. Dan had his two sons, Jake and Tommy along to share in the victory. How very sweet it was.

While there were many involved in making the 2015 Mid America a suc-

cess, there were a few from our North Star Region that contributed their talents and assistance to smooth the way for all. Helping out with registration was Mary Johnson and Barb Wothe. Barb also worked with Gay Purvis and Richard Eilers to stuff the "goodie" bags with all the useless trinkets that get pitched, once you return home. They also worked hard to organize all the meet merchandise that was offered for sale over the four day meet. They did a good job and a lot of stuff was sold. We want to thank Richard Eilers for providing the red numbered markers which worked so very well to properly place our Lincolns in the correct space.



The North Star Regions newest members, Randy and Jane Fehr, of Wayland, IA have graciously loaned their 1949 Cosmopolitan Convertible to the Lincoln Museum. It is on display in all its elegant glory.

Sunday morning came, once again too early. After a good breakfast and a last chance to visit with a few interesting club members, it was time to pack up and leave for Burnsville. It was a good meet, lots of great cars and even better people. On the solo drive back, there was plenty of time for reflection about this meet and past ones. All good and all fun. I was listening to the Sirius-XM radio

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straight batting title. Oliva hit .307 and was the runner-up to Triple Crown winner and AL MVP Frank Robinson who hit .316. For the third year in a row Oliva led the AL in hits (191).

After a somewhat off 1967 - where he led the AL with 37 doubles and finished in the Top 10 in batting average, slugging percentage, hits, total bases, RBIs, runs created, extra base hits, and intentional walks, to give some sense of what an off year for a young Tony Oliva was - his rebound in 1968 was cut short by injury. Missing the last 34 games he once again hit .289, but so depressed were batting averages it was good for third in the AL by a single point (and only batting champ Yastrzemski topping .300 by a single point as well).

In 1971, Oliva won his third AL batting title with a .337 average and led the league in slugging percentage (.546).

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in the car and one of my favorite singers came on. It was Louis Armstrong, who really said it all for me: "Yes, I think to myself, What a wonderful world".

More pictures from the Mid America.



Above, 1979 Versailles owned by Dick Koop. The short lived Versailles was an interesting car that Lincoln marketed to compete with the Cadillac Seville. After years of neglect, this model is now showing some interest by collectors. Below: Paul and Deb Andahl also own a 1979 Versailles.



Mike and Joan Denney, Mounds, OK own this 1953 Cosmopolitan Coupe,



A very happy Dan Staehle with his 1954 Capri Coupe with both arms full of awards.



A beautiful mid-30's Lincoln K



Above, 1927 Limousine
Below, 1927 Judkins Opera Coupe



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These feats at the end of a skein of eight straight All-Star appearances that began his rookie season marked the high point of his career, as severe knee, leg, and shoulder injuries hampered his remaining playing days. His roommate Rod Carew often heard Oliva "moaning and groaning" and getting up to obtain ice for his sore knees during the night. He missed all but ten games of the 1972 season, which required season-ending surgery. Due to injuries and a 1973 American League rule change establishing the position, he became the Twins' designated hitter that spring and remained in that role his final four seasons.

Oliva was a batting coach for the Twins after he retired as a player.

Oliva started dating Gordette (DuBois) in the mid-60s. They were married in Hitchcock, South Dakota in 1968 and settled in Bloomington,

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Facebooking with Jay White

If you want a never ending source for eyeballing great Lincoln Automobiles keep reading.

There are some great groups of Lincoln aficionados on Facebook. All you need is to have a Facebook account and you are "in"! There are members of these groups all over the world, so you get to see what they have done with their vehicles. Some are in rough shape and under reconstruction, while others are pristine ready for the next show, while others are "really different". It's all great fun to see what others are doing with their great Lincolns.

I think we should have as many members be on Facebook as possible. Click on the Lincoln group pages and click, "like" and post some of your own favorite pictures. I've already done that, so the world can see that we have some truly great Lincolns in our club. I want them to see that we are active and are going places so that when we sponsor another Mid-America event we will have guests coming from all these contacts. Plus you will probably pick up pointers from on line interaction with other members of the groups.

If you do not have a Facebook account, do the following: Log onto Facebook.com in google or chrome etc. You will be brought to a screen that is called a sign up screen. Fill out the blanks and set up your "Log-in" and "pass-word". Then press "sign-up" and follow the instructions.

You will have an opportunity to add a profile photo (a picture of yourself) which will show up in the lower left hand corner at the top of your page. You will also be able to add a "Cover Photo" which will be the top part of the page and be much larger. Both of these you can change at will.

At the top you will be able to search for other people or groups on Facebook. You want to type in the following:

1. Continental Living. 2. Lincoln Continental, with 1485 members. 3. Lincoln Motor Company, Where you will Find Chris Dunn from Lincoln Land and 890,794 other Lincoln fans. 4. 61-64 Slab Side Lincolns, 66 fans and for only these years (none others allowed). 5. Continental Mark II, where you will find Chris Dunn again and 1,406 other fans. 6. Lincoln Continental Mark IV with 558 fans

Take some time and look around. You will find fascinating pictures, some from way back, and some are current. I urge you to

join these groups. Some of them require you to apply for membership and the person who is hosting the site will later approve you and then you will be a member. It may take a few days for them to approve your membership.

Once you "like" the group, you will receive communications from that group whenever anyone in the group posts a picture or has something to say.

I want to add that the members of these groups tend to be young people. If we want more youthful members in our club, Post your pictures and make some comments about what others post and show pictures of your Lincoln(s) There are members in these groups who are right here in Minnesota and they don't know about us yet. We want that to change!

Happy Face Booking to you! Jay

More Bob Johnson

Board of Directors will elect Region Officers for the term of one year in November for 2016. 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 September 12th, if you are interested in serving on the North Star Board. Currently, we have incumbents Dave Gustafson and Tom Brace again filing for the 2016 Board of Managers. Matt Foley has also filed for the Board of managers and has volunteered to be our Treasurer. He currently is employed at Wells Fargo in the banking industry and if elected, will be an asset to the region.

We have changed location for our November year end bunch to Dangerfield's in Shakopee. It will be on Sunday, November 8th at 11:30 AM. Their \$17 buffet brunch is one of the best in the area, plus they have a great room which nicely accommodates our group.

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

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Minnesota. He currently lives in a house he bought in 1972 and his four children with the exception of one live within 10 miles of their parents. As of April 2011, Oliva also had four grandchildren.

Throughout his 15-year career, Oliva possessed a "rather pleasant disposition" and was known as a positive influence in a team's clubhouse.

Oliva was popular with the fans and the media of the Twin Cities during his career, and was given the nickname "Tony-O". Oliva batted .304 with 220 home runs, 947 RBI, 870 runs, 1,917 hits, 329 doubles, 48 triples, and 86 stolen bases in 1,676 games played. He was selected to the All-Star team his first eight seasons, surpassing Joe DiMaggio's previous record of six selections.

In 1981, Lawrence Ritter and Donald Honig included him in their book *The 100 Greatest Baseball Players of All Time*.

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Our first new members are Eric and Sherri Chinquist and their son Adam; 3201 35th Avenue NE. St. Anthony Village, MN, echinquist@yahoo.com 612-781-7622. Eric and Sherri have lived in St. Anthony for most of their lives. Adam starts at St. Paul College this fall studying Diesel mechanics. Eric grew up in a Ford family riding in and driving Fords and Mercurys.



But Eric always liked Lincolns, especially the 1961-1963 Continental convertibles. About two years ago an opportunity presented itself to buy the beautiful '62 pictured here. The convertible has become the fourth member of the Chinquist family. The white beauty with red interior attracts a lot of attention wherever they go. Look for all four Chinquists at the Lincoln Show in Coon Rapids in September and the picnic at Morrisies in October.

Our next new members this month are Dave and Tammie Heeren, 1345 NW 105th Street, Clive, Iowa, (515) 440-3780 (Home), (515) 577-8718 (Cell), dheeren@q.com. They are the proud parents of Nick, Zack, Tiffany, and Jacob.

Jacob takes very good care of his 1999 F150 pickup and also helps with the two 1978 Mercury Cougars XR7s, the 1979 Mark V Collector's Series and



Jacob Heeren with his F150

the 1989 LSC Mark VII. Then there are the daily drivers; 2014 Mustang Convert, 2014 F150, 2011 and 2013 Ford Escapes.



Can you tell the Heerens are a Ford family? The black '78 Cougar was purchased new by Dave's parents.



The Mark VII belonged to Northstar members John and Dorothy Palmer.



Dave works for Berkley Classics Insurance Company which insures many collector vehicles. Caring for classy cars is something which Dave and his family do on and off the job. In July Dave and Tammie attended their first Northstar LCOC event at Sioux Falls with their '79 Mark V Collector's Series.

We welcome the Heerens and the Chinquists to our Club. When you meet a person enjoying their Lincoln, ask them if they are already LCOC members. If they are not, encourage them to attend one of our upcoming events or check out our website. Next thing you know, you will be reading about them in the Northstar News! Micki and I wish all of you many more miles of smiles as you enjoy your Lincolns this Fall.

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They explained what they called "the Smoky Joe Wood Syndrome", in which a player of truly exceptional talent but whose career was curtailed by injury, in spite of not having had career statistics that would quantitatively rank him with the all-time greats, should still be included on their list of the 100 greatest players.

The Twins retired Oliva's uniform number 6 on July 14, 1991.

In 2000, Oliva was one of six members of the franchise voted and inducted into the initial class of the Minnesota Twins Hall of Fame. Also inducted in 2000, were teammates Rod Carew and Harmon Killebrew, along with Kirby Puckett, Kent Hrbek and long time owner Calvin Griffith, who owned the Twins from 1961 to 1984.

On 8 April 2011, the Twins unveiled a statue of Oliva at Target Field coinciding with the team's 2011 home opener.

From the internet...

For Sale All Good Lincolns



FOR SALE: 1997 Lincoln Town Car - Signature Series. Show Car - 1st Place 2012 LCOC Mid-America National Meet. Pearl White ext. Lt., Gray interior. Absolutely looks and drives like new. 76,000 miles. In heated storage, rust free. Serious offers only. Rolland Toenges, 952 938-6200 or rptoenges@aol.com

For Sale: 1987 Lincoln Formal Town Car. Retractable convertible top over driver's compartment, division window, TV, bar, many amenities for the three rear passengers seated on blue leather interior. Less than seven



thousand miles on this two tone blue 20 inch stretch luxury Lincoln built by Cameo Coach. Pre Hemmings price for Northstar Lincoln members, \$9987. Francis Kalvoda, Willmar MN 320-235-5777, fjk@charter.net.



Ken Sampson is offering two cars for sale.

1948 Continental Cabriolet RestoMod. Needs to be finished. Steve Kastl was the former owner-builder, who passed away a few years ago. The car features a Cadillac 500 V8 with a TH400 transmission. Many more changes. This is a well-built car and runs out very well. \$9950/best offer.

1983 Mark VI. Dark Walnut color, saddle tan velour interior. Exceptionally clean, never out during the winter months, only driven during summer months. No rust ever. Maintenance records available. This is a nice running car that needs nothing but a new owner. \$4,450/best offer. Contact Ken at 612.418.4047



What was it? If you guessed that this very cute ornament was from a 1927 AC Speed 6, you were right. We did get a correct answer, just two days after the newsletters were mailed. The winner, Phil Skaar of Bloomer, WI. For his correct answer, he received a coffee table sized book about classic automobiles. Keep your thinking caps on and your eyes peeled, the contest will return in the near future.

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.



Mark VIII file photo

For Sale: 1998 Mark VIII, 65K miles, no winters, Bright Toreador Red Metallic, light tan leather, ready to enjoy and show, \$9500. Charles Hanson, 320-596-2210.

For Sale: 1948 Lincoln Continental Coupe. Rebuilt and balanced V12 engine. New dark green paint. All chrome replated. New tires. New brakes and exhaust system Radiator and gas tank reconditioned. Trunk carpeted. The Lincoln has a good working overdrive unit and runs and drives as new. Lots of extra parts with car. \$14,000.

Call Ted Anderson at 763.561.8143



Northstar Region grille badges are now available.

To obtain yours, contact Harvey Oberg at 651.739.9754



For Sale - 1989 Lincoln Signature Series Town Car. Well equipped with all available accessories including sunroof. Spotless leather interior, 70,000 miles. Never driven in winter. Asking \$7,500, but wants to sell and is open to offers. Contact Skip Nolan at 320.260.7547 This is a great car for shows and tours. Call Skip Today!



Preview of Coming Events

September **8th Annual Luther North Country Lincoln Car Show, Saturday, September 12, 10 to 2 PM Board Meeting at 1:00PM**

October **Board Meeting at Morries Ford Lincoln, Thursday October 8th at 7:00PM
Annual North Star Potluck and Action at Morries in Long Lake, Sunday, October 11, 10 AM to 2 PM
Western National Meet, October 14-18, 2015, at San Diego, CA**

November **Year End Sunday Brunch at Dangerfield's in Shakopee , November 8th 11:30 AM
Board meeting at 10:30 AM**

Classic Cruises:

**Downtown Victoria August 5, August 19, September 2 and September 16
Wednesdays, 5pm - 8pm**

Brooklyn Center Wednesday Cruise Night, through September 24, Pep Boys Auto 5900 Shingle Creek Pkwy, 7pm - 9pm.

Saturday Anoka Classic Car Show, 4th and Van Buren St. Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, Sept 6, 5pm to dusk.

Saturday, Hastings Cruise in, Hastings, MN August 9, 23, September 6, 20, 5pm - 9pm, Second Street.

Henderson, MN Classic car roll-in Every Tuesday evening through September 15.

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North Star Activities

FALL LINCOLN SHOW, SATURDAY, September 12, 2015

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 12. 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.

FALL NORTHSTAR LCOC Potluck and Auction

Sunday, October 11th, 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 pot luck 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@mchsi.com. no later than October 6. 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.