

## My Pride and Joy

My Pride and Joy by Charles Hanson

Many of us selected a favorite car during our high school years. I must include myself in that category and my years 1950 to 1954 saw many very interesting vehicles built.



Charles Hansen's 1952 Lincoln Capri at the Mid-America this past June.

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.

When the Ford Motor company cars were introduced for 1952, I liked what I saw very much, especially the 1952 Lincoln. I rarely saw one but two stand out, a Lakewood green convertible and then when on a trip to Iowa, I spotted a Fanfare Maroon & black Capri hardtop.

It was these magnificent cars that stood out over all others and from then on became about my favorite car and even now all these years later, still are. I now own two 1952 Capri hardtops, the first one described in the Northstar News for April 2007 and the second one, I bought just one year ago.

It was a one owner car from upper New York state bought new in Catskill and

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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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spent its life in the town of Cleveland on Lake Oneida. The man that owned it all those years worked for the U.S. Government and was on assignment all over the world most of each year so the car did not get driven that much. When he passed away in 2007, the car was sold at the estate sale and I bought it from a man in Syracuse.

Knowing how rare these vehicles are, I bought it sight unseen and had it shipped by enclosed van from New York to Big Stone City, South Dakota. I was more than a little apprehensive to say the least when it arrived but after rolling it out and seeing it for the first time, breathed a sigh of relief. It was far better than I expected.

Bob Johnson of the Northstar Region of LCOC called me and persuaded me to bring it to the Duluth National Meet last June. The car had barely been driven for the last 18 or so years so I got to work and prepared it for the trip. I replaced the intake manifold gaskets, changed fluid in the cooling system as well as the Hydramatic and many other things as well. New tires had been put on 15 years before I bought it and they were still brand new.

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*Editors Message*

*April 2009*

*Trivia from the Internet*



*Easter Parade Staring Fred Astaire and Judy Garland.*

*In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it, you'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade.*

*I'll be all in clover and when they look you over, I'll be the proudest fellow in the Easter parade.*

*On the avenue, fifth avenue, the photographers will snap us, And you'll find that you're in the roto-gravure.*

*Oh, I could write a sonnet about your Easter bonnet, And of the girl I'm taking to the Easter parade.*

*Easter Parade is a 1948 musical film starring Fred Astaire and*

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Well, we have suffered through November, December, etc... and now it's April 1. Marion and I both think that April was about three or four months late this year. It is said that as you get older, time tends to pass by more quickly. It appears that this is true only during the summer months, however. As Faithie is quick to point out, you can't have nice weather all the time.

The club has been invited to participate in two tours this month. Francis Kalvoda has asked us to come along with the Willmar car club on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning with a breakfast in Paynesville, Mn and continuing most of the day, visiting Roy Bernick's great collection in Waite Park, then on to see Ray and Arlene Schmit's (Northstar members) Edsels, Mercury's and Lincoln's. There will be a couple of other stops with a late lunch. Baring a blizzard or a monsoon, it should be an opportunity to see some very fine automobiles. On Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, we will once again join the CCCA on their annual spring garage tour. It is a tour that manages to get better each year. See pages 8 and 16 for more information on these two events. We also have a brunch/lunch at Jake O'Connor's Public House out in Excelsior on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Roger Wothe claims the food and service are exceptional. More on page 16.

This April, we will learn more about the exciting endeavors of Bob Johnson, who singlehandedly, has contributed more to the bustling economy of the Greater Shafer area than anyone in recent his-

tory. It is truly on the map with the fine new international airport and all of the associated businesses and the light rail extension from downtown Minneapolis, now a small neighbor to the South. Bob wants all of the Northstar club members to stop by Shafer Lincoln and see some of his new Llama's now on hand to met and greet customers. We understand that Dr. Brad Yoho, club member and veterinarian extraordinaire, has volunteered to teach Bob the fine points of animal husbandry. Bob is in good hands.



Ch. Faithie is looking forward to Easter, and the big parade! In her Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it, she'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> brings the club to Morrie's Ford Lincoln-Mercury out in

Minnetonka for a Saturday car show. In prior years, Chuck Whitaker graciously hosted yearly shows at his dealership over in Inver Grove Heights. With his store now closed, Morrie's has offered to begin what we would like to be a long term relationship, and an opportunity to display our classic Lincolns at his fine store.

Also, with Whitaker's closed, I brought our MKX over to neighboring Apple Valley Ford Mercury Lincoln for routine service. I can report that my experience with the service department was very good. They appear to be well staffed, friendly and willing to provide the best service to their customers. In and out in about 20 minutes. Can't beat that.

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

*Directors Message by Bob Johnson*

*April 2009*

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*Judy Garland. It features music by Irving Berlin, including some of Astaire and Garland's best-known songs, such as "Steppin' Out With My Baby" and "We're a Couple of Swells."*

*The film won the 1948 Academy Award for Best Scoring of a Musical Picture. It also received the Writers Guild of America Award for Best Written American Musical. It was the most successful picture of Astaire's career and it was the highest-grossing musical of the year.*

*Don Hewes (Fred Astaire), a Broadway star, is out buying Easter presents for his sweetheart, starting with a hat and some flowers ("Happy Easter"). Then he goes into a toy shop, and buys a cuddly Easter rabbit, after persuading a young boy to part with it and buy a set of drums instead ("Drum Crazy"). He takes the gifts to his dancing partner, Nadine Hale (Ann Miller). She explains that she has had an offer for a show, which would feature her as a solo star. Don tries to change her mind, and it looks as if he has succeeded ("It Only Happens When I Dance With You"), until an old friend*

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We sure can tell from experience that we live in Minnesota, in a period of 10 days we can go from -20 to 76 degrees, it sure is a lot easier to take the warm weather than that nasty cold stuff. Our snow is all gone and we maybe will get an early spring? It is time to start preparing our Mark VII for the Trip to Salado, Texas, which is only five weeks away. We still have to wait for the really nice weather, but hopefully the nasty cold weather is

behind us now.

Our events on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> made for a great weekend with something for everyone; we had 59 people attend. Saturday morning began with Ken Sampson showing us his detailing secrets. Ken was very helpful and really knows what he is doing. After his show and tell, Ken then fed us a great lunch. We spent Saturday afternoon at JR Custom Chrome in Forest Lake. After seeing all the plating and buffing processes that it takes to make that chrome shine so brilliantly, we now know why redoing your cars chrome is so expensive. On Sunday we had a great lunch at the Victory Grill in Brooklyn Park. Bob Roth had a guest speaker explain the features of the Exergizer, Battery Monitor. We are trying to figure out what kind of Technical support is required before making this a club project. We gave away over ten door prizes, DVD's about Duluth, Region and Lincoln Baseball caps, Lincoln lanyard, North Star License Plates and Meguiar's Quick Detailer.

Warm April weather will bring a visit to Jake O'Conner's Public House in Excelsior, for a Sunday Brunch on April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 AM. Please RSVP to Bob Johnson, by Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 651.257.1715 or email [arbor-bob41@aol.com](mailto:arbor-bob41@aol.com).

Our first Lincoln Car show for the season will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Classic Lincoln Car show at Morris Minnetonka Ford Lincoln Mercury, in Minnetonka on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00AM to 3:00PM. We will be displaying our Lincolns facing I394 so there will be plenty of traffic viewing your beautiful Lincoln. Mary and I, visited with John Aretz, General Manager on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and the dealership is really looking forward to this Classic Lincoln Car Show. Please put this event on your calendars now, it will be an event that will have many Lincolns attending. We hope to have close to 50 Lincolns at this event.

Summer is just around the corner, our last brunch till this fall will be Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at Woodys, in Plymouth, at 11:30 AM.

While writing about the up coming events, it seems that all the activities are on the west side of the Twin Cities this year. Roger Wothe. Tom St Martin and Morrie Wagener were the region members who recommended these activities, and guess where they live. If you have a great place for the region to go, please notify one our Region Directors now.

*Northstar March Events....*

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of Don's, Johnny (Peter Lawford), turns up. Nadine reveals that she and Don are no longer a team. It becomes obvious that Nadine is attracted to Johnny.

*Angry, Don brags that he does not need Nadine and that he can make a star out the next dancer he meets. That turns out to be a girl named Hannah Brown (Judy Garland). She performs a duet, singing a musical number with a member of the band (Norman S. Barker) on trombone, "I Want to Go Back to Michigan." The next morning, Don tries to turn Hannah into a copy of Nadine, teaching her to dance the same way and buying her dresses in a similar style. However, Hannah makes several mistakes and the show is a fiasco.*

*Hannah meets Johnny, who is instantly attracted to her and performs "A Fella With An Umbrella." Don realizes his mistake and starts over from scratch, creating routines more suited to Hannah's personality. Hannah sings "I Love A Piano",*

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It was a busy weekend for the Northstar club over March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. This was the first two event weekend for the club, and from all measure it was successful. Of course, nice weather on both days helped bring the folks out to catch the fun.



Ken Sampson making it look easy to Dick Eilers and Stef Balis.

Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>, we visited Ken Sampson at his store in Wyoming, Sampson's Auto Showcase. Ken, also known as the "Magic Man", because he makes detailing cars as easy as 1, 2, 3. And the best part, he is willing to share the secrets of the trade with others. It was a real dog and pony show, as Ken very carefully explained and then demonstrated the best tricks of the trade to bring out the very best in a car that has lost a little of it's glitter over the years.

One of his best tricks was the cleaning of chrome, stainless steel or aluminum wheels (must have clear coat paint) by applying Acid based wheel cleaner. When he rinsed off the wheels they looked like brand new, and total time from start to finish was just 10 minutes. Have you tried to clean chrome spoke wheels by hand? Not an easy or fun task. Carpet looking a bit dingy? Ken showed us how to clean and dye your cars carpet in one process and he made it look easy.

Ken demonstrated how he details cars, both exterior and interior, paint, chrome, carpet and leather seats, and when he is done the car looks as good as it rolled out the factory door. Online detailing information can be found on [www.carbrite.com](http://www.carbrite.com) and [www.3mcarcare.com](http://www.3mcarcare.com).



Bob Johnson, Paul Andahl, Brian Carlson and Ron Fenelon visit over lunch at Ken's..

The club is investigating the possibility of putting together a DVD and a written guidebook of all these detailing processes that Ken demonstrated. This would be a great project to have all the tricks in one place. Volunteers to help on this undertaking would be greatly appreciated. We really owe Ken a great big thank you. The techniques that Ken demonstrated really make your car look beautiful, and they also can save you many hours of time and lots of dollars.

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and she and Don work out a dance routine that proves much more successful than their earlier performance. The duo also perform "Snookie-Ookums", "The Ragtime Violin", and "When That Midnight Choo-Choo Leaves For Alabam".

At an audition for Ziegfeld Follies, where they perform "Midnight Choo-Choo", they meet Nadine, who is starring in the show. Hannah learns that Nadine is Don's former dancing partner, and demands to know if they were in love. Don hesitates, and Hannah runs out of the rehearsal, where she encounters Johnny. They go out to dinner. Back at the hotel, Don reveals that he has turned down the Ziegfeld show - Hannah and Nadine do not belong in the same show. At dinner with Johnny, after a comical routine by the waiter, Johnny reveals that he has fallen in love with Hannah, but Hannah says that she is in love with Don; she even admits to deliberately making mistakes when they rehearse so that she can be with him longer.

Meanwhile, Nadine's show opens, and Don goes to see it ("Shakin' The Blues Away"). He is

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It performed flawlessly on the trip and ran better as I put more miles on it. Many of you saw it on display in Duluth.

Some of the features that stand out on the 1952 Lincoln are as follows: First Ford built car to use a Over Head Valve V8 engine. Very modern styling as compared to other '52 cars. Ball joint front suspension, first U.S. car to use it. Other significant features of 1952 Lincolns include; Center fill gas cap behind license plate. Recognized by the Milestone Car Society. Very highly rated by all the car magazine testers of the time. Used General Motors Dual Range Hydramatic –the best by far transmission of its day. 1952 Lincolns had a short production year, not being available to the dealers until February. Approximately 5500 Capri hardtops were built and very few exist today. Power steering and brakes were offered in 1953 as well as 45 more horsepower and it's believed that the majority of '52 Lincolns were traded for '53 and newer Lincolns to get these features. The trade-ins were probably discounted enough so the younger drivers of that time could afford them and drove them to junk levels.

I feel privileged to be the care taker of these two very rare cars and will give them the very best of care as long as I own them.

Editors note: Our thanks to Charles Hansen for this story of his very nice, mostly original 1952 Capri. To quote the advertising slogan of the period, "Nothing could be finer."

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In addition to the show and tell, Ken treated us all to grilled hamburgers and bratwursts, a very welcome treat



Maggie, Ken Sampson's best friend, is taking a brief rest from her duties as chief greeter.



Frank Warner brought his favorite traveling companion along to visit with Maggie. Both are clearly dog tired.

for those who attended.

After lunch, we visited the home of JR Custom Chrome Plating and met the owner, John Colton, who gave us a great tour of his plant and showed us what is involved in taking that pitted and faded chrome casting from your pride and joy and making it new once again.

We saw the various steps involved and got all our questions answered. It is not an easy process to master, but

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*the only member of the audience who seems unimpressed. Hannah goes to dinner at Don's, only to have him suggest a rehearsal. She is upset and tells him that he's "nothing but a pair of dancing shoes" and that he doesn't see her as a woman, but as a dancing aid. Hannah is particularly annoyed that Don doesn't notice her new clothes and all the effort she has made for him. She turns to walk out, but Don stops her as he finally realizes that he loves Hannah and they embrace. The couple take part in a variety show, with a solo by Don ("Steppin' Out With My Baby"), and then the most famous number in the film ("A Couple of Swells"), in which Don and Hannah play a pair of street urchins with vivid imaginations.*

*Don and Hannah go out to celebrate after the show, and end up watching Nadine perform. Nadine is mad with jealousy when the audience gives Don and Hannah a round of applause as they come in. Nadine is the star dancer in "The*

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Left, John Colton, explaining the intricacies of the plating process to Paul Andahl, Don Peterson and Ken Sampson.

John's shop does some of the best work in the upper Midwest. There are no easy or cheap ways to do chrome plating, short cuts in the plating and buffing process do not yield quality work. We all went home with a better appreciation of why good work is expensive, but worth it.

We had over thirty some people attend on Saturday, which made for just a great day. Again we want to thank Ken Sampson and John Colton for all their efforts, as our club really appreciated the time and

effort they put forth. Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, saw the club gather at the Victory Grill in Brooklyn Park. First time for us there, we were fortunate to have a private room for our brunch. Not the traditional buffet line, but the food was served "family style" and was good. Everyone's appetite was satisfied, and most of us went home ready for an afternoon nap. It was a good opportunity to visit with many of



From the Left, Tom St. Martin, Frank Warner and Gladys Traficante enjoying some not so serious conversation at the Sunday brunch.



Left to right, Deb and Paul Andahl, and Mary Johnson. Mary is laughing over the latest venture of her husband Bob. See page 10.

the folks we haven't seen since last fall, and everyone is clearly waiting for nice, dry April weather, so we can get our beloved Lincolns out on the road again.

Please don't forget our next brunch, on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Jake O'Connor's Public House. Details on back page. The weather should be good and it's a good chance to spend some time with your friends. Please be sure to RSVP Bob Johnson by April 17<sup>th</sup>. See you there.

*We're Invited to join the fun!*

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*Girl On The Magazine Cover". The song features an ingenious stage act, in which women appear against backdrops that look like the covers of contemporary magazines. Nadine herself appears on the cover of Harper's Bazaar. Afterwards, she insists that Don perform one of their old numbers with her for old times sake - "It Only Happens When I Dance With You (Reprise)". When Don reluctantly agrees, Hannah becomes upset and runs out.*

*She ends up at the bar where she and Don first met. There she pours out her troubles to Mike, the bartender ("Better Luck Next Time"). Later that night, Don tries to explain that he was forced to dance with Nadine, but Hannah will not listen. She thinks Don used her to make Nadine jealous and win her back. Don tells her that he'll wait all night for her to forgive him, but just as Hannah opens the door, Don is kicked out of her building by the doorman, who has heard his yelling. Eventually, Don's apologies reach her and she arrives unexpectedly at his house the following morning, as if the argument had never happened. She brings gifts as*

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**April 4, 2009 Willmar & Wright County Car Clubs Car Buffs' Breakfast at Paynesville and Garage Tour**

9am Buffet Breakfast at Paynesville, Hilltop Restaurant, 28518 Hwy 55 SE, Old Toys or Collectibles for Show & Tell, Announcements, Door prizes. (Use rest room before we leave) **ENJOY THE DAY!**

10:30 am Leave for Waite Park via Hwy 23 (30 miles)

11 am Arrive at **Roy Bernick's Collection. 377 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, Waite Park** Turn South off of Hwy 23 at Menards. Just South of Menards, turn West into the driveway which looks like a wooded area which has a **LARGE** granite rock pile—and **SO MUCH MORE!!** STAY ON THE HARD SURFACE DRIVEWAY AND PARK CLOSE SO THERE'S ROOM FOR EVERY ONE TO PARK and to get out.

12 Noon: Finish the OOHs and AAHs, Thank Roy, and head for Ray Schmit's (2.5 miles – get back on Hwy 23 EAST (right), to Hwy 15 NORTH (left), to 8<sup>th</sup> Street NORTH (right), then less than 2 blocks to 38<sup>th</sup> Ave NORTH (left)

We will visit two locations: **Ray and Arlene Schmit reside at 932 38<sup>th</sup> Ave North, St. Cloud.** The other location will be nearby. Thank Roy and Arlene before we leave for Pan Town Classic (11 miles)

1:30 pm **Pan Town Classic 2117 251st Street South St. Cloud, MN 56301** (from Schmit's, get back to MN Hwy 15 SOUTH to I94 EAST to St. Augusta Exit (right onto County Rd 7 SOUTH), Look for Pan Town Classic on the right.

2:30 pm Leave for **Classic Rides and Rods, 220 Poplar Lane, Annandale, MN 55302** 20 miles from St. Augusta. From Pan Town Classic get back on County Road 7 SOUTH (right). After about 10 miles (after Fairhaven) Co. Rd 7 becomes Co. Road 2. At Hwy 55 EAST (turn left). Wave when you drive past MOM'S CAFÉ in South Haven (we'll be back).

3 pm Arrive at **Classic Rides and Rods** – on the East end of Annandale look to your right – just South of the Railroad Tracks. Thank Jerry before we leave.

Bondo Bob McMullen, Wright County Car Club President, and Wright County's Oldest Teenager, may have another stop or two in or near Annandale.

Stop at **MOM'S CAFÉ** in South Haven for a great lunch! Find you way back home – and dream!!

**If you get lost, call Francis Kalvoda 320-444-4492.**

**May 2, 2009 -- 9 am Breakfast at Sherrie's Café at Kerkhoven**



*March Northstar Board Minutes*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

March 12, 2009

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at Culver's in Maplewood at 6.50 PM. Board members present were Bob Johnson, Harvey Oberg, Dave Gustafson, Bob Gavrilescu, and Bob Roth. Other members present were Faye Oberg and Mary Johnson. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

**DIRECTORS REPORTS**

Regional Director Bob Johnson reviewed the upcoming Detailing seminar at Ken Sampson's, in Wyoming, on Saturday, March 14, and Sunday, March 15, the Brunch at Victory Grill in Brooklyn Park. For those planning on attending the Mid-America Meet in Salado, Texas, April 23-26, the registration cutoff is April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. Response for attending Salado, meet is very good with 10 Northstar members planning on showing their Lincolns.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported the treasury balance to be \$5,279.43 with all bills paid.

Publications and Membership Director Dave Gustafson reported that we have about 22 members that have not yet renewed for 2009. He needs more "Pride and Joy" articles. Several members were contacted and hopefully we will have articles for the near future. Please consider writing about your Lincoln, every Lincoln has a story to be told.

Projects, we have DVD's and CDs of the Mid America Meet for \$15.00 and North Star Region baseball caps for \$10.00 each, contact Bob Johnson to order. Bob Roth will have a representative at the Sunday Brunch on March 15th to discuss Exergizer battery monitor for a possible region project

2009 Activities were discussed. We have added a Classic Car Night, Monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30 PM beginning on May 13<sup>th</sup> to be held at Jason's, Bobby, and Steve's Auto World, Lino Lakes, which is 5 miles North of White Bear Lake on I35E. The date for our tour to Jack Fletcher's, in Popular Grove, Il.(by Rockford) is now planned for August 22-23.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next meeting will be at Culver's, Thursday, April 2nd, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Johnson for Secretary Roger Wothe.

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*well, including an Easter rabbit inside a new top hat. Don is a little confused by this turn of events, but is persuaded by his valet that he should just listen to Hannah and go out. As they walk in the Easter parade, photographers, echoing a scene with Nadine from the beginning of the film, take their pictures and Don proposes to her ("Easter Parade").*

**Cast**

*Judy Garland as Hannah Brown; Fred Astaire as Don Hewes. Gene Kelly and Mickey Rooney were originally cast, but he was injured just prior to production and Astaire, who had announced his retirement from film, was coaxed back to replace him. (Astaire would "retire" several more times over the next decade, but he would also go on to make a number of additional classic musicals in between retirements.) Rooney however was replaced by Astaire. Peter Lawford as Jonathan Harrow III; Ann Miller as Nadine Hale. This film marked the major MGM debut of tap-dancer Miller (who had previously been under*

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*Will Bob Johnson Strike Gold Again?*

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contract to RKO), replacing Cyd Charisse, who had to bow out of the production; Jules Munshin as François; Clinton Sundberg as Mike the bartender

One musical number, a seductive performance of "Mr. Monotony" by Garland wearing the top half of a tuxedo and nylon tights (a style of dress which would become something of a trademark in later years after she wore the same outfit in 1950's *Summer Stock*), was cut from the film as it was deemed too risqué for a film supposedly set in 1912. Audiences finally got to see this number in the 1990s when an edited version was included in the 1994 compilation film *That's Entertainment! III*. The complete number was first seen as part of the extras on the VHS and Laser Disc special edition versions the following year. When *Easter Parade* was re-released to DVD, several minutes of outtakes, raw footage, and alternate takes of this performance were included in addition to the footage previously released.

*Editor's Note: This fine 1948 film is available as a DVD. Pick up a copy and remember how things used to be...*



Continental and Mark VII, two of the Llamas coming to live with Bob and Mary Johnson.

In the true spirit of the National Inquirer and the Star, those great supermarket news sources, the Northstar News has, at great expense, employed some of the greatest investigators to endeavor to find out just what the most glorious leader of the Lincoln club is up to next. Bulldog Drummond and Frank Cannon (the PI who loves Mark IV's) have finally reported back to News Central just what moves Bob and Mary Johnson are planning.

Bob Johnson, fresh with the success of the Shafer International Airport and the Shafer Lincoln dealership, is believed to be moving in a new direction. For some time now, Bob has been putting in 40

hour days with the Airport commission and the Lincoln dealership. He reports that he needs to take some time for himself, and look toward a less stressful occupation where he and Mary can enjoy quality time together. After a lot of discussions with another Lincoln club member, Paul Andahl, who has a lot of knowledge about farming and cattle operations, Bob has decided to try his hand at raising a herd of Llama's.

To quote Bob "these appear to be the ideal livestock for me to raise. I just can't imagine anything more beautiful than to look out my window and see these friendly and gentle creatures roaming my acreage. They will provide Mary and I with an endless source of amusement just watching them play. And of course, their beautiful coats may be harvested, just like a cash crop and spun into yarn, which may eventually find its way into various items of apparel of all types."



Llama's will be marching in the Shafer Founders Day parade this coming May.

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*Bob Johnson and the Litany of the Llamas continued...*

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Mary has been busy researching her various interests of shearing, carding, and spinning the yarn so that she can knit the wonderful clothing items that she wants to make with this fabulous material. Bob and Mary also will be working on a Llama song book since they discovered a group of these wonderful creatures Hum when they are together making a soothing musical sound not unlike muted Kazoo's. Mary is hopeful, that with patience and training, the Llama's will be able to master one of her and Bob's very favorite songs, "I left my heart in San Francisco." Noted musical director, George Traficante, (also a Lincoln club member) was quick to add; "I know that I can help out here, teaching these beautiful and smart creatures music should be a snap, compared to some of the high school students that I have worked with over the years."



Look for Llama powered carts going back and forth between the Shafer airport and the downtown business district.

The Johnson's are so completely sold on these wonderful creatures



Bob has been putting up Llama crossing signs all over the highways and byways of Shafer.

that hopefully in the near future they will be selling llama franchises. Until, their new store "Llama Land" is finished, see the early arrivals at Bob's Lincoln store in Shafer.

Bob has also been working on a group of 6 matching carts that will be used for transporting folks to the Shafer International Airport from the local hotels in and around Shafer. He already has the drivers lined up. They will be a stylish group with Ribbons in the llama's ears and colorful scarves around their necks to match the ties of



These sweet creatures provide constant amusement for adults, and a never ending stream of questions from young children.

the drivers. Not everyone can say rode in such style – what a fantasy trip that will be. And of course, Bob, Mary and the Llama's will be the featured event in the annual Founders Day parade held every May in beautiful downtown Shafer. Bob also anticipates that some of the Llamas will also be used to guard the many sheep that continually graze the perimeter areas adjacent to the Shafer International Airport. Llamas are known to bond easily with sheep and protect them from wolves, coyotes and other predators.

Larry and Frank's Llama Heaven will be delivering a truck load on **April 1, 2009**. Please call or email Bob for the expected time of delivery in case you want to come and watch the arrival. What a memorable day that could be.

*For Sale....*



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

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

Call Larry Trusty at 507.645.6799.  
Northfield, MN

**Wanted**

1956 or 1957 Mark II in number two condition.

Prefer an Air Conditioned car.

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

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

Call John W. McDowall 320-251-8640  
email: [johnmc@mcdowallco.com](mailto:johnmc@mcdowallco.com)

**For Sale**

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

2 front fenders for 46-48 Lincoln Right and Left  
56 Lincoln fender skirts good condition  
56 Lincoln hood ornament

Call Ted Anderson at 763-561-8143

**For Sale Mark II**



In last stages of restoration, this Mark II, remains unfinished due to the passing of it's owner, Bill Reese.

Elizabeth Reese would now like to sell this "Gem in the Rough", to someone in the Lincoln Club who will complete the small amount of the work necessary to restore it to it's once proud beauty.

Elizabeth is open to offers and may be reached at 952-471-9467 until late November, when she may be reached in Tucson, AZ at 520-818-1222.

**For Sale**

1996 Continental, extremely well maintained, very nice car, 140 K, \$5000.  
Call Bud Bloomquist, 320-220-4667.

## Great Automotive Buys...

### For Sale

#### 1979 Mark V Cartier Edition

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

### Wanted - For Sale

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

For Sale: Very nice 1987 Lincoln Town Car,  
America's Cup Edition, White with dark blue  
sail cloth top, white & blue leather, wire  
spoke wheels, no winters, 118K miles,  
\$2787/offer

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

Call Francis Kalvoda, Willmar 320-235-5777

### For Sale

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

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

### For Sale

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

### For Sale

#### 1947 Continental Coupe'



Solid driver with good starting and running  
original V12 and overdrive.

Green exterior, older presentable paint. All  
chrome good to excellent condition.

Green Leather and whipcord interior,  
mostly original.

Recent work includes rebuilt: front suspen-  
sion, brakes and new brake lines, carbure-  
tor, water pumps, power windows, and in-  
stallation of PCV system. New battery,  
tires, hoses and thermostats. NOS steering  
wheel. I have most of the history of the  
car. It was owned by the Towe Ford mu-  
seum in Montana where it was on display  
and not driven for thirty years.

Fairly priced at \$24,500. Photos available.  
Please call Byron Olsen at 651-646-5534  
email: [byronolsen@comcast.net](mailto:byronolsen@comcast.net)

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

**For Sale**

1979 Mark V, Bill Blass Edition. This Mark features a blue exterior, offset by a white carriage top and white leather interior with blue piping. Second owner since 1991. Originally purchased at North Hollywood Lincoln Mercury in the Los Angeles area. This is a very pristine California Mark, with only 58,000 miles. Pre-primary trophy winner, with only 5,000 miles on tires and brakes. Realistically priced at \$10,000.

Contact Richard Gray, 415-435-3539, email: gray@sutterhealth.org.

**For Sale**

Very low mileage 1948 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet. 26,000 Miles on this totally restored, mint condition Lincoln.

V12 , Radio, Overdrive all work as they should. New tan top installed. Burgundy with Burgundy leather interior. 6/12 battery for easy starting. California cover, nice white sidewall tires. Recently appraised as a 98 point car. Ready for show and next years driving season. \$65,000

Contact Douglas Gracey 507-282-5554

**For Sale**

**For Sale \$850.00 OBO**

1939 Lincoln Zephyr 4 door sedan sheet metal only! This car has been completely disassembled and stored for over 50 years and left in a small garage in South Minneapolis. This car was sanded and primed years ago and was the unfinished dream of a fellow Zephyr admirer. I would like to sell Fords first unit-body car with sub frame, four doors, hood, deck and fenders. I have many other parts.

After January 1, 2009 I will offer all above parts and many more Zephyr parts not listed above, individually at a fair market price.

If you are restoring a Zephyr or building a Zephyr street rod and need this sheet metal, please call or email.

*Karl Flick cell 612-961-9705 or email  
karlflick@charter.net*

**150 - LINCOLNS - 150**

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

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

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

*Please call Gordy Jensen at 952-851-2721*

**STORAGE AVAILABLE**

Safe, Secure Storage for your classic now available Southwest Metro Location

Contact Connie **952-835-4148**

# Preview of Coming Events

The following include scheduled club events

- April           **Saturday, April 4th**, Tour with Willmar Car Club, see page 8.  
**Sunday Brunch, April 19th**. At 11:30 AM. Jake O’Conner’s,  
Public House, Excelsior MN. We will order off the menu.  
**April 23-26**, Mid America National Meet, Salado, Texas  
**Saturday, April 25** - Annual Spring Garage Tour with the CCCA. This is a major event  
each year, with the first shot at getting the Classic Cars out for a run. Each year there  
seems to be more cars, more fun and just plain more of everything we look forward to  
each Classic Car season. More information on last page..
- May             **Wednesday, May 13th**. Classic Car Night, Classic Cadillac Diner, 6:30PM, Highway  
35E to Hugo/Centerville exit, Nr. 123. Every 2nd Wednesday each month, till fall.  
**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Lincoln Car Show, Morrie’s. Minnetonka,  
10 AM to 3 PM
- June            **June 11-14**, Western National Meet – Reno, NV.  
**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** Woody’s, Sunday Brunch, Woodys, Plymouth, at 11:30 AM
- July             **Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Out State Lincoln Car Show, , 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.  
Location, Sugarloaf Ford Lincoln Mercury, Winona, MN, Hosted by Mike Puetz We are  
looking at a overnight on Friday/Saturday, more information to follow.
- August          **Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>** Prior Lake, Lake Front Park, Summer Pot Luck/BBQ picnic,  
11:00 AM to 3 PM. Invite your Lincoln friends.  
Tour to Jack Fletcher’s. Popular Grove IL. Friday – Sunday, August 21st through  
August 23rd. More information in future issues.
- .September    Annual Fall Picnic. More Information to follow.
- October         Fall Lincoln Car Show.
- November      Year end Brunch. Al Baker’s, Eagan, Mn.

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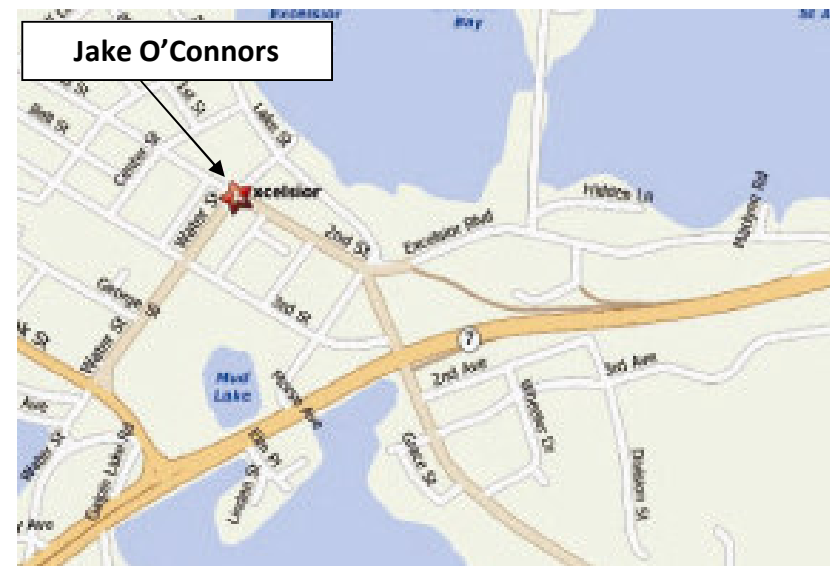
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## Northstar April Activities



Sunday, April 19th, Brunch at **Jake O'Connor's Public House** in Excelsior. Meet at 11:30am at Jake O'Connor's, located at **200 Water Street**. The food is exceptional, and the service even better. As a special treat, you can order off the extensive menu. RSVP to Bob Johnson, 641-257-1715 or email: arborbob41@aol.com by Thursday, April 16th if you plan to attend.



To get there: Highway 7 West to Excelsior and OAK Street. Right on Oak Street to Water Street, Right again on Water till you get to Jake O'Connor's Public House. Telephone 952.908.9650 or [jakeoconnors.com](http://jakeoconnors.com) on the web.

Bob Johnson will have his cell with him, call for directions if you are hopelessly lost..651-587-1212.

**Weather will be good, see you there!**

## CCCA Spring Garage Tour

The CCCA Spring Garage Tour will be Saturday, April 28, 2009, and as in past years, the Lincoln club has been invited to come along. We will begin our odyssey at Ellingson's Car Museum 20950 Rogers Drive, Rogers, Minnesota. I-94 to Rogers, Highway 101 North to Rogers Drive, Right on Rogers to Ellingson's.

Coffee, donuts and socializing from 8:00AM to 9:00AM. The tour will depart promptly at 9:00AM for what promises to be a great day of sightseeing.

This will be the best way to spend the last Saturday in April, a full day of fun and visiting with other hobbyists. See some great car collections, have a nice lunch and enjoy the company of good friends. There could be no better way to begin the spring driving season.

See you there.... Don't miss this great kickoff of the summer driving season!