

NORTHSTAR NEWS

My Pride and Joy

by Larry Suhsen

Twylah and I have had our yellow 1951 Lincoln Coupe since 1969. We bought the car from a salvage yard in Holcomb, Wisconsin. I was looking for a 1951 Mercury coupe and Twylah saw an ad for this car, called, and was told



1951 Lincoln, Larry & Twylah overlooking the Mississippi River from Elmer's Toy Museum, Fountain City, WI

it was the same body as the Mercury. They wanted \$300 for the Lincoln. The owner's daughter-in-law was driving the car back and forth to work everyday. The car was still titled from Arizona. I told the owner I was really looking for a Mercury. He lowered the price to \$150 and we have been happy with the Lincoln for the last 30 years. Twylah used the car in the summer of 1969 to take the kids to the beach. I was starting a new job with the railroad so it went into my father-in-law's barn until we brought the Lincoln to Minnesota in 1978. Over the next couple years we restored the car back to original as best we could. The car was first shown in 1982 at the Willmar Car Show where we met Francis Kalvoda who seemed extremely pleased to see our car. I recall that we needed a jump start to get to Willmar and we needed a jump start when we left the car show. Francis still tells us our '51 is the one car he needs to 'complete' his collection! That year we drove the Lincoln to my 30th class reunion in Illinois (class of 1952).

Now that we have several Mercurys it does not get used as much as it should. Our collector car fleet now includes a 1951 Mercury Coupe, a 1951 Mercury Convertible, a 1953 Mercury Convertible, a 1968 Oldsmobile Cutlass Convertible, and a nearly restored 1951 Ford Crestliner. We enjoy attending several car shows each year including Iola, Wisconsin. We are looking forward to driving our Lincoln to the Morries Lincoln Show in May. We are also members of the MSRA and the Wright County Car Club.

Even though we are members of the Minnesota Street Rod Association we enjoy

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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 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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our cars in pretty much the same condition that they left the dealership when they were new. Some feel that a modified car makes it a better car and perhaps that is true in some cases. The following is an excerpt from a letter I wrote and was published in the *MSRA Linechaser* in September, 2009. I think a larger majority of LCOC members will share my viewpoint.



1951 Lincoln Coupe in the good company of '51 and '53 Mercury Convertibles

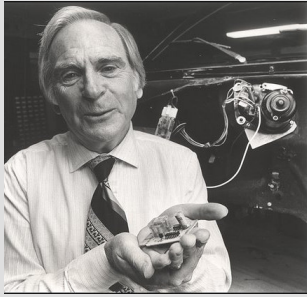
We drive a flathead V-8 with 6 volts and a generator that runs fine. It has bias ply tires, king pins and transverse springs that give us a fair ride if the roads are good. All four tires and the spare are the same size which is handy if you have a flat or want to rotate tires. To help get around curves and for parallel parking, we have a suicide knob on the 18" steering wheel. For air conditioning, we have breezies on the vent windows that let you direct air down to your feet and cool you off quite nicely. No automatic transmission, but we do have overdrive with free-wheeling that, believe it or not, lets you do a lot of the shifting without using the clutch. My cruise control sits right beside me, as she has for almost 50 years and lets me know if I'm

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Editors Message

April 2010

Trivia from the Internet



Robert Kearns
1927—2005

“A Flash of Genius”

At long last, Robert Kearns's battles with the world's automotive giants have come to an end. Kearns, who died Feb. 9, 2005, devoted decades of his life to fighting Ford Motor Co., Chrysler Corp. and other car-makers in court, trying to gain the credit he thought he deserved as the inventor of the intermittent windshield wiper. From a basement in Detroit, where he devised his invention, to Gaithersburg, where he moved in the 1970s, Kearns carried his lonely fight all the way to the Supreme Court, one man against the might of the industrial world and a patent system he believed had let him down.

By the time he died at

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Winter is history. Once again, we have slipped free from it's clutches and are well on the way to warmer weather. By the time you receive this, we anticipate temperatures somewhere in the 70 degree range, perfect for taking your beautiful chariots out for a drive.

Next weekend, the first one in April, I for one plan on starting up the 51 Cosmo and the Mark VIII and getting both of them out into the sunlight. I have been

“online” and found a few things for the Cosmo to make it a little nicer. I am also anxious to see how much of an improvement the new radial tires that I received late last fall from Diamondback do for the handling of the large Cosmo.

We have about twenty members that have not sent in their dues for 2010. Reminder stickers will go on the outside of the envelopes that we mail the newsletters out in to try to jog their memories and get that check sent in. Those that have not renewed by the end of April will not receive a May issue and will potentially miss out on a lot of fun.

Ford products and Lincoln in particular have been receiving good reviews as far as build quality as compared to other cars, even the expensive foreign ones. In the J.D. Power Dependability study, Lincoln is second only to Porsche, ahead of Mercedes and other Japanese brands formerly thought un-

touchable in this area. Ford and Lincoln are back and without taking the handouts from the Government. If you need a new car or truck, please take a good look at Ford, Lincoln and Mercury. Some great cars from a great company.



Ch. Faithie visiting with the Easter Bunny, who stopped by with a basket of flowers for her.

Faithie had a great birthday. She received a few cards and she wanted to make sure that her “dad” thanked all those who took the time to send her one. She has some diffi-

culty penning thank you notes or emailing, as she has no thumbs to hold a pencil or work a keyboard.

Don't forget to check out the activities pages. April brings us brunch at Spasso in Minnetonka (April 11th) and the UMR CCCA annual garage tour on May 1st. I've been on maybe 18-20 of these CCCA tours and they have all been a lot of fun. Another absolutely wonderful way to spend a Saturday.

Further down the road is our Second annual all Lincoln Show at Morrie's in Minnetonka on May 29th. We all had a great time and there were a lot of new Lincolns shown for the first time. We look for even more cars this year. As usual, we welcome Lincolns of all ages, very new or very old, lets get them out on display.

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

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77 at Copper Ridge nursing home in Sykesville, Md., of brain cancer complicated by Alzheimer's disease, Kearns had gained some vindication in the form of \$30 million in settlements from Ford and Chrysler, but he never got what he had sought from the beginning.

"I need the money, but that's not what this is about," he told *Regardie's* magazine in 1990. "I've spent a lifetime on this. This case isn't just a trial. It's about the meaning of Bob Kearns's life."

All he wanted, he often said, was the chance to run a factory with his six children and build his wiper motors, along with a later invention for a windshield wiper that was activated automatically by rainfall. In the end, his courtroom battles cost him his job, his marriage and, at times, his mental health. Kearns, who had a doctorate in engineering from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and had taught engineering for 11 years at Wayne State University in Detroit, was no weekend tinkerer. A native of Gary, Ind., he grew up near the giant Ford plant in

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Our North Star activities this year should interest just about everyone that enjoys driving their Lincoln. Driving our Lincolns is our major theme for 2010. This year we will have the opportunity to drive our Lincolns to Barnum, Minnesota, Bismarck, North Dakota and Lincoln, Nebraska; plus regional car shows at Morries in Minnetonka, and North County in Coon Rapids, a mid-summer picnic at Ray and Jeanine Nelsons in Princeton, Minnesota. And, let us not forget our September picnic at Morries out in Long Lake. Our Lincoln's were made to drive, and what a ride they give us. The Lincoln marque is what got us to join LCOC, but, personally for me, the fellowship is what keeps me in the club. I have travelled from coast to coast and met some of the nicest people with the same love of the Lincolns. I would hope you would feel the same way as a member of this region. Do you have that Lincoln out of storage yet?

Saturday, March 20th, was a unusual day weather wise, with no snow, nice, almost balmy temperatures. We were lucky to spend part of the day with "detailer extraordinaire", Ken Sampson in Wyoming, just North of the Twin Cities. Ken entertained us once again with his show and tell program revealing just how easy it is to spiff up your favorite oldie and make it look as good as new. We had 25 people attend Ken's presentation, and they were surprised when he also served a fine lunch featuring hamburgers, hot dogs and Ed Myrhe's superb Potato Salad.

On a Sunday, March 21st, we had 31 members attend our Sunday Brunch at Tinucci's, in Newport, to enjoy the best buffet in the Twin Cities. New member Victor Feldman Jr, Somerset, WI, attended his first North Star activity, but had to leave before we could introduce him to everyone. Several door prizes were given out, Dorothy Palmer a won throw type blanket with a Lincoln label. This was a fun weekend spent with great North Star Region members.

On Sunday, April 11th, we will go to a new place for our Sunday Brunch, Spasso, 17253 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka, 11:30 AM. The buffet has a Senior cost of \$12.00 plus tip. **Bring your Lincoln friends with you to this bunch. With the warmer weather, we will meet at 10:30 AM in parking lot to kick tires before our Brunch.** Please RSVP to Bob Johnson, by Thursday, April 8th at 651-257-1715 or email arborbob41@aol.com.

Our 2nd Annual Lincoln Car Show, at Morrie's, Minnetonka Ford, Lincoln Mercury on Memorial weekend, Saturday, May 29th, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This is a free Lincoln Car Show. We will be displaying our Lincolns facing I394 so there will be plenty of traffic viewing your beautiful Lincoln. Please put this event on your calendars now, it will be an event that will have many Lincolns attending. Please invite anyone you know that has a Lincoln to come to this car show. We hope to have close to 50 Lincolns at this event.

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River Rouge, Mich., and always thought of the auto company as a place that welcomed someone with ingenuity.

He got his idea on his wedding night in 1953, when a champagne cork struck him in the left eye, which eventually became blind. The blinking of his eye led him to wonder if he could make windshield wipers that worked the same way -- that would move at intervals instead of in a constant back-and-forth motion.

After years of experiments at home and on his cars -- "If it ever rained," his former wife, Phyllis Hall, recalled yesterday, "I had to drop everything and go out with him in the car" -- Kearns believed his invention was ready. He applied for patents, mounted his wipers on his 1962 Ford Galaxie and drove to Ford's headquarters. Engineers swarmed over his car, at one point sending him out of the workroom, convinced he was activating the wipers with a button in his pocket.

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going too fast or too slow. She also serves to remind me to cancel our add-on directional signals. The clock works if you remember to wind it and we have an AM radio with a backseat speaker that works most of the time -- if you tap on the vibrator tube and wait a few minutes for it to warm up. We have variable speed, vacuum windshield wipers that, if they get going too fast you just step on the accelerator and they slow right down.

We don't have seatbelts yet but we don't really drive that fast. Our one possible weak point might be the drum brakes operated with a single master cylinder. But, hey, a double cylinder would be twice the potential for trouble. Anyway, I promise not to tailgate you if I'm behind you on a cruise. I have updated with silicone brake fluid which is hard on hydraulic brake switches, so be aware of that if you're ever behind me. I do have the safety team check the car whenever I can; I believe the car has amazed some of the team as I have seen a couple of the inspectors shake their heads during the inspection.

Despite all of this, we "actually drive the car." During our 27-plus years of enjoying old cars as a hobby, we have covered many of the western states, been as far east as Detroit as well as driven many miles locally. However, having said all the above, I am getting older and have taken note of some of the technological advances that have been made over the years. So in the interest of safety and creature comfort, I just might come in and talk to you about making some improvements.

A Visit with the MKT

Courtesy of Marty Padgett, the Car Connection.

It's a big people mover--a minivan minus the sliding side doors--but the MKT looks nothing like today's other crossovers, particularly its own cousin, the Ford Flex. The Flex is all right angles and edges, a square peg in a square hole. The MKT shares the Flex's architecture, seating layout, power trains and safety cage, but has a more curvilinear appeal. The grille has wings, the shoulders have some kinky ideas about hooking up with the car's D-pillar, and the rear end cants forward and wears taillights and chrome trim like stock tickers. It's detailed like Lincolns of the past: think of those big Continentals of the mid-1960s and their broad hockey-stick bands of chrome. The cabin's even better in its execution, with a wood- or metallic-trimmed dash that echoes the front end smartly.

We'll go ahead and advise you to skip the base six-cylinder version and focus on the MKT with the 355-horsepower EcoBoost V-6. The stock 268-horsepower V-6 is just adequate for a big seven-seat crossover, and the extra 87 hp subtract just one mile per gallon of fuel economy and add only \$4000 to the MKT's \$46,990 base price. It delivers impressive thrust that is completely in keeping with the crossover's character--refined, as a Lincoln should be, with just a hint of noticeable engine noise. The heavy-duty six-speed automatic responds accordingly, always calling up the right gear at the right time.

You can press the MKT into quick

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Ford's engineers had been experimenting with vacuum-operated wipers, but Kearns was the first to invent an intermittent wiper with an electric motor. After a while, however, Ford stopped answering his calls, and Kearns was left on his own.

In 1967, he received the first of more than 30 patents for his wipers. In 1969, Ford came out with the first intermittent wiper system in the United States, followed within a few years by the other major manufacturers.

After working as Detroit's commissioner of buildings and safety engineering, Kearns moved to Gaithersburg in 1971 to become principal investigator for highway skid resistance at the old National Bureau of Standards, now the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

In 1976, Kearns's son bought an electric circuit for a Mercedes-Benz intermittent wiper, which Kearns took apart, only to discover it was almost identical to what he'd invented. He had a nervous breakdown soon after.

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responses, but it's not at its best. In most driving it feels controlled and responsive, but a severe case of the twisties will demonstrate how a high curb weight (4800 pounds), a long wheelbase and all-wheel drive will confound even relatively quick electronic steering. The MKT excels at wide turns and delivering the creamy ride you'd presume from a Lincoln, while also giving responsive steering feel and controlled ride motions.

Long-distance cruises without the drama give you and the five or six other passengers time to explore a dumbfounding list of features.

Imagine yourself in a 1966 Continental Coupe, with FM radio and power windows standard. Teleport into the 2010 MKT and the standard list has blossomed to include a panoramic sunroof; dual-zone climate control; the Bluetooth-and-voice-controlled SYNC system; a keyless entry pad on the door frame; high-intensity discharge headlamps with automatic high beams; and push-button start with MyKey features that allow drivers to set preferences for speed controls, radio functions and seat/mirror memory positions.

It's easy to push the price tag of the MKT with EcoBoost to nearly \$55,000 by adding power to the sunroof; 20-inch polished aluminum wheels; a rear-seat DVD entertainment system; active parking assist and adaptive cruise control; a navigation system with a music hard drive and THX II-certified speakers; and last but not least, a five-quart refrigerator mounted between the

middle seats.

The MKT excels at carrying six or seven people in adult comfort. The front seats show attention paid to the seats in Volvos; they're fantastic for long drives, with room in all directions. The MKT adds telescoping steering to the Flex package, which improves driving position, along with power-adjustable foot pedals.

The second-row seats come in bench form for three passengers or bucket seats for two. Either way, they have copious foot and leg room--even more than the front seats. The third row is almost large enough for some adults, though mainly intended for children. Power "fold and tumble" second-row seats, with heating, cooling and power-assisted lumbar adjustment, are also available, and third-row passengers can fold second-row seats out of the way by pressing a button--a nice touch. As for carrying cargo, the space behind the third-row seat offers as much storage as the Acura RL's truck (17.3 cubic feet); fold down the second seat and the empty space grows to 39.6 cubic feet. With both rear rows folded, the MKT has a cavernous 75.9 cubic feet of room for hauling home estate-sale finds.

The \$46,990 2010 MKT shifts Lincoln further away from its dowdy styling past and delivers vast interior room, while it brings a good measure of driving pleasure and sophistication along for the ride. Our recommendation? Take them up on the \$4000 EcoBoost option and plan on being the most called-on carpool in the county.

North Star Board Meeting Minutes

March 4th, 2010

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:57 PM at Culver's in Maplewood. Board members present were Bob Johnson, Harvey Oberg, Dave Gustafson, Bob Gavrilesco 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 reported that there was no action taken the past month on the site selection for the Mid America Meet set for August, 2012. He has met with sites in Burnsville and Chaska and will be looking at Bloomington. All LCOC members will have received a personal Lincoln Motor Car Museum fund letter. The members' support is necessary to make the project possible. Bob asked everyone to check out the LCOC web site. It now has an LCOC only forum. Sixteen regions including the North Star Region have their newsletters on the web site, several Meet photo albums and updates made or in progress.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported the treasury balance to be \$3,982.99 with all bills paid.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson reported the membership total to be more than one hundred fifty with over thirty members yet to renew.

Projects: Cost estimates from other vendors for the region license plates were higher than the original bid from Kathy Kieffer. The Board decided to order the plates from Kathy. Ordering process for region jackets and shirts will be outlined in a future issue of the newsletter.

Activities: March brunch is at Tinnuci's in Newport and the April brunch will be at Spasso's in Minnetonka. Members are encouraged to bring their Lincoln friends or family members. The fall picnic at Morrie's was discussed. We will be viewing Morrie's car collection from 10:00 AM till the noon potluck, with an auction after we finish eating.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next meeting will be at Culver's in Maplewood on Thursday, April 1st, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe from notes supplied by Bob Johnson.

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He boarded a bus, with delusions of riding to Australia and being commissioned by former President Richard M. Nixon to build an electric car. Police picked him up in Tennessee, and his family checked him into the psychiatric ward at Montgomery General Hospital.

When he came out after a few weeks, his red hair had turned white.

Earlier in life, Kearns had been a high school cross-country star, an outstanding violinist and a teenage intelligence officer in World War II. But from 1976, his sole focus in life was to battle the auto giants and reclaim his invention.

Kearns filed suit against Ford for patent infringement in 1978, seeking \$141 million in damages (a figure eventually raised to \$325 million). In all, he filed lawsuits against 26 car manufacturers and other companies.

Kearns supported himself with disability pay after his breakdown and by trading in foreign currencies.

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A Man and His Cars...

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By the early 1980s, his wife had had enough. "It had become an obsession," recalled Hall, who lives in Arizona. "I told him, 'I can't stand this life.' He said, 'This is my life.' "

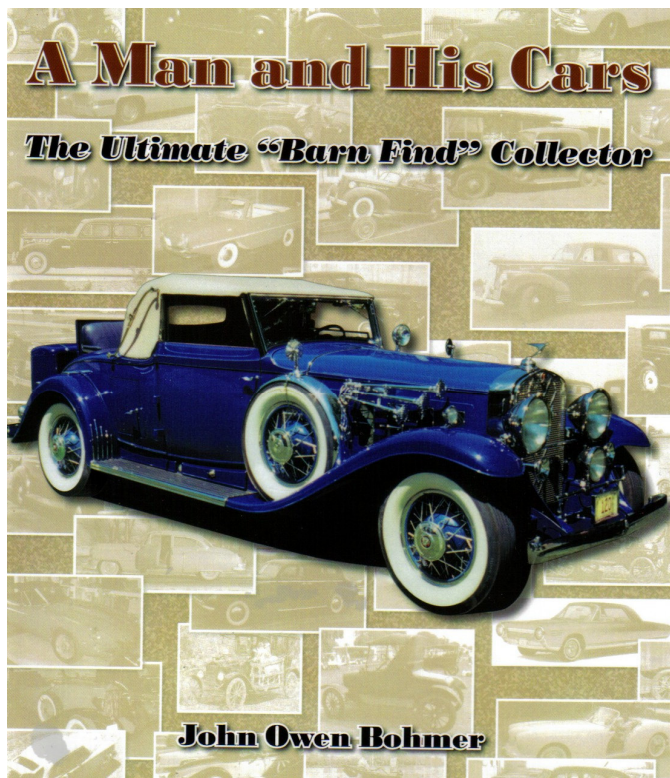
When their divorce was granted in 1989, Kearns was in the midst of his court case against Ford.

After 12 years of litigation, Ford finally offered to pay Kearns millions of dollars to settle the case. His attorney at the time, William Durkee of Houston, estimated Kearns could have received at least \$50 million from Ford and comparable amounts from other car-makers.

Kearns refused the offer. "He wanted to be a manufacturer and supply that system to the automotive industry," said Richard L. Aitken, a Washington patent lawyer who had worked with Kearns since the 1960s. "That was the most important thing to him." In July 1990, a federal jury ruled that Ford had unintentionally infringed on Kearns's patent and awarded him \$10.2 million.

Back in Montgomery County, Kearns was fighting a different kind

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BOOK REVIEW
by Francis J. Kalvoda

IT'S DONE!! IT'S READY FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT!! Willmar Car Club member and automobile enthusiast extraordinaire, John Bohmer has the first copies of his new hard cover book back from the publisher.

A Man and His Cars – The Ultimate “Barn Find” Collector spans over 70 years of John’s deals on wheels of nearly every make and description.

Over 200 pages of interesting stories and photos report on many of the 150+ vehicles which John either restored or saved for someone else to enjoy. This car guy’s book focus is, of course, on cars, however there are many great stories about some of the people John had dealt with and some of the frustrations of being a car guy.

For those of you who never had a chance to visit his Roaring 20’s Museum in Brooten, MN when it was open, or have not had the privilege of meeting John, you will get to know him as you enjoy each page of this revealing book. Usually we see bankers driving flashy NEW cars. John likes flashy OLD cars. On page 16 you will see the last NEW car John purchased – in 1951!

The book spans nearly all years of the automobile; from the first motorcar in Brooton, John Bohmer’s grandfather’s 1903 Knox, to the current financial problems in the auto industry. You WILL be recommending this book to others before you finish it. The publisher made a few unintentional errors which do not detract from John’s heart felt 75 years of passion for automobiles.

To get your signed hard cover book contact John Bohmer, 1474 Herndon Circle NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905. A check to John for \$43.50 includes shipping.

Shafer Motors just keeps growing....

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of court battle, this time with his former wife. On July 25, 1990, he was sentenced to 120 days in jail for nonpayment of \$700 in alimony and for refusing to vacate his Gaithersburg house. He served 35 days before paying up and leaving the house -- and agreeing to pay his wife 10 percent of anything he might win from the auto-makers.

After the Ford settlement, Kearns turned his sights on Chrysler. In December 1991, a federal jury ruled that Chrysler had infringed unfairly on his patent. Firing his law firm a week before the damage phase of the trial, Kearns argued his case and was awarded more than \$20 million. Chrysler appealed to the Supreme Court, which ruled that Kearns was entitled to the money but rejected his argument that Chrysler should be prohibited from using his design.

Having gone through five law firms, an exhausted Kearns was unable to manage his multiple lawsuits on his own. When he missed deadlines for filing pa-

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A recent trip to the West far East by Shafer Lincoln dealer Bob Johnson was the inspiration of a revised business plan for increasing interest in his very unique store.

Last year the invasion of Llamas was truly welcomed by company employees, other Shafer businesses and the local citizens. Years ago, folks used to flock to a South suburban Oldsmobile dealership for hot dogs and refreshments on Saturday afternoons. Now record setting crowds are visiting Bob and Mary's dealership to visit with the Llamas on Saturdays. Now new excitement will be generated by the eminent arrival of this fabulous new product line.

Arriving at their destination airport, Bob and Mary deplaned and were transported to the local Hilton in one of the country's favorite motorized conveyances; the ever popular "Tuk Tuk." For those unfamiliar with the "Tuk Tuk", it is sort of an auto rickshaw, generally characterized by a sheet metal body or open frame resting on three, count-em, three wheels, a canvas roof with drop-down sides, a small cabin in the front of the vehicle for the driver, and seating space for up to three passengers in the rear. Frequently fitted with an air-cooled scooter version of a two-stroke engine, with handlebar controls instead of a steering wheel. Fun to drive by both young and old alike.

Upon seeing these very unique vehicles, Bob said to Mary, his long suffering wife of many moons, "I gotta have some of these". And the idea to make Shafer the Tuk Tuk center of the Midwest was born. No sooner



One of the first Tuk Tuks to arrive in Shafer. Mathew Brady photo

than getting settled in the Presidential Suite of the Hilton International, Bob was working the phones trying to arrange importation rights for these amazing vehicles. And as usual Bob Johnson was able to arrange meetings with various manufacturers to secure only the best of the best to bring back to Shafer. Money and contracts were passed around, and success was achieved. Several different models were shipped back via Northwest Orient Air cargo and made a safe arrival at the Shafer International Airport.



One of the new Tuk Tuks parked, on display in front of Shafer's Government Center.

Many of the Shafer dignitaries were on hand to greet Bob and Mary upon their return and to see these remarkable new conveyances. Welcoming

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pers in his cases against General Motors Corp. and German and Japanese auto companies, U.S. District Judge Avern Cohn, who presided over all of Kearns's trials in Detroit, dismissed the remaining cases.

By then, Kearns's patents had expired, having passed the 17-year window of ownership then in effect. He bought a house on the Wye River, near Queenstown on the Eastern Shore, and entered an uneasy retirement. From time to time, he would call his children and his attorney and talk about reclaiming his patents.

Survivors included six children, Dennis Kearns of Keego Harbor, Mich., Timothy Kearns of Oxford, Md., Patrick Kearns of Ypsilanti, Mich., Kathleen Corsetty of Rockville, Maureen Kearns of Detroit and Bob Kearns of Germantown; a brother; and seven grandchildren. In his final years, he drove around in two aging vehicles: a 1978 Ford pickup and a 1965 Chrysler. Neither had intermittent wipers.

From the internet...

More Shafer Motors

the Johnsons were Shafer Mayor Howard Johnson, Deputy Mayor Horace Johnson, Chief of Police John Johnson, City Treasurer, George Johnson and last, but not least, the most beloved Ralph Johnson, chief Animal Control Officer.



Another Tuk Tuk seen traversing the Shafer city streets, making it's way to the Shafer International Airport.

Most of those present believed that the Tuk Tuk would be very useful for shuttle service between the airport and downtown businesses and for those who preferred open air transportation during Shafers eleven months of summer weather.

Shafers unique geographic location deep in the heart of the St. Croix Valley serves to insulate it from the less than perfect Minnesota climate and is often referred to as "Camelot" by the local residents because of the unusually year around balmy climate. Plan to visit paradise soon, and plan to stop in at Shafer Motors to visit with Bob and Mary and see all that is new.

Be one of the first in the Midwest to own one of these very exciting new vehicles, on display at Shafer Motors, beginning **April 1st**. Get your Tuk Tuk at Bob's.

Welcome Wagon

by Francis Kalvoda Willmar MN 320-235-5777 fjk@charter.net

This month I did not have to travel far to welcome our new members, they visited me in Willmar!

I have known Larry and Twylah Suhsen for over 25 years and it is my pleasure to welcome them to the Northstar Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. Add them to your Membership Directory.

Their address is 4200 Eckert Ave. SE, Delano, MN 55328; phone 763-972-2305; Email twylahsu@hotmail.com.

I share Larry and Twylah's enthusiasm for Mercurys and always enjoy visiting with them.



Larry and Twylah's great looking 1951 Mercury Convertible and Lincoln sedan. A winning combination.

I have admired their stunning stock yellow 1951 Lincoln Coupe numerous times and I am eager to buy it whenever they decide to sell. The Lincoln has been part of their family for over 30 years so I think it has found a permanent home – but when it comes to parking spaces and desirable cars, I am an eternal optimist.

Dear Members: If you have any friends who love Lincolns, tell us about them. We will contact them and send them copies of the LCOC Comments and the North Star newsletter. Pass the fun along, we always welcome new members in the club. Our tent is big and we have plenty of room for all those who love Lincolns .

North Star Activities

Saturday, February 20th, the CCCA held their annual potluck and auction out at the Autoplex in Chanhasseen. Really a nice night, compared to the weather of prior years. Attendance was a bit on the light side, but still 45-50 managed to attend. We had about 15 members from the Lincoln club.



Bob Gavrilesco and Ed Myhre working the crowd at the UMR CCCA potluck in February.

Plenty of good food and fellowship were on tap for the evening and a good time was had by all of those present. Bob Gavrilesco ably assisted Col. Ed Myhre to speed the auction items to their new owners. All in all, it was a good way to spend the evening. Saturday, March 20st, brought us all the way up to



Ken Sampson demonstrating "How To."

Wyoming to Ken Sampson's Showcase Auto Brokers, where Ken, once again, demonstrated just how good he is at making good cars look great. Maggie,

the dog, was on hand to welcome us and Ken served up a great lunch of grilled hamburgers and brats. Just when you think things are good, they get better. Saturdays are fun once again.



Edward and Elizabeth Traficante

Sunday, March 21, the club visited Tinucci's, in Newport. We had 31 member there to enjoy a great Sunday brunch. It was a good opportunity to visit with friends as we had a private room and no one was in a rush to leave. Door prizes were given out and Dorothy Palmer went home with a very fine Lincoln throw blanket. Several folks went home with "Faithie" calendars.



Dorothy Palmer with her new Lincoln blanket.

April we visit a new place, Spasso, located in Minnetonka. According to those who have been there, the food and service are very good and we should enjoy the day very much.

More details on the back page of this newsletter. See you there. .

Great Stuff



For Sale: 1979 Mark V. Low mileage (43,500) with good interior. Never driven in winter, needs some TLC to make it look nice again. Paint faded a little and could use a re-paint. Owner doesn't have the time to do the work required and would like to find a nice home for this Mark V. The wife says it must go and it is for sale at \$1,200 or best offer. With a little work, you could have a fine car. Call Dave at 952-474-1688.

Wanted

Any year complete Lincoln V-12 engine; stuck is OK.
Virgil Schwanke, Willmar, 320-979-1409

For Sale - 1955 Lincoln Capri

Four Door Sedan, with a Blue/White exterior and a Dark Blue Interior
This is a one-owner car with 33,000 miles. One re-paint, car needs a little TLC. Bob Gavrilesco has seen the car believes it to be a good value for the asking Price of \$6,500 or best offer. Being sold for the owner by Lynn at 612.861.5546.

I am loosing my storage, and I do need to part with a few of my Lincolns. The following are offered for sale at this time. All are in above average condition, look very good and are very sound mechanically. Affordably and realistically priced at or below current market value. All reasonable offers will be considered.

1988 Mark VII LSC
1974 Mark IV

1978 Mark V
1967 Continental Convertible

Call Dick Serwat at 651-554-0716

For Sale: 1966 Continental Convertible. Black with black top. Full white sidewall tires. Electrical system recently upgraded. Runs and drives great. Always stored in heated garage and in top condition.
Call Irwin Pentel 952.380.0606 or cell 612.743.8765.

For Sale

1984 Chevrolet El Camino, Super Sport, with most available options. 74,000 miles, Light Blue over Dark Blue, excellent condition. Also known as an Arizona pickup.

Call Harvey Oberg for more details at 651-739-9754 Own this unique car for \$8,500

Great Automotive Buys...

For Sale

1979 Mark V Cartier Edition

Light Champagne, Matching leather interior Equipped with 400 CID engine and fully equipped. Mint condition, inside and out. Low Mileage - 38,300 Miles. See pictures and listing on carsoup.com

\$9,000 - Best Offer

Call Ray at 612-722-9966

Wanted

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

Call Francis Kalvoda, Willmar 320-235-5777

For Sale: 45-48 Lincoln Left and Right front fenders. 46-48 nose section, make offer, no chrome. 46-48 front axle complete \$100. 46-48 transmission with overdrive excellent condition \$650. 59 AB block Mercury engine complete \$400. Call Ted Anderson 763.561.8143.

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.

Fairly price to sell at \$5,000.00

Call Don Peterson at 507-454-3010, 507-429-0476 or 507-454-5231, Winona, MN
Email: dop@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



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Need your old radio repaired? Want it converted to new technology? Electro-Tech can do the job for you.

This is where other Lincoln club members bring their radios for service. Make arrangements to bring it in over the winter season and have it ready to install once spring comes. Call Greg at S&M Electro-Tech today.



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

For Sale: 1966 Continental Convertible.

Black with black top. Full white sidewall tires. Electrical system recently upgraded. Runs and drives great. Always stored in heated garage and in top condition.

Call Irwin Pentel

952.380.0606 or cell 612.743.8765.

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

For Sale

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

Gordy Jensen 612.819.2107

For Sale

1957 Lincoln Premiere Two door hardtop



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

For Sale

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

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 1969 Continentals.
Available Now.

Please call Gordy Jensen at 612.819.2107

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Preview of Coming Events

- April Sunday Brunch, **April 11th**, Spasso, 17253 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka, 11:30 AM. Buffet, Senior cost \$12.00 plus tip. Bring Lincoln friends with you to this bunch.
CCCA annual garage tour, **Saturday, May 1st**. Meet at Ellingson's Museum at 8:00AM. Tour leaves at 9:00AM. Details on back page.
2010 Eastern National Meet, Ocala, Florida, **April 19-23**
- May 2nd Annual Lincoln Car Show, Morries, Minnetonka on Memorial weekend, **Saturday, May 29th**, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This is a free Lincoln Car Show. We will be displaying our Lincolns facing I394 so there will be plenty of traffic viewing your beautiful Lincoln. 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.
- June Barnum Car Show, **Saturday, June 12th**. 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, We will visit John and Dorothy's car collection after car show. This is a public car show open to all models. We have 11 rooms reserved for Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12, at the Northwoods Motel in Barnum so you can enjoy the whole weekend in the great North Country. Room rate is \$74.00 for senior and \$79.00 for youngsters, please call 1-218-389-6951, please call now and ask North Star Lincoln room rate now as rooms should go fast. If you like Casino action we are 20 miles south of Black Bear.
- July Summer picnic, Ray and Jeanine Nelson's, Princeton, MN, **Saturday, July 10th**, 11:00 till 3:00 PM
- August 8th Annual Out State Lincoln Car Show, **Saturday, August 14th**, at Edie Ford Lincoln Mercury, 800 E Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND. This will include four day tour, starting **Thursday, August 12th thru Sunday, August 15th**. We will visit North Star Member collections also on Thursday August 12th, Francis Kalvoda, Charlie Hanson, and John Trandem. Paul and Deb Andahl will host us at their home and are planning other activities.

Please note: *The Northstar Lincoln and Continental Owners Club* board meetings are open to our members. We do invite you to attend and value your input in the club governing process. The directors would like your comments and suggestions on how we may improve the club and how we can make it a better experience for all of our members. We do recognize there may be an event that could be fun for us to participate in, or a tour to some little known byway or a new dining place that may just make a great experience for all to share in. Call write or email your directors today.

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North Star Activities

April 11th, Sunday Brunch

SPASSO

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 11th, and join your North Star Club members at ***SPASSO, 17253 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka.***

As usual, the time is 11:30AM, but with the promise of warmer weather, there will be a few of us showing up as early as 10:30AM in the parking lot to admire any new Lincolns acquired over the winter.

Spasso has gained a good reputation for being a good place to eat at a reasonable price. Seniors will pay \$12 plus tip. Those who admit to being younger, will be charged only a little more. If you have any non-member friends who like Lincolns, bring them along.

Please RSVP to Bob Johnson, by Thursday, April 8th at 651-257-1715 or email arborbob41@aol.com

CCCA Spring Garage Tour

The CCCA Spring Garage Tour will be ***Saturday, May 1, 2010***, 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 first Saturday in May, 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!