

# NORTHSTAR NEWS

## My Pride and Joy



By John Trandem.

***I remember the first time I became aware of the Mark II.*** Mark II featured a silver low-mile in a My Classic Car episode. I think it was in Texas. From there on out I knew I needed to have one! It was quite a few years later when I had finally put the money together to buy a restorable example. I searched the internet thoroughly until I located a black Mark with white leather and deep red welts/dash. The interior looked pretty good and had been redone, while the exterior was an older repaint with mediocre bodywork, but no rust. I had convinced myself (foolishly) that I would be satisfied with the interior as it was and would JUST have the car painted. The car, (C56C2566) was

located in North Carolina, and after visiting with it's owner (a former LCOC member), and looking at many detailed pictures, I was convinced that he was describing it fairly. We agreed upon a price and I made arrangements to get the car to Fargo.

When it arrived, I drove it out of the truck and about one block to my shop. Once I had it inside I examined it closely and began tearing it down for paint. It wasn't long before I determined that I would not only be painting this beautiful car, but reupholstering it as well. The previous interior redo was fine, but not great by a long shot! The back of the rear seat was the only original white leather in the car (except the inserts on the doors), and it

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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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had yellowed significantly. The rest of the white had been done in a color which matched the yellowed white of the original back seat, and I knew I couldn't tolerate this in such a fine car. In addition, the seats were incorrectly sewn with diagonal seams in each corner, and although it looked uniform, it was not right.

The areas of the vehicle which needed little to no attention were the engine and engine compartment. They were done correctly and well when I got the car, which was nice as I have always been able to turn the key and load or unload it between steps.

The search was on for a painter who would work with single-stage paint. I had been shopping paint and in head to head comparisons, determined that PPG's Concept urethane was the closest I could come to the look and depth of lacquer. Despite the repeated warnings from body shops, I have never regretted staying away from base/clear, and appreciate the ultra-black finish this type of paint affords the user. It also buffs like a dream without swirling white as you will experi-



The Mark's paint and chrome is as close to perfection as you could ever expect. Absolutely beautiful.

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*Trivia from the Internet*



Hubert Schlafly, Jr  
1919 - 2011

*Born on August 14, 1919, in St. Louis, Missouri, he attend schools in St. Louis, Missouri and graduated from high school in 1938.*

*After graduation as an electrical engineer from the University of Notre Dame (Class of 1941), he spent several years working for General Electric and the MIT Radiation Laboratory. In 1947, he was invited to join Twentieth Century Fox in New York City as Director of Television Research.*

*A prolific inventor, Schlafly is best known for develop-*

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*Editors Message*

*August 2011*

July is almost a memory. Although the weather wasn't that conducive to taking the older cars out of the garage, the Cosmopolitan did sneak out for a couple of trips around the neighborhood, between rain and 90 degrees.

All is well now on the corner of Brandywine and Fourth avenue South, here in Burnsville. We have fresh blacktop on our street and avenue, we are only awaiting the repair of the lawn sprinkler system, which was damaged when the old curbing was removed. Faithie is somewhat disappointed though, as she no longer has men and interesting machines to watch while she is outdoors.

While we have had many articles about older Lincolns featured in our newsletter, it might be nice to learn of any experiences our members have had with their newer Lincolns. We would like to hear about both the good and bad times that you have had with your Lincoln. All cars are interesting to read about, new or old. Remember that cars of today will become someone's prized possessions somewhere in the future. Town Cars and Continentals of the late '90's and the 2000's are great drivers and very affordable. Fully equipped, they will make great tour cars in the years ahead. Give it a thought and buy today for tomorrow.

At the end of July, I plan on making

the trip over to Pontiac, MI to take in the 2012 MidAmerica LCOC show. I hope to see a lot of LCOC members and get a chance to visit with them and



Now Look Dad, I don't care how many treats you promise me, I haven't any thumbs and so you can't expect me to help wash the Cosmopolitan.

learn a little more about what the other regions are doing. Some interesting tours are planned, The Henry Ford Museum over at Dearborn and a visit to the Walter P. Chrysler Historical Center. As a owner of two '50's Chrysler Imperials this should be an added bonus for me.

Don't forget the Sunday brunch at Lord Fletchers on August 14. This is one of the finest places in the Twin Cities, weather should be very nice and the food and company even better. Also, note the change in date for the Northstar LCOC fall car show. This year it will be on September 10, at North Country Ford Lincoln in Coon Rapids. After having it for a number of years the first Saturday in October, the Northstar board decided to move it up to possibly escape the chances of the cold, wind and rain experienced in prior years. Our annual picnic will be at the end of October, and being held indoors, immune from the weather.

Enjoy the nice days of August cruising the Minnesota byways in your great Lincoln. Perhaps we will see you along the way.

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

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ing the teleprompter in collaboration with Irving Berlin Kahn and Fred Barton, Jr., and for co-founding the TelePrompTer Corporation, which he led first as its Executive Vice President and later as its President.



The teleprompter made its debut in 1950 on a soap opera called, "The First Hundred Years," and in 1952 Herbert Hoover became the first politician to use it when he gave the keynote address to the Republican National Convention. As Hoover digressed from his prepared remarks to speak extemporaneously, the teleprompter properly stopped scrolling to await the completion of Hoover's ad-libbing. But then Hoover announced in

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Monday, July 4, ended on a very sad note, Art Whitmire, most recently LCOC Executive Vice President passed away from Cancer. Mary and I, had a special friendship with both Art and Carol, they were so positive and friendly. The club lost one of its most passionate members and officer. Art did more in Five years as an LCOC Officer/Region Director than many predecessors attempted to do in twenty years. One of Art's suggestions from 2006 was to put Region Newsletters on the LCOC web site for everyone to be able to read. The past practice was to mail Newsletter to Officers/regions and hope the information was given out to region members, this practice was costly. Now you can view just about every regions newsletter by going to [www.lcoc.org](http://www.lcoc.org) and clicking on region Newsletters. One of Art's first responsibilities was to get Regions to hold National Meets, and he was able to get meets scheduled ahead for three years, when none were scheduled the first year he took office. Art was the best and one of a kind. we will never be able to replace his wit and charm.

Our 9th Annual Out State Lincoln Car Show this past Saturday July 23, in Montgomery, MN, as part of Kolacky Days will be reported in the next Newsletter. Hope you were able to attend this car show.

Please attend our August, Sunday Brunch at Lord Fletchers, 3746 Sunset Drive, Spring Park, MN, 55384, "Old Lake Lodge on Lake Minnetonka, Sunday, August 14, at 11:30 AM. Lord Fletcher's offers the ultimate in fine dining and much more. Come along with us for a glimpse at how a unique experience can be created for us at Lord Fletcher's. This tremendous Buffet is priced \$24.35 includes tax and tip. This is one of the finest restaurants in the Twin City area. Please invite your special family or friends to enjoy this unique experience with us. Please RSVP to Roger at his home 952-473-3038 or email [rwothe@mschi.net](mailto:rwothe@mschi.net), before August 11, 2011.

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

**Special Event:** join us on Sunday, October 9, for a Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Tour, on the St Croix River, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with an On Board Luncheon. Boarding time is 10:45 AM. Luncheon features Chicken with all the fixins,

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*front of the entire nation that the teleprompter needed to restart the scrolling so he could read what to say, and the secret was out. Before long everyone in television wanted to use this new technology. It was but a simple mechanical device, operated by a hidden technician, located near the camera.*

*The first personal computer-based teleprompter, Compu=Prompt, appeared in 1982. It was invented and marketed by Courtney M. Goodin and Laurence B. Abrams in Hollywood, California. The custom software and specially redesigned camera hardware ran on the Atari 800 Personal Computer, which featured liquid smooth hardware-assisted scrolling. Their company later became Pro-Prompt, Inc., which*

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## *July Northstar Board Meeting*

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 7, 2011

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM at Culver's Restaurant in Maplewood. Board members present were Bob Johnson, Harvey Oberg, Dave Gustafson, Bob Gavrilesu and Roger Wothe. Other members present were Faye Oberg and Mary Johnson. Bob called for a moment of silence to observe the passing of long time LCOC member and friend, Art Whitmire. A memorial service will be held for Art on August 6, 2011. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were then approved.

#### DIRECTORS REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson announced that his and Bob Roth's terms will be up this year. Nominations for Directors must be received by Secretary Roger Wothe by September 16, 2011. Ballots will be included in the newsletter and be returned to Roger by October 14, 2011. Bob has invited the Upper Midwest Region of the Classic Car Club of America to join our chapter on the Taylors Falls Boat Cruise on Sunday October 9, 2011. Details will be found in the newsletter. Our Ninth Annual Outstate Car Show will be held at Kolacky Days in Montgomery MN on Saturday July 23, 2011.

Secretary Roger Wothe reported that our next brunch will be Sunday August 14, 2011 at Lord Fletchers on Lake Minnetonka. Please RSVP to Roger at [rwothe@mchsi.com](mailto:rwothe@mchsi.com) or 952-473-3038.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported that the treasury balance is \$2,738.90 with all bills paid.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson reported the renewed membership is approximately one hundred fifty. Please send "My Pride and Joy" articles to Dave.

Activities: Please see newsletter for details.

Nominations: Roger nominated Bob Johnson for reelection and seconded by Harvey. Bob accepted the nomination.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM. The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 4, at 7:00 PM at Culver's in Maplewood. All members and guests are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

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*is still providing teleprompting services over 28 years later. Other paper-based teleprompting companies - Electronic Script Prompting, QTV and Telescript - followed suit and developed their own software several years later, when computers with enough graphics power to provide the smooth scrolling text became available. In January 2010*

*Compu=Prompt received a Technology and Engineering Emmy Award for "Pioneering Development in Electronic Prompting". Jess Oppenheimer, producer-head writer of *I Love Lucy*, claimed credit for the original concept of the "in-the-lens" teleprompter<sup>[3]</sup> and was awarded U.S. patents<sup>[4][5]</sup> for its creation. First used by Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz in 1953<sup>[3]</sup> to read commer-*

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ence with clear coats over black. My painter, Clint Potulny, turned up at a local car show nearby, with a 65 Malibu he had just finished and was in town showing it with his customer. After examining the paint work, I knew he was my guy, and after finding out he was from a small town in northeastern North Dakota called 'Fordville', I was even more certain! So to Fordville we went (the car and I) and arrived at a small farmstead with a steel building out back. It never ceases to amaze me that such masterful auto body work is so commonly done in the last place you would expect to turn out such gorgeous cars, that is, in what looked to be a dusty old shop. When we got inside and I looked closer at his accommodations it, became clear that care had been taken to make it an environment where good paint-jobs could be done. It wasn't the swankiest booth I had ever seen, but it was better than sufficient.

After a couple of years, numerous searches for parts, dozens of consultations from the likes of Russ Upton and Ron Reeves, and way too much cash, Clint called and said he thought it was about time I came down to pick up the car. Over the course of those couple years all the chrome had been replated in Winnipeg between Northstar Bumper and House of Silver. Correct width radial whitewalls had been ordered and mounted on the wheels, and six, count 'em six hides of leather had been custom dyed, buffed, embossed with the correct grain, and applied to the seats, door panels, dash, and garnish mouldings by Stitches Upholstery in Kindred, ND. Incidentally, the upholsterer, Kye Kundert, was al-

ready a fan of the Mark II and knew these cars fairly well. He even went as far as to thoroughly photograph Cal Fercho's 25,000 mile original Mark II interior in Fargo to be sure that all the seams and corners were as close to original spec as possible on my vehicle.

So, I loaded up my truck with a few buddies and set out, enclosed trailer in tow, to Fordville. When we arrived and entered the paint shop, our collective jaws dropped. The car was spectacular! I can honestly say I have never seen such an outstanding black paint job. Clint was very proud of the car and had spent untold hours perfecting the bodywork, paint, and had buffed it to a shine, which put all of my other cars to shame! We carefully loaded the car into the trailer and headed back to Fargo.

I immediately started installing the interior, trim, mouldings, and weatherstripping. Since the Northstar club was planning on being in town and stopping by the shop, I also gave it one more good polishing, and carefully pounded on the NOS wheel covers. I had acquired the wheel covers one at a time over the course of the years it had been in paint. And, with the help of my brother-in-law, we fastened the NOS rocker panel mouldings my friend Rudy Rathert had stumbled upon and alerted me to during the process.

The end result was the car I had dreamed of! There are still small things I need to perfect on the vehicle, like a temperamental passenger window, and a few scuffs in the stainless

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*cial's on-camera, it soon became a staple for television news.*

*As late as 1992, The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson was still using an early mechanical teleprompter.*

*In the mid-1990s, QTV (a US-based company, now part of the Auto-cue Group) pioneered use of TFT-LCD monitors with its award-winning "FDP-9", rather than the traditional CRTs. This enabled significantly less weight on the camera and improved portability. They also were first to introduce high-brightness monitors, enabling prompters to be used in direct sunlight. In 2001, QTV pioneered voice controlled prompting. However, in 2005, Autoscript improved upon the concept and introduced Voice Activated Prompting. With its partner Sys-media, Autoscript developed a prompter that required no peripheral to control*

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## More Directors Message

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\$27.00 per person includes tax and tip. Our Friends from the CCCA are also invited to join us on the paddle wheeler boat trip on the St Croix River. To reserve your seat on this beautiful Leaf Cruise, **a check must be sent to Harvey Oberg, 6738 Buckingham Bay, Woodbury, MN 55125, by Thursday, September 22.** For information about Boat Cruise, call Bob Johnson, 651-257-1715 or email arborbob41@aol.com

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

***Dave still needs "MY PRIDE and JOY ARTICLES"***. We want to feature your Lincoln, but first you have to write the article, if you need help, Dave Gustafson will help you in any way possible. We want to thank John Trandem for writing about another one of his fine Lincolns. It is a shame John lives so far away because his Lincoln collection is one of the very best.

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

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window edges I will buff out, but as with most projects, unless you store them in a vacuum, they will always be projects!

I am on the lookout for one more NOS wheel cover as a spare. If anyone out there has or knows of one! Thanks! -John Trandem, Fargo ND

## Corvette's Win Too!



**Lincoln club member Harvey Bur-ski** (brother of Marion Gustafson) recently won Best of Show in the downtown Duluth Day's car show. He is shown with his winning 1962 Corvette which he restored about 10 years ago for his 40th class reunion. There were over 300 cars competing for this award.

Voting for the LCOC board of Directors is rapidly coming to a close. If you haven't voted yet, please do so now. Each and every vote counts. This is your chance to participate in the governing process of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. Support those candidates that you like by voting for them. Help make the LCOC better by sending in your completed ballot today.

## Ford to invest \$1B to revive Lincoln

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*the scroll of the prompter. The voice-activated prompter simply scrolled at the speed of the presenter's speech.*

*In 1956, Hub was invited by the editors of a leading science fiction magazine, *Amazing Stories* (Ziff-Davis Publishing Company), to join over a dozen public figures such as Sid Caesar, Salvador Dalí and John Cameron Swayze to predict what the world would be like in 2001. Schlafly said:*

*"Systematic information storage will be in a form instantly available for response to remote inquiry ... Communications will be highly refined, without the encumbrance of any wires to or between terminal devices. In fact, this advanced state of communications may substantially reduce our need for transportation." Schlafly described and predicted the advent of computers, the Internet and cell phones.*

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From the Detroit News, Alisa Priddle

### **Automaker tells dealers it is committed to resuscitating its luxury marque by 2014**

Lincoln dealers say Ford Motor Co. intends to invest about \$1 billion in new vehicles by 2014 in a bid to rejuvenate its struggling luxury brand. Ford's leadership team, including CEO Alan Mulally, met in Dearborn recently with Lincoln dealers from major metropolitan areas to assure them of the company's commitment to the brand. Lincoln sold fewer than 35,000 vehicles in the United States through the first five months of the year, down 7.5 percent from a year ago. That represents less than 1 percent of the U.S. market.

Last year, Ford promised that Lincoln would get seven new or significantly upgraded vehicles over four years. But major auto shows have come and gone this year with no new Lincolns to excite dealers who are being asked to spend, on faith, \$1 million or more each to upgrade their facilities in anticipation of a fresh showroom of vehicles.

"We're fully committed to making Lincoln a world-class luxury brand with compelling vehicles and an exceptional consumer experience to match," Lincoln spokesman Timothy Elliott said Monday.

But many are skeptical about its future.

"The bigger question is whether Lincoln will be viable," said Rebecca Lindland, a director with IHS Auto-

motive Inc. in Lexington, Mass. General Motors Co. CEO Dan Akerson recently dismissed Ford's efforts to revive Lincoln, its competitor to GM's Cadillac. "You might as well sprinkle holy water. It's over," he told The Detroit News.

IHS predicts Lincoln will next year add a compact sedan — a premium cousin to the Ford Focus — and a compact crossover in 2013 as a 2014 model. The automotive consultants at IHS expect most of the new and upgraded Lincolns to arrive as 2014 models, including a midsize crossover (a premium cousin to the Ford Explorer) as well as the next generation of its MKS full-size sedan. While the industry hasn't recovered fully — the seasonally adjusted sales rate for 2011 was 11.8 million units in May — the market is slowly coming back. "Lincoln may miss some of the momentum," Lindland said.

Bob Tasca Jr. is president of Tasca Automotive Group, which includes Ford and Lincoln showrooms in Cranston, R.I. The chairman of the Lincoln Mercury Dealer Council traveled to Dearborn for the meeting that he described as "very positive." Ford management "assured dealers, without a question of a doubt, that Ford is fully committed to Lincoln," Tasca said.

"They have a ways to go, but you gotta believe it," he said, referring to promises made and kept to turn around the Ford brand. Tasca expects Mulally and his management team to ramp up Lincoln as well.

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*Ford One Billion Investment in Lincoln continued*

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*Schlafly was also a pioneer and first-rate collaborator in the field of telecommunications. He helped shape the modern television industry. He held 16 patents.*

*He also developed the first pay TV system that permitted subscribers to order special programs delivered by coaxial cable. By the early 1970s, TelePrompTer Corporation owned franchises in 140 markets and served approximately 1.4 million customers.*

*Working with Hal Rosen at Hughes Aircraft, which designed the first domestic satellite, and with Scientific Atlanta Company, in June 1973, Schlafly executed the first satellite transmission of a cable program from Washington, D.C., to a convention of 3,000 cable operators in Anaheim, California. It was the first time a satellite was used to transmit*

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But he said he shares the sentiment of many of his fellow dealers in wishing the new vehicles would come sooner. His volume models — the MKX and MKZ — are selling well, but few buyers want the MKT or Navigator, Tasca said.

Ford executives told the dealers that Lincoln sales could fall below 80,000 this year, but predicted they will exceed 150,000 annually by 2015, when the lineup has been overhauled. Lou Stanford of Varsity Lincoln in Novi also would like more up-to-date vehicles to sell, but recognizes "they're rewinding Lincoln" and resources are still stretched as Ford seeks to reduce its overall debt, which affects the resources available to develop new vehicles.

The automaker's executives have said Lincoln products will share underbellies with Ford products but distinguish themselves with their look, more technology and standard features, and powertrains that give them greater performance.

The sharing of the chassis and many major components makes it possible for Ford to come up with seven new or refreshed Lincoln products for \$1 billion, Lindland said.

"They are working with economies of scale to develop these products less expensively and get more immediate return on the investment," she said. At the meeting in Dearborn, the dealers were told they need showrooms, as well as sales and service employees, dedicated to Lincoln products. "We were clear about their need to

invest in their businesses to recognize the full potential of our investment in the brand," Elliott said. He would not comment on the investment figures. Tasca said most dealers to whom he spoke will make the necessary investment.

"There is not one stencil you can put over everybody," said Tasca, who added that he will not need to spend much on the Lincoln facility he built in 2000. "I already built the Taj Mahal."

Varsity Lincoln was updated about four years ago, so Stanford doesn't think he needs to make a huge investment.

But some Lincoln dealers who also sold the Mercury brand, discontinued last year, will choose to stop selling Lincolns rather than invest, given their reduced volumes. There were about 1,180 Lincoln dealers at the start of the year, including about 300 stand-alone Lincoln outlets.

In the top 130 metro markets, Ford wants to pare its dealership network to 325 from about 500 at the end of last year. It wants Lincoln to go head-to-head with premium brands including BMW, Mercedes and Audi — brands whose sales outlets are concentrated in large cities.

Time will tell how many close, Tasca said. But he is optimistic for the brand.

*Kolacky Days - Featuring Lincolns*

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*cable programming and allowed one to go up to satellites from anywhere and transmit everywhere. It transformed the industry.*

*In addition, he engineered the famous HBO satellite transmission of the "Thrilla in Manila" boxing match between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier.*

*Among his many awards, he received two Emmy Awards, one for the teleprompter and another for his outstanding engineering achievement for cable television technology. He was designated a "Cable Television Pioneer" by the National Cable Television Association. He received the prestigious Sarnoff Citation for his patent of the TelePrompTer and many contributions to cable television, the Vanguard Award for Science*

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Our Lincoln club road trip to Montgomery Kalachy Days started out a bit on the wet side. Early in the AM, the TV stations were showing some awful weather coming in from the West. But what the heck, most of us Lincoln owners are pretty hardy stock and we will not let a little threat of weather deter us from a day full of fun. Leaving Burnsville about 8:30AM, it did not look too bad, but as I drove further south, it kept getting darker and darker. It started raining a little by the time I got to the highway 19 (to Lonsdale) turnoff. As I was going west to Lonsdale, the rain really started coming down in buckets, so bad that it



There was always a crowd around Lloyd and June Pearson's Zephyr coupe. I am guessing that a lot of them have never seen one of these beauties before.

was more that the old vacuum wipers on the 51 Cosmo could handle. Pulling off the highway seemed like that best thing to do. About 10 minutes later, it had slowed down to the point of just being a nuisance. Things just kept getting better as the day went on. The dark clouds passed by, the sun came out and there was a nice breeze that made the very warm day quite bearable. In spite of the weather, we had about 13 cars there in our own little area next to the Montgomery bank. Lincoln's from the thirties



Brand new member Jim Boylan with his first place award for his newly acquired 1941 Continental Coupe. More about Jim and his car next month.

through the late eighties were on display, with the visitors to Kalachy Days enjoying the best of the best.

There was quite a variety of other makes also at the show. These small town shows are great as they quite often have some cars which, many of us have never seen before. Montgomery is a nice town, exhibiting the finest of rural small town qualities. The people are very friendly and civic minded. Their annual town festival is a great tradition, and everyone goes all out to make it a success.

During the show, most of us had folks stop by and ask about our beloved Lincolns. They were very interested in learning a little about them and what makes them so special to us.

The Northstar Lincoln club is about having fun. And that is what we did at our visit to Kalachy Days.

More details next month.

*Art Whitmire - LCOC Member and Director*

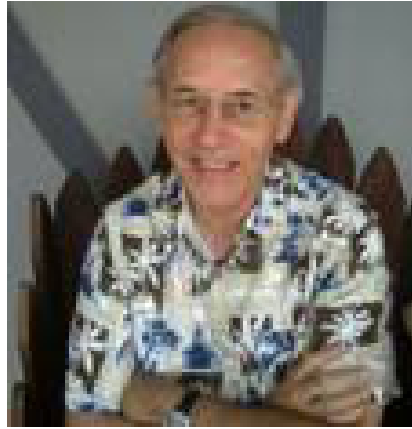
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*and Technology from the National Cable and Telecommunications Association, and in 2008, he was inducted into the Cable Television Hall of Fame. After his acceptance speech at the Cable Television Hall of Fame at age 88, Hub revealed to the audience that it was the first time he had ever used a teleprompter to make a speech.*

*At WNET, the premier public media provider of the New York City metropolitan area and parent company of public television stations THIRTEEN and WLIW21, the Convergence Lab is named in Schlafly's honor.*

*As a philanthropist, he quietly supported numerous charities, especially educational initiatives to help the poor. He and his wife endowed a scholarship*

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Art Whitmire  
September 11, 1939  
July 4, 2011

Theodore Roosevelt once said, “The best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.” On July 4, 2011, LCOC lost one of its treasures, Executive Vice President Art Whitmire. Art’s early work was that of National Battery Buyer for Sears, where he was responsible for purchasing a billion dollars in batteries each year, a job that involved extensive international travel. In 1993, Art retired from that job to devote *full time* to work he loved and believed to be work worth doing – the collector car hobby. Art, having shed *all* corporate responsibilities, became a sparkplug (no pun intended) in a local Model A club, revitalized the Illinois Blackhawk Region of AACA, and took on a leadership role in the LCOC Lakeshore Region. For the next eighteen years Art worked *full time* at work worth doing – making *his* car clubs better for all.

Art was born on September 11, 1939, in Sumpter, South Carolina. He lived with his grandmother while his father was in the service during World War II. At about the age of eleven he

moved to Lima, Ohio. While in high school he moved to Fremont, Ohio. Following high school, Art attended and graduated from Miami of Ohio University. While at Miami, Art was elected President of his fraternity, a forerunner of his elective LCOC offices. Following college Art worked in drapery retail, eventually joined Sears where he held a number of jobs before becoming the Company’s National Battery Buyer in its Chicago headquarters.

In early 1968, while in church, Art’s future mother-in-law noticed him and told Carol Jo about this “nice young man” who had joined the congregation. Two weeks later, Art and Carol started dating. They were married that year on July 13th. Eleven months and one day later, their son, John was born. Three years later their daughter Sherri was born. Both children are married, and Art and Carol have three grandchildren.

Forty-five years ago Art was diagnosed with a modular spongy kidney. This affliction generates extremely painful bouts of kidney stones. From time-to-time over the years Art would be incapacitated for several days until he was able to pass a stone. In February 2011, while at their winter home in Florida, Art experienced what he believed was another bout of kidney stones. In the next two and one-half months Art continued to experience problems, frequently requiring visits to the local ER. On April 23, while again in an emergency room, a cat-scan *with contrast* was performed, and that’s when his cancer was diagnosed. Art first received treatment at the

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*program for minority students in engineering at Notre Dame, where he served on the Engineering Advisory Council for over 30 years. He and his wife also endowed the Schlafly Electronic Circuits Laboratory at Notre Dame.*

*At Sacred Heart University, in Fairfield, Connecticut, its Digital Media Lab was dedicated in his honor. As a tribute to his wife, Leona, he underwrote the costs of the Chapel of the Nativity, the daily worship space of The Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Sacred Heart University that includes original mosaics and stained glass by the world-famous Jesuit artist, Father Marko Rupnik.*

*From the internet*

Moffet Cancer Center in Tampa, Florida and later at the University of Wisconsin Cancer Center in Madison, Wisconsin. His final days were spent with his family at the beautiful Ogle County Hospice Home in Oregon, Illinois.

Art's love of cars was not confined to the Lincoln brand. Over the years Art added a Model A Ford, a Pinto Station Wagon, a Mercury Grand Marquis, a Pontiac Convertible, a Cadillac Allante, and a Ford Mustang (to just list a few) to his stable of Lincolns.

Growing up, Art had a Sears version of the Vespa Scooter. Several years ago, Art found a "new" Vespa on eBay, with just four actual miles. It was still in its shipping crate. That, too, is in Art's collection, as well as hundreds of scale models. Art, also took to the air. After moving to Byron, Art joined a model airplane flying club and became proficient in building and flying model planes.

It was working with LCOC that Art's passion "to work hard at work worth doing" manifest itself. Art was News Letter Editor and Director of the Lakeshore Region. He also became a National Director at Large, where he served at various times as Vice President of Regions, Membership Chairman, and MidAmerica Assistant National Chief Judge. His most recent office was that of National Executive Vice President. Art was the driving force in assigning and scheduling three years of National Meets. He also took on the task of tabulating meet scores as well as a variety of other chores delegated by the President and the Board. With Carol's help, Art arranged National Board meetings and

developed Agenda Books, with reference material for LCOC Directors. He also was a member of the Judging Standards Committee.

While all of this was going on, Art put in place a National AACA meet in Rockford, Illinois for 230 cars. These chores did not prevent Art and Carol from organizing several LCOC and AACA two and three day driving tours to various Midwest locations. Major car shows, regional auctions, and the annual Chicago Auto Show could count on Art being in attendance. Art was looking forward to being named a director of the Lincoln Foundation.

Over the years Art, when not fully occupied with various chores at National Meets, found time to also show several of his Lincolns. At the 2005 ENM in Independence, Ohio, Art's 1956 Premiere Sedan won the William Coughlin Trophy – Best Senior 1949 - 1960 Lincoln or Lincoln Continental.

In closing, what one newsletter editor wrote on learning of Art's terminal cancer states it best, "Art is a good and decent fellow, who shouldn't have had these problems. But, as we all know, life isn't often kind or fair. Over the years, many have had the opportunity to visit and know Art and be impressed by what a fine individual he is. He has done a lot for the club and his death will be a great loss to all of us." Art, the Club is better, much, much better, because of your work. You worked hard, very, very hard at work worth doing. That is the prize of your life. May you now rest in peace.

Jack Fletcher, Poplar Grove, IL

## *You May Be Interested in these Items for Sale*

For Sale, to a discriminating collector;

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

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

Brian Carlson; [bmitchell@juno.com](mailto:bmitchell@juno.com) or 651-739-1608.

For Sale:

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

For Sale:

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

For Sale:

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

For Sale:

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

For Sale:

**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. Call Don Peterson at 507-454-3010, 507-429-0476 or 507-454-5231, Winona, MN email: dop@mwsco.com

For Sale:

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

For Sale:

**1980 Mark VI Givenchy Coupe**, New FoMoCo 302 V8 has 40000 miles; car needs a little TLC, \$2500/offer. 320-429-0139

## *For Sale*

For Sale:

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

For Sale:

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

For Sale

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

For Sale:

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

For Sale:

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

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# Preview of Coming Events

August **Sunday Brunch at Lord Fletchers, Aug 14**, at 11:30 AM Price \$24.35, and it is worth every penny. See back page.. Food is great and the service even better. No disappointments here. **Sunday, August 12, Pantowners car show**, Benton County fairgrounds, St. Cloud, MN 7:00AM to 3:00PM

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

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

**Annual Region Pot Luck Picnic and Auction.** Annual Region Pot Luck Picnic and Auction, Morries, **Sunday, October 30**, We will be able to view Morries Car collection at 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Our pot luck picnic lunch will be served about 12:30; PM. We will again have an auction that will be held after the picnic, **no viewing of Morries cars in the afternoon**. Be sure to come early if you want to view Morries Car collection. Please RSVP to Roger at his office 952-473-3038 or email: [rwothe@mschi.net](mailto:rwothe@mschi.net), by October 27th. When doing RSVP please let Roger know what you will be bringing for our pot luck, he may have some suggestions on what is needed.

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

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## North Star Events for August and September



Mark your Calendars for August 14, 11:30AM  
Sunday Brunch at Lord Fletchers on  
Lake Minnetonka.

Lord Fletchers has one of the best brunches in the Upper Midwest. Since Lord Fletcher's was established in 1968, it has won national awards for its food, wine and individualized service. (The Dirona Award Distinguished Restaurants of North America)

The price of \$24.35 includes the tax and gratuity. Please contact Barb or Roger Wothe by Wednesday of that week at (952) 473-3038 or [rwothe@mchsi.com](mailto:rwothe@mchsi.com).

We will see you on Sunday, August at Lord Fletchers, 3746 Sunset Drive Spring Park, MN, 55384. Phone: 952.471.8513

## FALL LINCOLN SHOW, SATURDAY, September 10, 2011

### North Country Ford Lincoln

Join us at North Country Ford Lincoln, 10401 Woodcrest Drive, Coon Rapids, for our fall All Lincoln Car Show. 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

We look forward to meeting some new Lincoln owners, seeing some old friends and just having a lot of fun. There will be prizes and lunch will be served by North Country. Set this date aside now. Lets get those Lincolns out for one last time this year. Unlike last year, we will have great weather and good times for this last car show of the season. Lets do it again this September 10. See and drive all the new Lincoln cars. Best part, we will be served lunch.....

Call Bob Johnson if you have any additional questions. 651-257-1715

I-35W to US-10. Go West on Highway 10, distance of 4.8 Miles. Take the FOLEY BLVD NW/CR-11 exit. 0.8 Miles. Keep RIGHT at the fork to FOLEY BLVD NW/FOLEY BLVD/CR-11 East 0.3 Miles. Turn RIGHT onto 99<sup>th</sup> 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.