

# NORTHSTAR NEWS

## *Pride and Joy*



Cliff and Mary Helling's 1941 Continental Coupe

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.

One of the true icons of the automobile world, the first generation Lincoln Continental has always been on almost any collector's short list. One of our newest members, Cliff Helling wants to tell us a little more about his "Pride and Joy."

1941 Lincoln Continental Coupe, body #57-500

The name Winsted may strike a familiar chord with some of you who like the 36-48 Lincoln V-12's. He wrote the engine bible (HV12). This is 31 pages (original work) printed on lined paper detailing every idea, trick or oddity of the V-12. It also gives step by step instructions on trouble

shooting, repair and rebuilding. He was an engineer testing airplanes so engines were part of day to day life for him. He is in his 80's now and having some health problems, but that doesn't interfere with his enthusiasm for Lincolns. Through a close friend we spent about a year negotiating the sale of the 41 Continental Coupe. He had spent about 10 years working to restore this already nice California car. Near the end of the restoration he was unable to do several small things that I could finish up. That was good since I could get to know her intimately. I went down there three times and finally made the deal and drove the car. It was a wonderful ride. I have since

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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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been back a couple times to visit and try to open negotiations on another beautiful Lincoln he has. I don't blame him for wanting to keep his other two since even giving up one of the three was painful.

As some of you reading this know I love flathead Fords and 34's are my favorite year. However, I have always loved Lincolns since my Dad got a 48 V-12 after a long line of Packard's. My brothers had Lincolns of the 30's as well so I had ample contact with them. That long engine, especially when running, was something to see.

I am a stock guy so I at once got the Lincoln authenticity manual along with Ed Winsted's bible and all the books I could lay my hands on. In the course of shows I had always admired Harvey Oberg's 41 Cabriolet and he was kind enough to give me The Lincoln Continental by Ocee Rich. My friend in Tennessee has a 1940 Cabriolet and I really loved that car but held out little hope for ever finding a 40 or 41 Continental. I was always on the lookout and friend Dave Cole gave me leads. I discovered a few in need of restoration but after figuring out the cost of that, I would be so upside down I couldn't enjoy the car.



Cliff Helling providing the ultimate conveyance for his nieces wedding, his 1941 Continental. What a perfect picture!

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*Trivia from the Internet*



*New Year's Eve is observed annually on December 31, the final day of any given year in the Gregorian calendar. In modern societies, New Year's Eve is often celebrated at social gatherings, during which participants dance, eat, consume alcoholic beverages, and watch or light fireworks to mark the incoming year. The observance of New Year's Eve generally extends through midnight of January 1 (New Year's Day).*

*New Year's Eve is an occasion celebrated with elegant formal parties and family-oriented activities; New Year's Day is a public holiday in the United States. Celebrations often center upon dropping or raising an item of worth during the countdown, especially in the East coast.*

*Since 1907 the "ball dropping" on top of One Times Square in New York City is a*

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*Editors Message*

*January 2012*

It's Christmas day evening, and we are working diligently on the newsletter, with the hope of getting it in the mail before the end of the year. Compared with the 17 inches of snow that we had on the ground last year to zero inches today, it is quite a change. While many of you out there have snowmobiles and enjoy skiing and the other wintertime activities, it's not too much fun for you. A lot of outdoor hockey rinks are going unused, along with ski slopes and snowmobile trails around the Twin Cities area. There are many of the younger generation that will miss out on these wintertime sports over the holiday break this year. Maybe there is such a thing as global warming.

Check out the last page of the newsletter, our first event this year will be a brunch at Running Aces Harness Racing Track. All the details are on this page, and we will look forward to many of you being there. As usual, Bob Johnson will be giving a pep talk for 2012, and there will be some great door prizes for those attending.

Another fringe benefit of belonging to the LCOC is the special discount available to our members on all new Ford products. This is the same discount that Ford extends to it's most favored suppliers, and it is over and above the pricing that most Ford (and Lincoln) dealers will present to customers as their "best price." At the very minimum, it will pay for several years membership in both the LCOC and the Northstar Re-

gion. Glen Kramer, Director of the LCOC is in charge of the program, and will provide you with the requisite identification number to pass on to your Ford/Lincoln dealer when you are car shopping. Contact either Bob Johnson or me and we will put you in touch with Glen to get you started.

And of course, we would like to see you stop by one of our two favorite Ford/Lincoln dealers here in the Twin Cities, Morris Minnetonka or North Country Ford/Lincoln up in Coon Rapids. Both of these fine dealers support the Northstar Region and we would like to return the favor if possible.

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



Faithie visiting with her friend, the Big Brown Bear, who can't hibernate, because there is no snow in Burnsville. Faithie whose ancestors were all sled dogs, also misses the snow.

**John and Lydia Trandem are pleased to announce the birth of Elsie Louise Trandem on September 9th, weighing in at 7lbs, 2 oz, and 21 inches.**

The Trandems report that Elsie is a very happy and vocal baby who LOVES to ride in Mom and



Dad's Lincolns. Let's all welcome the youngest member to the LCOC and the Northstar Region.

*Directors Message by Bob Johnson January 2012*

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major component of the New Year celebration. The 11,875-pound, 12-foot diameter Waterford crystal ball located high above Times Square is lowered, starting at 11:59:00 pm and reaching the bottom of its tower sixty seconds later, at the stroke of midnight. (After fifty seconds has passed, the crowd will count down the final ten seconds along with the hosts of various New Year's Eve shows. Toshiba's Times Square advertising screen will also tell the viewers when the New Year officially starts, which debuted in the 2009-10 edition.)

From 1981 to 1988, the city dropped a large apple in recognition of its nickname as "the Big Apple". Similar ball drops are performed in many towns and cities across the United States. The custom derives from the time signal that used to be given at noon in harbors.

From 1972 onward (except 2005), Dick Clark has hosted televised coverage of the event called *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve*, shown on ABC, and now renamed *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest* for the arrival of 2009 with Ryan Seacrest handling hosting duties. On December 31, 1999, the show was inte-

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Mary and I both hope that you had a very joyous Christmas season, and we wish you a very prosperous and healthy New Year. As I'm writing this the weather is again turning warmer after our first cold spell. Winter is now here and just think Spring is only 90 days away.

With great sadness, I must report our great past LCOC President Doug Mattix passed away on December 1, 2011. I'm proud to say I could call Doug a friend and he was a passionate member of LCOC for 37 Years. Doug was our LCOC President from 1997 – 2005. In May of 2003 Doug asked me to be LCOC's National Membership Chairman, effective September 1, 2003. Doug felt this was a very important position and had the confidence that I would be able to do the job; this is how I became so involved in LCOC. Doug, we will miss you.

With this being the first newsletter for 2012, speaking for your North Star Board of Directors, we want to thank all those who attended, hosted, planned and worked on all of our events in 2011. Being your Region Director for the past ten years has given me the opportunity to meet most of our North Star Region members either in person or over the telephone. It has been very rewarding to experience first hand, the fun and fellowship our members have when participating in our region activities, be it just a lunch or a Lincoln car show. Our first activity for 2012 is a Sunday Brunch on January 8<sup>th</sup> at Running Aces Harness Track at 11:30 AM, 15201 Zurich St NE, Columbus, 55025 (35E just south of Forest Lake) This is a beautiful facility that features one of best Brunches in the area. We will have a semi private room for our dinning. Brunch price is \$18.95 but you can get a free membership worth \$4.00 off. Come early and fill out membership application, if you don't have card from last year. Please RSVP to Bob Johnson by Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 651-257-1715 or email arborbob41@aol.com.

In January Dave Gustafson will be sending out our North Star Membership renewals for 2012. Dues will again be \$20.00. Please update your email address and phone number. We will be offering emailing of our North Star News letter to members that would prefer having a copy on their computer for easy access and all pages in color. Because of Newsletter size you should have high speed internet service to cut down on down loading time. Please return your membership dues right away so we can update our Region Directory and publish early this spring.

We still have open dates on our 2012 activities schedule, please contact Jay White, our Activities Director, at 952-432-5939, email jay@jwhiteandassoc.com.

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

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grated into ABC 2000 Today, with Dick Clark reporting during the "ABC 2000" broadcast and an introduction from Peter Jennings, saying some would not consider it the New Year if Dick Clark did not count it down. Between 1951 and 1976, Ben Grauer was known for his live television coverage of New Year's Eve at Times Square in New York. From 1956 to 1976 on CBS, Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians serenaded the United States from the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Park Avenue in New York City. After Lombardo's death in 1977, the Royal Canadians continued on CBS until 1978, and Happy New Year, America replaced it in 1979, continuing until 1995. The song Auld Lang Syne has become a popular song to sing at midnight on New Year's Eve, with the Lombardo version being the standard. NBC also has hosted New Year's coverage; traditionally, the networks' late night hosts have hosted special editions of their regular shows (including a special Central Time Zone-

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## 2012 LCOC Mid America National Meet August 15 -19, 2012

The North Star Region is pleased to host the 2012 Mid America National Meet, "The Lincoln Round Up" at the Park Plaza Hotel, 4460 West 78<sup>th</sup> Street Circle, in Bloomington, Minnesota. We thank you for considering attending this special event here in the great metropolitan area of Minneapolis and St Paul, Minnesota.

The Park Plaza Hotel, close to major attractions such as the Mall of America, MSP International Airport and is convenient to Mystic Lake Casino, Minnesota Zoo and Walker Art Center. The room prices of \$99.00, includes Breakfast; and Amenities such as Shuttles to Airport and Mall of America, plus Pool & Hot Tub, Fitness Center, Free High Speed Internet and Business Center. Room Rates are good for three days before and after Meet, come early and stay over to enjoy the Minnesota experience. Reservation can be made after January 1, 2012, please call 951-831-3131 and ask for Lincoln Continental Owners Club room rate. Bonus for registrations received before June 1, 2012, will be eligible for drawing for one free room night at the Park Plaza Hotel, register early you may win.

We encourage everyone to arrive Wednesday afternoon in order to attend our **Free Early Bird Reception**, Wednesday Night. Come early and spend extra days experiencing some of Minnesota's most beautiful scenery and land of 10,000 lakes.

Thursday will have a full day of activities, beginning with driving tour to the Midwest's most outstanding private classic car collection with over 150 cars. We will be able to also see one of the best collection of 50's automotive Bill Board signs and a beautiful display of Coke memorabilia. We will tour the Lake Minnetonka area ending with a tasty lunch close to the lake. Driving tour will feature Peoples Choice Awards for each Decade and Best of Tour, for all Lincolns driven on tour. If you are not going to drive a Lincoln on tour you still can go, you will be able sign up to ride in one of the Lincolns driving on tour. Thursday night will conclude with a Southwestern Mexican Buffet and Family/Friends night in the Hotel Ballroom.

Friday will begin with sightseeing bus tour, featuring the St Paul Gangster Tour of the 1920s and 1930s Gangster-Era in St Paul. Tour takes visitors on odyssey back over 80 years to the days when St Paul was considered the citadel of American crime during Prohibition. Tour includes Historic Cave Tour, where you will hear about the legends of mobster massacres and ghostly lore in the most unique setting from Chicago to San Francisco.

Tour will include lunch at one of the great historic restaurants, a current night club called the Wabasha Street Caves. The former 1930's Castle Royal, was Saint Paul's most infamous bar. It has been transformed over the years from a mushroom cave, to a speak-easy, during the 1930's that had a history you will be able to enjoy during lunch and following tour.

Plenty of time will be allocated for visiting with friends, mechanical judging, and car clean up and final detailing. Friday evening will begin with Happy Lincoln Hour, before our Friday night North Star Buffet and end followed by a lively Lincoln parts and memorabilia auction conducted by our very own Ed Myhre. Please bring plenty of Cash, or Check Book.

Saturday morning will begin with our Concourse Judging. Saturday night will again begin with Happy Lincoln hour, followed by our traditional Lincoln Awards Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Enjoy the company of good friends and fellowship while having fun with our fantastic Lincolns.

Sunday will be reserved for picture taking and saying good bye to our old and new

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## *Northstar 2011 - The Year in Review*

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specific countdown on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, but since 2005, the network has opted for a special entitled *New Year's Eve with Carson Daly* in which Carson Daly hosted the program. Fox, CNN, and Fox News Channel also have their own *New Year's specials* along with the Spanish-language networks Telemundo and Univision.

*New Year's Eve* is traditionally the busiest day of the year at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida and Disneyland in Anaheim, California, where the parks stay open late and the usual nightly fireworks are supplemented by an additional *New Year's Eve-specific show* at midnight.

### **Religious observances**

In the Roman Catholic Church, January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation honoring Mary, Mother of God. It is required that all faithful Catholics attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on January 1st. However, since in the Catholic Church, a vigil Mass may be held on the evening before a Holy Day, it has become customary

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On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at our Monthly North Star Region board Meeting, Dave Gustafson was presented with the first 2010 Master Editor Award. This is LCOC's highest award for the "Region Newsletter Editor Recognition Program". Dave was one of six Region editors to receive the Master Editor Award. We here in the North Star Region are privileged to have the best newsletter editor and newsletter in LCOC.

### **Our Pride and Joy contributors.**

January, Ray and Jeanine Nelson, 1948 Continental Custom Coupe. February, Dave and Marion Gustafson, 1988 Mark VII LSC. March, Richard Labandz, 1970 Mark III. April, John and Dorothy Palmer, 1989 Mark VII LSC. May, Harry and Joni Nicholson, 1956 Mark II. June, John Trandem, 1972 Mark IV Custom Convertible. July, Ingve and Britt Jensen, 1973 Continental Hotton Custom Convertible. August, John Trandem, 1956 Mark II. September, Mid America National Meet, Pontiac Michigan. October, Rolland Toenges, 1997 Town Car. November, Jim and Ruth Boylan, 1941 Continental Coupe. December, Marilyn Fletcher, 1997 Pearl Essence PGA Edition Town Car.

Our Annual North Star pot luck picnic and Auction was held on Sunday, October 30th, at Morries, Long Lake, hosted by Roger and Barb Wothe. We had 55 members enjoy a tremendous amount of great food, that was delicious and desserts to die for. Ed Myhre again did a great job auctioneering all the stuff that was donated. We had two nice 1941 Lincoln Continental sedans in parking lot belonging to

Cliff and Mary Helling and Jim and Ruth Boylan. We thank Morrie for the use of his beautiful facility which makes this picnic possible. Before dining, Morrie's very knowledgeable assistants opened up the doors to his growing collection of over 150 classic and vintage automobiles that are displayed in a spacious, well lit environment. Morrie now has a room dedicated to Coke memorabilia, and it is a beautiful display. There are now two large rooms used to preserve our past automotive history in its entire grander.

We cruised down the St Croix River on October 9<sup>th</sup>, it was a beautiful day to share with 38 members. We could not have ordered a better day, just the best weather possible. What a great day to spend on Taylors Falls Queen, a paddle wheeler that has traversed the river for over the past 30 years. During the cruise we were served a nice chicken dinner which made the trip even better. This was a special fall day spent with friends that enjoyed the great weather for a fall day.

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed a Sunday brunch, at Al Bakers in Eagan, We had 34 members attend. Bruce and Judy Nichols came up from Madison, WI. Our door prizes, a Lincoln wrist watch was won by Faye Oberg, and a Black Lincoln flag was won by Bill Allen. Dave Gustafson again handed out several 2011 North Star Lincoln Calendars. Al Bakers provides us with a private room where we enjoyed great food at reasonable prices

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, we were invited by

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to celebrate Mass on the evening of New Year's Eve.

Many Protestant Christian congregations have New Year's Eve worship services. Some, especially Lutherans and Methodists and those in the African American community, have a tradition known as "Watch Night", in which the faithful congregate in services continuing past midnight, giving thanks for the blessings of the outgoing year and praying for divine favor during the upcoming year. Watch Night can be traced back to John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who learned the custom from the Moravian Brethren who came to England in the 1730s. Moravian congregations still observe the Watch Night service on New Year's Eve. Watch Night took on special significance to African Americans on New Year's Eve 1862, as slaves anticipated the arrival of January 1, 1863, when Lincoln had announced he would sign the Emancipation Proclamation.

Thousands of people gather in central London for New Year celebrations, including fireworks at the London Eye.

Clocks symbolize the transition that occurs at the stroke of midnight on

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the CCCA to a Saturday potluck and Auction at the Motorplex in Chanhassen. The attendance was on the sparse side from prior year but the food and fellowship still made for a fun night.

On Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, we had a brunch at Tinucci's in Newport. We had 16 members attend that weren't in Florida or Arizona. The food was very good as usual, this is one of our favorite places to go. Our door prizes, two Lincoln blanket throws were won by Carole White and Marion Gustafson. We did manage to get long time member Ted Anderson to attend and he won a North Star Region baseball cap.

On Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> we ventured to the Running Aces Harness Park, just south of Forest Lake on 35E. It is sad to report the Randy Pederson who attended this Sunday brunch suddenly passed away on Friday, May 27, 2011 at the age of 60. We had 23 members enjoy this new venue in a fine private room. For Mary and I this is about as close to home as you can get, only a 30 minute drive. Our door prizes two Lincoln blanket throws were won by Nan Roth and Dave Bodziak, Ed Myhre won a North Star Baseball cap, Members who attended were very happy with this brunch and want to come back in 2012.

On Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> we went north to Wyoming, MN for a breakfast buffet at the Cornerstone Pub and Prime. We had 32 members attend to this quaint restaurant and enjoy a very good breakfast buffet. Our top door prize was a women's Region denim

shirt won by Carole Yoho. We even had the pleasure to see Ken Sampson driving a yellow Cadillac.

On Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed a brunch at Lord Fletchers on Lake Minnetonka. This is one of the best known restaurants in the Midwest. We had 30 members attend this fantastic brunch. The service was good, the food was quite probably the best that we have been served at one of our events. Our door prizes were won by Jan Leppa, a ladies denim shirt, and Dick Eilers, a Lincoln wrist watch. This was a great place for visiting with friends and enjoying a beautiful day.

Our year end Sunday brunch at Al Bakers on November 13<sup>th</sup> was a great day for visiting with friends. We had 30 members enjoy good food, service and a very nice private room. Life may be tough and cause us much heartache, but when you see long time member Milt Peterson struggle needing a walker to attend our Sunday Brunch at Al Bakers it really makes you feel good and realize how good you have it. Milt, we thank you for attending our Brunch and brightening our day. The fellowship in our North Star Region is more important than our Lincoln's. With this being the last event for 2011, several door prizes were handed out. Tom St Martin won a Lincoln wrist watch.

**Region Car Shows.**

On Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day weekend we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lincoln Car show at Morries Ford Lincoln Dealership in Minnetonka. The forecast of bad weather and afternoon thunderstorms still couldn't keep

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*New Year's Eve, with the celebration in London focusing on the clock housed in the clock tower at the Palace of Westminster, recognised worldwide as "Big Ben". The celebrations are televised from London by the BBC in the English regions, Wales and Northern Ireland. Parties are held up and down the country, in pubs, clubs and private houses. At the stroke of midnight people gather in a ring with hands joined as they sing Auld Lang Syne.*

*On New Year's Eve 2010, an estimated 250,000 people gathered to view an eight-minute fireworks display around and above the London Eye which, on that occasion, was set for the first time to a musical soundtrack, including some of the greatest songs by British artists such as Blur, The Beatles and Queen. The celebrations in London continued into January 1, with the New Year's Day Parade, which has been held annually since 1987 and in 2011 marked its 25th year, involving more than 10,000 musicians, cheerleaders and performers.*

*Other major New Year events are held in the cities of Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds and Newcastle. Bideford in north Devon*

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away 27 beautiful Lincolns. The real story was how Morries, John Aretz, General Manager and his staff for all the work they did to make this such a great car show. John put up a very large tent that provided shade for everyone who attended. He also provided us with enough door prizes including four George Forman grills, Lincoln hats, and Lincoln key rings, so everyone won something.

Our People's Choice Award for Best of Show, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award went to a Maroon 1956 Mark II, Jeff Eisenburg, from Plymouth. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award went to a Blue and White Bill Blass 1980 Mark VI, Bob and Nan Roth, from Plymouth, Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Place award went to a 1978 Mark V, Bill and Donna Nelson, Prior Lake. Our Long Distance Award went to Roger and Jan Leppa with a 2005 LS Sedan from Princeton. This great day was made possible by Morries, John Aretz and his staff, we the North Star Region thank you so much.

On Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Out State Lincoln Car Show was held in Montgomery as part of Kolacky Days, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car Show. Lincoln was the featured model with separate parking. Saturday Morning about 9:00 AM one awful thunder storm hit Montgomery and lasted for about 30 minutes. About 9:30 AM the weather cleared and the rest of the day was great. But the weather scare caused over half the expected cars not to show up. We still had 13 cars come in spite of the nasty morning weather. We had Jim and Ruth Boylan, Excelsior attend their first Lincoln event with their newly purchased 1941 Lincoln sedan coupe.

This car and couple were just great to see and meet. Our People's Choice 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award was won by Boylan's with their 1941 Sedan Coupe. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award was one by a 1957 Premiere 2door Hardtop, Ray and Jeanine Nelson, Princeton. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Award was won by George Traficante, St Paul, with a 1979 Mark V. Our Long Distance Award was presented to Brad Wiemann, Rochester, with his 1986 Mark VII LSC GTC. Door prizes were won by John Palmer, a Lincoln wrist watch, Nan Roth, a ladies denim North Star Region shirt. Kolacky Car Show Awards were given to Lloyd and June Pearson for featured Lincoln model 1<sup>st</sup> Place with a 1939 3 window coupe. Several outstanding in class awards were presented to Brad Wiemann, Rochester; Dave Gustafson, Burnsville; Larry and Twylah Sushen, Delano; George Traficante, St Paul and Bob Johnson, Shafer. Our North Star Region won a very nice Club Participation Award.

On Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, we held our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Lincoln Car Show at Luther North Country Ford Lincoln, in Coon Rapids. We had 20 Lincoln's attend to enjoy the great weather, which was sunny and high 80's, it just doesn't get any better than that. One of the high lights of this show was we surprised Dave Gustafson with a birthday cake to celebrate his day. Our People's Choice Award for Best of Show went to a 1956 Premiere hard top, Brad and Joanie Videen, Cambridge. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award went to a 1965 Continental convertible, John and Dorothy Palmer, Barnum. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

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is also renowned for its New Year's Eve celebrations, featuring a carnival and fancy dress. The celebration centers on Bideford's quayside and around its Old Bridge, with a lone piper playing Auld Lang Syne at midnight, followed by a fireworks display.

Iceland's biggest New Year events are usually in and around the capital, Reykjavik. On the evening of December 31, the mass at Reykjavik's cathedral is listened to on the radio by most Icelanders. This is followed by dinner. Nightclubs in the city are very crowded and tend to stay open until at least 5am. Fireworks are very popular in Iceland, particularly at New Year. Bonfires are also very common, often accompanied by shows, musical events and foodtables.

The Irish call New Year's Eve by its English language name or in Irish by Oíche Chinn Bliana, Oíche na Coda Móire or Oíche Chaille. Celebrations in major cities are modest. The beginning of 2009 was heralded only by the ringing of church bells. Fireworks ring in the new year along with celebrations around the Country. Many Irish people tend to go to the smaller towns and villages around Ireland to

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Award went to a 1953 Lincoln Capri, Jack Boucher, Taylors Falls. John and Dorothy Palmer were presented with our Long Distance Award. Our top door prizes were won by Roger Wothe, a Lincoln wrist watch and Ruth Boylan, a ladies North Star Region denim shirt. We thank the Luther North County Ford Lincoln dealership for providing many door prizes and serving a very fine lunch. We again thank Mike Swoboda, General Manager and his staff for hosting this event, they were very friendly and helpful, a great dealership to do business with.

At our year end Sunday brunch at Al Bakers on November 13<sup>th</sup>, the Tim Purvis Award for the best car of 2011 was presented to Jeff Eisenberg by Gaye Purvis, for a 1956 Continental Mark II. This award in Memory of long time North Star and LCOC Member Tim Purvis is made to the best car each year. The winner is selected by the North Star Board of Directors from our Three First Place, Best of Show Winners for 2011. This award is made possible by the generosity of Gaye Purvis and recognizes outstanding examples of Lincolns shown at our three Regional North Star car shows each year.

Remember the Journey in your Lincoln is very enjoyable, but it is the friends and fun you have along the way that really counts in our life journey.

More Pride and Joy

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This is the only car I have purchased that was essentially done. I have built (or restored) several 34's and drive them regularly. Since it was winter I had time to finish the car. I went over to Harvey's and got lots of pictures of how it should be under the hood and went home and got to work. I first found and put in a stock hot air heater which allowed some spring and fall driving without my wife complaining. If your spouse doesn't like your car you might as well sell it because you won't be driving it much and driving them is what it's all about!

I have had it over a year and fixed many things and driven it a good distance. I think the bugs are out. Too early to name her since how she acts will be a factor and that takes some time. She did the honors for my nieces wedding this fall with me as chauffer in a swallow tail coat and visored cap. That's how I got the car, I'll save "problems" for a later article.

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friends.

Please contact Roger Wothe; our Meet Registration Chairman now if you think you will be able to attend our National Meet in Bloomington in 2012. Rogers phone Number is 952-473-3038, or email [rwothe@mchsi.net](mailto:rwothe@mchsi.net). Your information is needed now for scheduling and planning, get on our list to email/ send you Meet packet when available.

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*celebrate the new year. Some popular destinations include Kerry, Limerick and Galway for festivities.*

***Edinburgh**, the Scottish capital, hosts one of the world's most famous New Year celebrations with the focus being a major street party along Princes Street. The cannon is fired at Edinburgh Castle at the stroke of midnight and is followed by a large fireworks display. Edinburgh hosts a festival of four or five days, beginning on 28 December, and lasting until New Year's Day or January 2, which is also a bank holiday in Scotland.*

*In Sweden, New Year's Eve is usually celebrated with families or with friends. A few hours before and after midnight, people usually party and eat a special dinner, often three courses. New Year's Eve is celebrated with large fireworks displays throughout the country, especially in the cities. People over the age of 18 are allowed to buy fireworks, which are sold by local stores or by private persons. While watching or lighting up fireworks at midnight, people usually drink champagne.*

*From the internet...*



Bob Johnson and Doug Mattix

On Dec. 1, the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club lost its most colorful and prominent member with the death of Douglas W. Mattix of Rowlett, Texas. He was 69 years of age. Doug served as president of the club from 1997 to 2005, the longest continuous presidency in the club's 58-year history.

"Big Doug," as they called him, was known for his outgoing personality, wit and ability to get things done. Many called him "Mr. Lincoln" because he was a Lincoln purist through and through. Over time, he became a legend among Lincoln enthusiasts, helping to organize Lincoln meets for Lincolns for the Millennium in St. Louis in 2000, and Lincolns at Ford's 100th anniversary and the club's 50th Anniversary in Dearborn, Mich., in 2003. He was active in the Lincoln Foundation, which is getting ready to build a Lincoln museum on the Gilmore property at Hickory Corners, Mich. His most recent post in the club was that of Trophy Chairman.

Doug was born in Illinois in 1942, then the family moved to Dallas when he was 6 years old. His dad always drove Lincolns dating back to a 1939

Lincoln-Zephyr, and Doug developed a passion for Lincolns at an early age. He followed in his dad's footsteps as a mechanic, then went on to work as a welder and maintenance man \*with Atlantic Richfield. There he rose to become head of Arco's union, retiring in 1993. After that, his passion became collecting and restoring Lincolns and serving in management positions with the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. Some of his prize winning Lincolns were a 1962 Lincoln Continental convertible sedan, a 1940 Lincoln-Zephyr club coupe and a Continental Mark V. His last Lincoln was a '90s Lincoln Town Car flower car which he purchased from a funeral home in 2010. Though he looked for years he was never able to find a 1942 Lincoln Continental or Lincoln-Zephyr, the Lincoln that marked the year of his birth.

He is survived by his wife Carol, two grown daughters and several grandchildren. There was a memorial service Dec. 6 at the Lake Pointe Church in Rockwell, Texas. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Rockwell Education Foundation, 1050 Williams St., Rockwell, TX 75087.

The preceding article, courtesy of Old Cars Weekly.

Editors note: The LCOC lost two of it's very best last year, with the passing of Art Whitmire in July, and Doug Mattix on December 1. These two very fine gentlemen were dedicated to making the Lincoln Club better each and every day. Hail and farewell, Godspeed to both of you

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

**I need a new home! I am a 1968 Thunderbird, four door Landau, fully loaded with all the good stuff that was offered in 1968.** I have a new A/C compressor, converted to R134A refrigerant, and I now blow nice cold air. I have had three owners and my history is available. I have but traveled by 77,000 miles and most folks say that I am in mint condition. You can have me for around \$8,500 or a good offer close to that. To take me home, Call North Star Member Don Peterson at 507-454-3010, 507-429-0476 or 507-454-5231, Winona, MN email: dop@mwsco.com

For Sale:

**1989 Lincoln Town Car**, Black exterior, Grey Leather interior, 60,100 miles. One owner, Excellent Condition, 5.0 V8 Engine, Automatic Overdrive Transmission. Michelin Tires, Power Glass Moon Roof, Dual Power Heater Mirrors. Keyless Entry, Power Everything, Listed new for \$32,938, Asking \$5,695.00 Del at 608.837.5990 **Great car with a Great price**

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. **Reduced to \$16,000.** 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:

**1971 Continental Mark III,** white, blue leather interior, clean car. \$2,500obo.  
**1975 Continental,** four door, yellow with gold-white leather interior. \$2,500 obo Nice original condition. Call Rodney at 701-252-2222 or 252-4149.

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 40,000 miles; car needs a little TLC, \$2500/offer. 320-429-0139

For Sale:

**1979 Mark V.** Car is very nice, 78,000 miles. No rust and has been very well maintained over the years. Has all the usual Mark V options. I really want to sell this fine car. \$3,900 or best offer. Please call Walter Ranua at 763.458.6053.

## *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:

**1966 Lincoln four door sedan.** 121K miles, runs, but needs some carburetor work, green with black vinyl top. Nice interior. Call Craig Brenner, 320.262.1043, Bird Island, MN

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*

- January     **We will kick off an exciting 2012** for the Northstar Region with our **first Sunday brunch** of the year. Brunch on January 8th at 11:30AM, at Running Aces Harness Track, 15201 Zurich St NE, Columbus, 55025 (35E Just South of Forest Lake)
- February:     **Sunday Brunch** Date, place and time in next issue.
- March         **Saturday**, Ken Sampson Detailing seminar at Roger Wothe's garage  
**Sunday** Brunch at Jake O'Connors Pub. Dates and times in next issue.
- April          **Road trip Friday and Saturday** to: Dahl Auto Museum, La Crosse WI, Elmer's Auto & Toy Museum, Fountain City, WI. Stay Friday overnight.  
Date and Hotel to be determined
- May            **4th Annual Lincoln Car Show, Morries, Minnetonka** on Memorial weekend, Saturday, May 26th, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.  
Eastern National Meet, Chattanooga, TN, May 16-19
- August        Mark your calendar right now for the **LCOC Mid-America show**, hosted by the North star Region, August 15 - 19, 2012, in Bloomington, MN
- September   **6<sup>th</sup> Annual North Star Region, Lincoln Car Show, Luther North Country**, Ford, Lincoln , Coon Rapids, Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
**Western National Meet**, Concord CA, September 26-30
- October       **Annual Region Pot Luck Picnic and Auction**, Morries, Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

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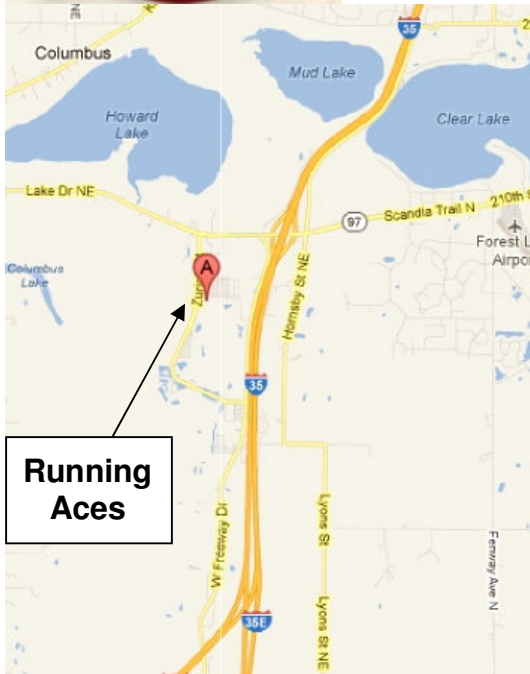
## Preview of Coming Events



**We are off and Running to the *Running Aces Harness Park* for Brunch, Sunday, January 8.**

**11:30 AM**

This little treasure, located just North of the Twin Cities, promises to be a great place for North Star Brunches.



Running Aces Champagne Sunday Brunch features carved Prime Rib, made to order omelets and waffles, peel and eat shrimp, a fabulous dessert table featuring our hand-made sweets, and seven breakfast & lunch entrees! Priced at \$18.95 per person, it gets even lower if you register for a free “Aces Reward Card”, bringing it down to only \$14.95. You may register for the card on line at:

[www.runningacesharness.com](http://www.runningacesharness.com) or just come a little early. At \$4 saving per person, it’s worth the extra effort.

Getting there:

Interstate 35E to highway 97/Lake Drive (exit 129). West on Lake Drive 1 mile to Zurich Street. Left on Zurich street for about 1/4 mile, follow signs into Running Aces Harness Park. This will be a good chance to meet your good Lincoln Club friends and say good by to all our winter woes. See you there on January 8.

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