NORTHSTAR NEWS

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.

My Pride and Joys



Dick Koop with his Mark II A very Interesting Assortment of Collectable Cars

By Dick Koop

It all really started back in the 70's when I saw the new Chevy Vega GT. I had to have it. After 13 flat tires and a blown engine I finally said "maybe this car isn't so cool after all". It wasn't long and my eye caught the Cadillac Cimarron. Another "had to have it". Outside of absolutely no power (4Cyl) it wasn't a bad car. Starting to get the drift?

Then in 1980 I saw the Mark II and had to have this one. My Dad and I bought this together. We became the third owners and purchased it from Lou Thoma who had maintained and stored the car in his funeral home where the temperature and humidity were perfect for preserving a car. In

1990 I saw the Chrysler TC by Maserati with the 16 valve engine and the collection was now two cars.

Many were collecting convertibles, muscle cars or Mustangs of any type at the time. I decided a collection of marketing or sales failures would be the path I would take. I remember telling my wife that since 13 was an unlucky number; I would find 13 of these cars that had either a poor sales record or a reputation that was not something you wanted to be known for. Soon I added the following cars

1958 Edsel Station Wagon 1991 Cadillac Allante 1993 Cadillac Allante

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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.

Pride and Joy continued.

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 1967 Subaru 360
 1990 Buick Reatta
 1990 Lotus Elan

 1983 Delorean
 1965 AMC Marlin
 1980 AMC Pacer

1980 Yugo 1988 Fiero GT

1979 Pinto station wagon (formerly owned by Art Whitmire)

1961 Dodge Lancer 1963 Studebaker R2 2008 Jaguar-S type

I get asked often which car is my favorite car. The quick answer to that is "the one that starts" I know you are saying that's 17 cars. 13 of these could easily fill the collection. Like any car lover I just found some of these other cars just unique. I keep every car with its original equipment and specs. Only modification on any of these cars is radial tires

Not all of these cars were poor cars, but the history behind some of these is just a something we will remember because of the story behind them.



Subaru 360

Consumers Reports rated the Subaru 360 as the worst car and unsafe at the time of its study. The car is fun to drive but definitely not one you'd want to take on the interstate weighing only 950 lbs. 360 CC engine with gravity fed fuel line. Top speed is about 55 MPH.

Fiero GT

Great car. Last year built was 1988. Quick and great handing. Got a bad rap when it was introduced in 1984 when they had a frequent problem with engine

Dick Koop's Subaru 360

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Trivia from the Internet



John North Willys 1873 - 1935

John North Willys was an American automotive pioneer and statesman.

Born in Canandaigua, New York, as a young man he began selling bicycles in his hometown and within a few years eventually expanded into manufacturing his own line of bicycles. In 1897 he married Isabel Van Wie and a few years later entered the automobile retailing business in Elmira, New York. His very successful car dealership sold the Overland brand of automobiles, however in 1907 supply problems with the Indianapolis, Indiana Overland factory led to John Willys acquiring the company. He proved an astute operator and quickly turned the company's sagging fortunes around. In 1909 he acguired the Marion Mo-

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Editors Message

April was a bit on the disappointing side after such an unseasonable March. Gosh, we spoil easily. Sixty years ago, we would have been glad to have weather in the 30's. As we get older, we seem to be a little happier to see warmer weather, and less snow and cold. As we pointed out in the last few issues, the amount of sunlight is ever

increasing. May 1st, will see sunrise at 6:02AM and set at 8:18PM, giving us 14 hours and 16 minutes of daylight.

We want to thank those of you who took the time to send us articles for the Northstar News. They are very much appreciated and provide enjoyable reading by our other members. We have a wonderful Welcome Wagon feature this month, put together by Francis Kalvoda. This is a very good way for most of us to learn a little bit about our new members.

Francis does a fine job and this feature makes for a well rounded publication.

I am still planning on attending the Eastern National Meet, May 16 through May 20 in Chattanooga, TN. I have only passed through this nice city a couple of times and am looking forward to seeing it once again all decked out with a lot of fine Lincolns in the forefront. There is also a Chrysler meet scheduled at the same time, so it should be really neat to see some of Walter P. Chrylser's finest there too. I am fortunate enough to have a couple of '50's Senior Chryslers, which are

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very fine automobiles in their own right.

Memorial day weekend will see us over at Morrie's Minnetonka Ford Lincoln for our first car show of the season. This is always well attended, lunch will be served, and we will have door prizes for those attending. As usual, it will be on Saturday, the 26th,

> keep your fingers crossed for a nice sunny day. Bring your appetite and a lawn chair, and we can spend most of the day visiting.

What could be finer.

In June we will take a cruise on the "Lady of the Lake" and be served a Sunday brunch while sailing the beautiful waters of Lake Minnetonka. Full details are on the back page of the newsletter, this should be as much fun as our St. Croix cruise last fall. Don't forget to get your RSVP and check to Jay White



I just don't care how many times you tell me what a nice car this is. Dad, it's not a Lincoln. How many times have I told you that I will never ride in anything but a Lincoln.

as soon as possible.

With the prospect of a very nice May ahead, take some time to get your beloved Lincoln out of the garage, making sure the battery is good, along with fresh oil, and all the other necessities for a safe ride. Find the garden hose, your soft sponges and some nice clean cloths for drying the car off. Make it look nice for the show at Morries at the end of the month. See you there.

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

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tor Car Co. of Indianapolis, Indiana and a few years later shifted operations to a production facility bought from the bankrupt Pope Motor Car Co. in Toledo, Ohio.

After changing the name to the Willys-Overland Motor Company in 1912, the next year John Willys acguired the Edwards Motor Co of New York which gave him a license to manufacture the patented Knight "sleeve valve" engine. Success saw his car company become the second largest carmaker in the United States and in 1915 he built a seven-story headquarters in Toledo, Ohio that was the most modern of its day. Before the end of the decade, one-third of the city of Toledo's workforce was employed either at Willys-Overland or at one of the numerous small businesses providing parts and supplies. Hís automobile empire offered the consumer the choice of an Overland, Willys or Willys-Knight vehicle, each relative to a specific type of engine or price range. Through his holding company, in 1918 John Willys acquired the Moline Plow Co. of Moline, Illinois that manufactured the "Universal" brand of farm tractors and a line of Stephens cars. The following year he acquired control of the Duesenberg

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Directors Message by Bob Johnson

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The months of March and April must have reversed order, on Monday, April 16th, we had 2 inches of snow here in Shafer and that was like a bad April Fool's day joke. It has been harder to work at painting our house in April than March, with the cooler and unpleasant weather, but I am making progress. After living in this house since 1969, I have realized that this maybe the last time I will have to paint it.

On Saturday, April 14, members of the North Star Region had the opportunity to attend a detailing seminar, by Ken Sampson at Roger Wothe's car garage. We had 24 members attend on a beautiful day. Ken is the master of car detailing, and he can make a silk purse out of a sow's ear as the saying goes. Our region is blessed with fantastic members like Ken Sampson and Roger Wothe, who contribute much to making the club successful. More on detailing session by Ken is elsewhere in newsletter.

The days are really flying now, our 4th Annual Lincoln Car Show, at Morries, Minnetonka Ford Lincoln, held on the Memorial Weekend will be in 4 weeks, Mark your calendars now for Saturday, May 26th, 10:00 AM till 3:00 PM. This year, we will have a judging seminar during the car show for you to see what and how your car could be judged. We will have several members at the show that can answer your questions about showing your car at our Mid America National Meet in Bloomington, August 15-19, 2012.

Sunday Brunch, June 10^{th,} you are invited to enjoy a beautiful day on the premier Lake Minnetonka charter boat, the *Lady of the Lake*. The *Lady of the Lake* offers an exquisite and historic backdrop for an outing on Lake Minnetonka. The charm of this paddlewheel boat offers an experience almost lost in our modern world. Our brunch and boat cost is \$31.00 per person and you must RSVP and be paid by May 15th. Please send check to Jay White, 8572 Holland Ave, Apple Valley, MN 55124, make check out to North Star Region LCOC. The boarding time is 9:30 AM and will take about 3 hours. Address is: 8 Water Street, Excelsior, MN 55331. We need a minimum of 20 participants for this wonderful outing so please contact Jay as early as possible. We will see some of the more sumptuous homes on the shore from a lake view, along with a very interesting narrative about them and other points of interest about the lake.

Activity news from Jay White: On Sunday, July 15th we will enjoy a great brunch at the Hubbell House in Mantorville, Minnesota. Frank Mantor and John Hubbell staked the claim to Mantorville when they got off the stage on their way to Wabasha. They created the town of Mantorville in 1854. This was the year that the Hubbell House, was built. It soon became an important stopping off point for travelers on their way to the new frontier. We will travel by our updated "stages" on July 15 and enjoy an antique town with lots of old stores and shops that will take you back to the "olden days" of yore. The food will be first quality and back then power steering and air conditioning weren't even dreams, so the drive there will be less eventful than in 1854 (hopefully). Plan on joining us for the "get out and go" short tour of southern Minnesota that is about 60 miles south of Burnsville, that also happens to have a great res-

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company primarily to
get his hands on Duesenberg brothers' factory in Elizabeth, New
Jersey where he
planned to produce a
new six-cylinder car.

Labor difficulties began to emerge at the Willys-Overland Toledo plant that resulted in a violent strike in 1919, shutting down the plant for several months. Willys hired General Motors vicepresident Walter Chrysler to run the Willys-Overland operation at the then astonishing salary of \$1 millíon a year. However, Chrysler tried to oust John Willys with an attempted takeover bid that backfired when the shareholders resisted his move and Chrysler left in 1921 to go into business for hímself.

Walter Chrysler moved on to Maxwell-Chalmers, where in January 1924 he launched his own version of the six-cylinder Chrysler he had been working on, one still based partially on elements originally developed at Willys. (In 1925 the Maxwell car company would become the Chrysler Corporation).

Although very profitable, John Willys' businesses were highly leveraged, expanded

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April Northstar Board Meeting

April 5, 2012

Regional Director Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM at Culver's in Maplewood. Board members present were Bob Johnson, Harvey Oberg, Dave Gustafson, Bob Gavrilescu, Bob Roth, Jay White and Roger Wothe. Other region members present were Mary Johnson, Faye Oberg, Brian Carlson and Barb Wothe. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Regional Director Bob Johnson reviewed plans for the 2012 Mid America Meet. He forecasts that there will be about one hundred cars and two hundred attendees. Lincoln District Representative Brad Ackers will be attending. There followed a discussion and recommendation to have the Lincoln parts vendors be introduced at the Thursday evening Southwestern night. The lighted acrylic Lincoln displays are ready to order from Bob Roth and will be used for center pieces for the Awards banquet. Twelve have been ordered so far and we will need about thirteen more. The banquet tables will be identified by Lincoln model names rather than by numbers.

Activities Director Jay White reviewed the upcoming activities which will be posted in the *Northstar News*.

Secretary and Mid America Meet Registrar reported that twelve registrations had been received so far.

Treasurer Harvey Oberg reported the treasury balance to be \$3,151.91 with all bills paid.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson reported that paid membership to be between one hundred thirty and one hundred forty. He would like more "My Pride and Joy" articles. Twenty-seven members have requested to have the *Northstar News* to be sent by email.

Barb Wothe reported that she had not received any clothing orders lately. All of the clothing that has been ordered has been distributed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Thursday May 3, at Culver's in Maplewood.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Roger Wothe.

(Continued from page 5) and/or acquired through massive borrowings. In 1921, Willys' nervous bankers forced him to consolidate in order to limit their exposure. To raíse cash for debt reduction, the Willys-Overland plant in New Jersey was sold at auction to William C. Durant as was Willys' "New Process Gear Company," in Syracuse, New York. With debt under control, Willys once again began expanding and in 1925 bought the F.J. Stearns Co. of Cleveland, Ohío that made a line of luxury vehicles. In 1926 Willys introduced the "Whippet" model line that sold in the U.S., Canada, and Australia.

In 1926, productíon of the Overland ended and was replaced by the Whippet brand of small cars. Following the stock-market crash of 1929 and the economic depression that soon followed, a number of Willys automotive brands began to falter. Stearns-Knight was liquidated in 1929. Whippet production ended in 1931, its models replaced by the Willys Six and Eight. Production of the Willys-Knight ended in

At this point Willys decided to clear the

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fires. Sales collapsed after this got out to the public.

Delorean

John Delorean, the successful engineer that brought us the Pontiac GTO, tried his hand at building his own car. Cost overruns and a problem with trying to keep his company afloat with drug money led to the demise of the company and only 8800 of these cars ever got built.

Edsel Station wagon

Found this one in California. A 9 passenger car with that famous push button transmission on the center of the steering wheel. Any collection of sales and marketing failures has to have an Edsel.

Cadillac Allante

One wasn't enough but had to have 2 of these. One has a hardtop. Both, as you may recall, are convertibles. Beautiful riding cars. Cadillac had a winner here but the \$60,000+ price tag in 1993 was a turn off. Both are low mileage cars.

Buick Reatta

Produced for 3 years 1989 thru 1991. Introduced at a time when the 2 seat personal luxury car market (Mercedes SL, Cadillac Allante, and Chrysler TC by Maserati) was shrinking and people were buying minivans.

Lotus Elan

Many of you may not remember that Gen Motors owned Lotus for a few years. GM spent a fortune to upgrade the Lotus facilities. The Lotus Elan was going to be GM's answer to the popular Mazda Miata. The bean counters said they could do it but had to sell the car for over \$50,000. GM realized that could not compete with the \$20,000 Miata so decided to lower the cost by putting an Isuzu 4cyl turbo

charged engine. That lowered the price to the low \$40's. Another mistake. The Lotus buyer was not interested in a Japanese engine in a pedigree automobile like a Lotus. Sad ending to a great little car. I love driving this one. It's quick and fast.

AMC Marlin

The Marlin had a 3 year run 1965 thru 1967. AMC had to come out with a car that could compete with the popular Mustang. AMC had no money to come out with a new design so it took the Ambassador body and modified it with the fastback look and called it a Marlin. Talk about a fish that couldn't swim.

Yugo

It caught the market by storm. \$3,995 was the selling price and the attraction. Lot of jokes written about this car. Quality and performance were not its strongest virtues. A popular joke at the time was "how do you double the value of a Yugo?" – Fill the gas tank.

Pinto Pony (2 door station wagon)

I wanted one of these for years but everything I looked at was badly rusted or worn out. Found this station wagon thru Art Whitmire who owned the car. I found this same car, years earlier but lost it to Art who was willing to pay more than I was. Original car with only 27,000 miles. 4-speed on the floor. All stock. Somewhat of an emotional attachment owning this car with my good friend Art who passed away July 4, 2011. Think of him every time I drive it.

AMC Pacer

This car gets lots of laughs when I wear my matching light blue leisure suit whenever I drive it. Not sure if they are laughing at me or the car.

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Well respected in the business community, John Willys was a strong supporter of the United States Republican Party who had been an Ohio delegate to the 1916 Republican National Convention. Following the election of Herbert Hoover to the Presidency of the United States, in March 1930 Willys was appointed the first U.S. Ambassador to Poland, serving until May 1932.

The Great Depression of the 1930s saw numerous carmakers go out of business and the Willys enterprises went into bankruptcy reorganization in 1933. The following year, John Willys and his wife of thirty-seven years divorced. He soon remar-

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Continental Mk II

Great car with a ride that cannot be beaten. Interior was a DSO (Dealer Special Order) Original owner's wife had a favorite red lipstick (Helena Rubenstein) and asked Ford to have the leather dyed to match this color. Entire interior including the headliner has this same original red leather color. One of a kind.

Studebaker R-2 (1963)

This fiberglass car is completely restored. Spent 5 years off and on completing it. It's now done. For a car that is approaching its 50 year anniversary it looks modern even today. A last resort to Studebaker trying to revive a dying brand. The R-2 meant it was ordered with the Paxton Supercharger. When that kicks in you get a surge like getting shot out of cannon.



Chrysler TC by Maserati

Removable hardtop with porthole windows and a gorgeous soft leather interior. This car was one of 501 cars that had the 5-speed Maserati engine. Another 3 year run (1989-1991) that was a not a profitable venture with an estimated \$100,000 cost per car to produce. Car got a lot of knocks because it looked so much like a Le-Baron. Surprisingly this car was actually in the concept stage well before

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Welcome Wagon

WELCOME WAGON by Francis J. Kalvoda, Willmar, MN fjk@charter.net 320-235-5777.

April Showers bring New May Members! Join me as we welcome several new Northstar Lincoln and Continental Owners Club members.

Keith and Jill Danner, 791
Ottawa Ave, St Paul, MN 55107. Call them at home, 651-224-7910, or on the cell # 651-373-0771, Email padanner@aol.com. Keith and Jill both enjoy the car hobby. Keith has been enjoying cars since the early 1960's. Along the way there has been a '23 T, a '36 Ford, a '39 Chev, a 1939 Mercury, a 1957 Mercury Turn-



pike Cruiser, 1963 Ford Galaxie 500 Convert, and now the '62 Continental. Being the Mercury enthusiast I am, I just had to include photos of the '39 and the '57. Many of you know that

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the '57 Turnpike Cruiser used the 368 cubic inch V8 normally reserved for the Lincolns.

In February Keith and Jill traded their 1963 Ford Convertible at Unique Motors in Mankato for the very nice 1962 Continental Convertible. The white '62 came from Florida and has had

only one other owner before the Danners



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ried but died in 1935 of a heart attack at his home in The Bronx, New York.

In 1936 the Willys-Overland Motor Company was reorganized as Willys -Overland Motors. In the 1920s and 1930s, Willys was an unremarkable automaker based in Toledo, Ohio, one of dozens in the U.S. However In 1937 Willys came out with a redesigned four which featured a semistreamlined body with a slanted windshield, headlamps integrally embedded into the fenders and a one-piece, extremely rounded hood transversely hinged at the rear.

It was one of several bidders when the War Department sought an automaker who could begin rapid production of a lightweight truck based on a prototype designed by American Bantam.

Production of the Willys MB, better known as Jeep, began in 1941, shared between Willys, Ford and American Bantam which had initiated the original Jeep body design. 8,598 units were produced that year, and 359,851 units were produced before the end of World War II. In total, 653,568 military Jeeps were eventually manufactured.

At the end of the war, Willys did not resume production of its pre-war pas-

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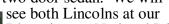
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acquired their Cool Continental.

Jeffrey & Becca Schreiner and their son Nick, 1426 Louis Road, Fall Creek, WI 54742, 715-836-7332, 715-829-7593 (cl), getcreativeto-day@aol.com

Jeffrey has been into cars since 1980 but refining a serious collection since 2000. Becca enjoys the cars as much as Jeffrey. Nick has helped with all the restorations. Their collection currently includes an awesome 1928 Lincoln Dual Cowl Sport Phaeton and a 1946 Lincoln two door sedan. We will





Bloomington National LCOC Meet in August. Two Buicks include the 1911 Buick Model 27 Touring Car and a 1930 Buick Marquette. Last but certainly not least, is the Schreiner's serious muscle car, the 1967 Mustang Shelby GT 500! Beautiful Brass, Elegant Classics, and Sixties Muscle; the Schreiners certainly have a fine collection of great cars!!

1928 Lincoln – I'm thinkin' Gangster Tour!!

John Cumpton and Suzanne Hanson, 1021 93rd Street, Roberts, WI 54023, jcbroke60@gmail.com 715-749-3134.

Their white 82,000 mile 1967 Lincoln Continental Convertible has been in Jon's family for the last 38 years and in Jon's care since 1985. Jon remembers his Dad's 1957 Lincoln Convertible and a 1958 Lincoln sedan. Jon has owned two other Lincolns, a 1982 Town Car and a 1988 Mark VII LSC. Besides the '67 Continental Convertible,



Jon and Suzanne also are working on a 1965 Chevrolet BelAir Station Wagon. They also had a 2003 Morgan Plus 8 which was unfortunately totaled in a rear end crash last year.

Milt and Lois Deutsch, 25542 400th Street, LeCenter, Mn 56067, 507-351-6312, loismiltdeutsch@yahoo.com

Milt and Lois own two Lincolns; a 1967 Continental Convertible and a 1969 Mark III, black with dark red interior. Perhaps you could help Milt find some dark red arm rests for the Mark III. Milt and Lois also enjoy a 1964 Impala SS Convertible and a 1929 Shay reproduction Model A Roadster

Floyd and Carol Jaehnert, 1679 Atlantic Street, St. Paul, MN 55106, floydj@usfamily.net 651-776-9859.

Floyd and Carol have had their 1941 Lincoln Cabriolet since 1988. They purchased the Lincoln so they would have a comfortable car to use when touring



with vintage auto clubs. Their other collector cars lacked comfort and they did not want to always trailer their cars to meets. Carol and Floyd have been

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senger car models, choosing instead to concentrate on Jeeps and Jeep-based vehicles. The first postwar Willys product was the CJ-2A. The CJ-2A was an MB stripped of obviously military features, particularly the blackout lighting, and with the addition of a tailgate.

In 1946, a year after the introduction of the CJ-2A, Willys produced the Willys "Jeep" Utility Wagon based on the same engine and transmission, with clear styling influence from the CJ-2A Jeep. The next year came a "Jeep" Utility Truck with four-wheel drive. In 1948, the wagon was available in four-wheel drive, making it the ancestor of all sport utility vehicles.

In 1952 Willys reentered the car market with a new compact car, the Willys Aero. The Aero cars were called Lark, Wing, Falcon, Ace or Eagle depending on year, engine and trim level, except for a small production run in its final year (1955) with models called Custom and Bermuda. The bodies for the Willys Aero were supplied to Willys/ Kaiser by the Murray Body company, who also made the bodies for the short-lived Hudson Jet. Also in 1952, CJ3B Jeeps went into production. By 1968, over 155,000 were sold.

In 1953 Kaíser Motors
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married for 51 years and Floyd still has the same wife and the same car when they were married; it's a 1918 Ford Model T Touring car. Carol has taken an active interest in the car hobby with Floyd. Floyd's work as a pattern maker helped them rebuild and restore every part of the 1912 EMF five passenger Touring car over a period of 27 years. Since EMF was bought out by Studebaker, Floyd thought it was only fitting that he and Carol should have a 1963 Studebaker Avanti which they have enjoyed. Their 1908 Ford Model S is one of their more recent acquisitions and undertakings. I have personally seen them enjoy their red Model S in several of the New London to New Brighton Antique Car Runs. The Jaehnert garage has no more room for vintage cars but Carol enjoys Floyd's latest interest in vintage scooters and of course she still enjoys Floyd's interest in her!

Cliff and Mary Helling, 3950 Merino Ave, Watertown, MN 55388-9310, mchelling@unique-software.com, 952-446-1802.



Cliff, Mary and I have been members of the Early Ford V8 Club for decades so I feel privileged to welcome the Hellings to the Northstar Lincoln Club. Forty years ago, Cliff and Mary were among the founders of the Twin Cities Regional Group of the Early Ford V8 Club. They were car enthusiasts even before that. In fact Cliff worked in his

dad's filling station in St. Paul. His dad was a friend of Barney Oldfield and bought the racing legend's Stutz race car. Cliff went through 42 cars when he was in high school but kept the 1934 Ford three window coupe when Uncle Sam asked him to join the Army. Cliff later sold the coupe to help pay for college tuition which provided him with a teaching career. Cliff is the V8 Club expert on 1933-1934 Fords and he has published the 1933-'34 Ford Restoration Manual. Cliff and Mary own several '34s: an Australian Ute, a Fordor, a Roadster, an awesome Woodie Wagon, and a Tudor. There's also the flathead powered 8N Ford tractor and the 1946 Marmon Herrington four wheel drive Ford Truck with a rotary snow blower. But for those milder Minnesota days, Cliff and Mary enjoy the luxury of their 1941 Lincoln Continental Coupe. Cliff already wrote a Pride and Joy article which was in the January 2012 Northstar News, but I hope he will treat us with a few of his great stories about car restoration, the hazards of an enclosed trailer, snow removal, and others. Cliff has published numerous articles and several books, including In Pursuit of Happiness; Be Selfish: Do Good and Don't Tell. Well stated!! A true car guy's book is Cliff's Studs, Cranks and Dipsticks which sells for \$17.55 including postage; send a check to Cliff.

Hopefully you will be reading more about our other new members and their cars when they submit a *Pride and Joy* article. Veteran Northstar members, your *Pride and Joy* articles are also needed, always appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed!

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purchased Willys-Overland and changed the name to Willys Motor Company. The same year, production of the Kaiser car was moved from Willow Run, Michigan to the Willys plant at Toledo, Ohio. Although Jeep production was steady, sales of the Willys and Kaiser cars continued to fall. In 1954, the CJ5 debuted at the start of its threedecade run.

After the last Willys passenger car was built in 1955, Willys shipped the tooling for the Aero to Brazíl, where it was built from 1960 to 1962, almost unchanged. A 1953 Aero Lark was located in the estate of the late Howard Hughes, after he died enroute to the US from Mexico aboard a small private airplane. Brooks Stevens restyled it for 1963, and the Aero continued to be built by Ford after they purchased Willys-Overland do Brasil until the 1970s. The American company changed its name again in 1963 to Kaiser-Jeep Corporation, at which time the Willys name disappeared.

From various internet sources. If you have any suggestions for future trivia, please contact the editor by email.

Ken Sampson's Detailing Seminar

Ken Sampson held a detailing seminar at Roger Wothe's garage in St Louis Park on Saturday, April 14th. The day was just beautiful and you would not believe that we were to get a couple of inches of snow on Monday, April 16th (if you lived in Shafer, halfway to Duluth) Living in Minnesota has its highs and lows and I am sorry to say, April snow is one of the lows.

We really need to appreciate Ken's efforts, he has moved to Ottertail, which for all purposes is almost a suburb of Fargo, North Dakota. He drove down Friday night and stayed at his garage in Wyoming that he is still moving out of, just to be able to do this detailing seminar for us.

Ken's presentation was different from his previous seminar, as he explained what are the best products, and just how to use them. Many questions were asked and the group had a lot of exchange between one another about the various processes involved in making a car really standout.

All in all, it was a very informative seminar. We hope that the seminar will help our members prepare cars for our upcoming National Meet in Bloomington in August. Bob Roth has volunteered to interview Ken and try and document techniques and products that can aid you in detailing your car.

We appreciated being able to see Roger Wothe's garage, what a beautiful shop he has. Roger's cars are great too. Roger is always the first person to volunteer to help in any way possible. Next time you see Roger please thank him for all that he has done for our Club over the years. Roger is a very special person.

It is members like this that make our North Star Region so *SPECIAL*. Thank you to Ken and Roger for one of our best events in the past couple of years.

Another great part of fellowship was we were able to meet three new members, Paul Burski, Jon Cumpton and Floyd Jaehnert. Mark Sawyer attended his first North Star Region event. It is so special to meet region members for the first time. We hope that having fun and meeting our members will keep them coming to more of our activities and we look forward to reading about their special Lincolns. These members were given North Star Region license plates. This is a region practice when member attends their first North Star event, another way of welcoming them and giving back to our members.

Twenty four members who attended seminar were Dave Bodziak, Minneapolis; Paul Burski, Lakeville; Jim Boylan, Excelsior; Tom Brace, Falcon Heights; Jon Cumpton, Roberts, WI; Dick Eilers, Duluth; Bruce Freiberg, Buffalo also bought friend; David Gustafson, Burnsville; Richard Herman, Inver Grove Heights; Floyd Jaehnert, St Paul; Bob Johnson, Shafer; Francis Kalvoda, Willmar(and will be living there after wedding); Gerald Loberg, Saint Paul; Harvey and Faye Oberg, Woodbury; Don Peterson, Winona; Gaye Purvis, Cottage Grove; Bob Roth, Plymouth; Kenneth Sampson, Ottertail; Mark Sawyer, Inver Grove Heights; Roald and Rosalee Storvick, Austin; Rollie Toenges, Hopkins and Roger Wothe, Wayzata.

It was a day to remember as I'm still watching the snow fall while I'm writing about this event. Maybe some of ideas and products discussed will be used to prepare cars for our Memorial Day Car show at Morries. Mary and I hope to see you there.

In Passing; Rori Wilensky Eisenberg, Pamela E. Hanson



Rori Wilensky Eisenberg, 54, of Plymouth, passed away on April 10, 2012, surrounded by her family after a long battle with diffuse scleroderma. She is preceded in death by parents Joan and Shale Wilensky, sister Pami; in-laws

Robert & Harriet Eisenberg; beloved dogs Cotton, Andrew, Keesee, Muffin, Biscuit and Brownie. Rori is survived by her husband Jeffrey; children Trent of Minneapolis & Jaci of Geneva, Switzerland; dogs Cupcake & Snoball; sister Heidi Wilensky & John Martin; sister-in-law Vicki and husband Howie Londer; niece Amie Londer; nephew Tony Londer and fiancée Samantha Nelson: dear cousin Scott Bader; dear friend Dr. Tanni Stone-Dorshow; numerous aunts & uncles, cousins, friends, employees, and neighbors. Rori and the family would like pay tribute to the excellent care provided by her close friend and physician Dr. Ralph Shapiro, as well as by Dr. Allen van Beek, Cathy Mager R.N., and the team at NMHC. Their superb management of Rori's devastating and debilitating illness gave Rori several years on borrowed time. Rori was raised in St. Louis Park, where she enjoyed being a Parkette, particularly on the Panama trip and as an original Minnesota Vikings cheerleader at Met Stadium. She received her B.S. in Biochemistry from the College of Biological Sciences at the University of Minnesota in 1986 under Dr. Willard Koukkari, in whose lab she spent many enjoyable hours. On the eve of 1976 Rori's life was forever changed when she met Jeff - the two fell head over heels in love with each other. Married in 1979, they had Trent and Jaci in the following few years. Family was paramount to Rori - as a bookkeeper at Twin City Auto & Military Parts, the family business, she juggled the complicated schedules of her teenage son's fledgling computer business and her daughter's dance lessons, and still had dinner on the table. In December 2002, Rori was instrumental in helping Jeff found Libson Twin City Auto and in the succeeding years, building it into one of the largest automotive drivetrain rebuilding companies in the country, Rori loved her dogs very much - many remarked how they would love to be reincarnated as one of her pets! She also loved workplace cats Tom



Pamela E. Hanson Funeral Services for Pam Hanson, age 75, of Correll, Minnesota were held on Monday, March 26, at 2:00 PM at Artichoke Lake Seventh Day Adventist Church in Artichoke Township, rural Ortonville, Minnesota.

Reverends David Grams and Daniel Camarata officiated and burial was in the Artichoke Lake Seventh Day Adventist Church Cemetery.

Pamela Eileen Hanson was born on August 26, 1936, in Wayzata, Minnesota to Reginald James and Dorothy Eftemina (Boyko) Jones. Her parents dedicated her to God as a child and, when she became old enough to decide to follow Jesus, she was baptized at an old fashioned camp meeting. Pam attended and graduated from Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson, Minnesota, where she first met Charles. They were in the same grade. Pam attended Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska and the University of Iowa School of Nursing in Iowa City, Iowa, where she became an RN, specializing in Psychiatric Nursing. She always had a listening ear for those who were troubled and a big heart to help wherever she saw a need. Many have treasured the prayers and caring she gave.

Pam was united in marriage to Charles Hanson in Fletcher, North Carolina, at a private ceremony on Thanksgiving Eve, November 23, 1995. On the top of their wedding cake were two little wood ducks - one had a little veil, the other a bow tie.

Pam passed away on March 22, 2012, having reached the age of 75. Pam loved God and was committed to be like Him. She is sleeping until Jesus reappears to waken her. We all long for the day when there will be no more pain, sickness, or death. Pam is greatly missed.

Pam leaves her beloved husband, Charles Hanson; her sister, Dorothea Margaret and her husband, Norval Jones; her niece, Rebecka (James) Jones Nelson and their two children, Freja and Soren; her nephew, Jonathan Len (Kimberly) Jones; her brother -in-law, Wendell (Elaine) Hanson; her nieces: Laurie (Brian) Longhenry; Patty (Roger) Haukos; and Sandy (Greg) Scheff; and her nephew, Dan (Karla) Beutler; and many extended family members and

In Passing continued

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Rori Eisenberg.....

and Dolly, skiing, classic cars, the Scottsdale Valley, reading Torah, traveling, speaking French, the domestic arts, her spotless home, and spoiling her family rotten with her time and energy. Rori faced her diagnosis bravely, with her head high, and more concerned about others than herself. She is terribly missed and will be remembered fondly for her self-lessness and iron will. Funeral service were held on April 12, Temple Israel, 2324 Emerson Ave. So., Minneapolis. Memorials preferred to the Eisenberg Family Scholarship Fund (#5663) at the UMN Veterinary School or the Scleroderma Research Foundation (srfcure.org).

Pamela Hanson....

friends. Pam was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Sarah Fillingham.

Services were arranged by the Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home of Ortonville, MN.

Pride and Joys continued...

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the LeBaron but the lower priced LeBaron got to the market first. Few were willing to pay \$30,000+ when they could buy the LeBaron for \$18,000- \$20,000.

Dodge Lancer (1961)

Bought this one because I liked the rear taillights. No other reason. Still questioning my sanity. Push button transmission. Just about finished with this car. The more I work on it the more I like it.

Jaguar 2008 Type S

Last year that Ford Owned Jaguar. Just like the design of this car, its classic styling, deep British leather and wood combination interior. Bought a very low mileage one and expect it will be a collectible in the future. Love that classic front end and hood ornament.

Editors note: Dick is living our dreams. I have seen part of his collection a few years back. They all have a story and are interesting examples of somewhat unique automobiles.

Director Bob Johnson continued

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taurant and places to shop to your hearts content. More details to come.

Our Bloomington Meet is now only 3½ months away, not to long ago it was 3½ years away. Do you have your Bloomington Meet packet? If you have not received one by mail or email, you can down load from our www.Northstarlcoc.org or National www.lcoc.org web site. If you do not have internet, call 952-473-3038, Roger Wothe. If you have any questions about registering for Meet you can also email Roger; at wwothe@mchsi.com.

Please call our Park Plaza Hotel to reserve your rooms now for August 15-19, 2012, at 952-831-3131. Room with free breakfast is \$99 plus tax. If you want to upgrade to really nice suite, you can get that for \$114 plus tax with a free breakfast. Please reserve room now so we can plan on you coming even before we get your paid registration. As of April 16th we have 25 members who have called and reserved their room. If you will be staying at home and not the hotel please register as early as possible so we know you are going to attend meet. Your reserved Hotel room is our only way to know your intentions before your pay your Meet registration, please reserve your room early. When reserving a hotel room at Park Plaza, tell them you are with the North Star Region LCOC or Lincoln Continental Owners Club.

If you send your paid Meet Registration to Roger Wothe before June 1, 2012, you will be eligible for a drawing for one free room night at the Park Plaza Hotel. Register early, and you may win. We really would like you to register now if you can. Make your room reservation now and help our planning process.

LCOC and Region response is very good, as of the 1st of May, we are still estimating about 100 Lincolns and 200 People will attend our Bloomington Meet. High gasoline prices will, to some extent, have an affect on our registrations. Let us keep our fingers crossed that gas prices do not go over our current price.

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

NORTHSTAR NEWS

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: I am really anxious to sell my 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 or make a good offer. Call Ted Anderson, 763.561.8143.

For Sale:

1982 Mark VI 2dr with Sun Roof. 132,000 miles \$1,000; **1983 Lincoln Continental 4dr**, no title and doesn't run \$500. **Parts cars**: **1956 Lincoln Capri** Sedan, **1955 Custom** Sedan, **1954** Lincoln Front Clip, **1953 Lincoln** Cosmopolitan Sedan. Contact Elrod Kaufman, 27951 440 Avenue, Freeman, SD 57029 Call after 6PM for more details 605.925.4986

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, Duel 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:

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:

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

I am a nice 1989 Town Car, Signature series, and to make my owner happy, I am in need of a Digital Information Circuit Board and an Actuator for the drivers side door lock. If only someone will come to my aid and make my owner a happy man once again. If you know where these two items might be, please contact Shell Watson, PO Box 451 Buffalo, MN 55313 or phone 763.286.4416 or email: bstoner@cbburnet.com Thanks for your help.

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

STORAGE AVAILABLE

Safe, Secure Storage for your classic now available Southwest Metro Location. Please call 952-412-1266

Preview of Coming Events

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 This will be a great meet.

Register now. Download packet at: www.southernregionlcoc.com Chattanooga is a fine city to visit. There are a lot of events packed into this meet, which should make for a very

enjoyable experience.

Willmar Car Club Annual Car Show, Sunday May 20, 2012. Kennedy Elementary

School, Willmar, MN See extra page in this newsletter

June Sunday, June 10th. Sunday Cruise and Brunch on the "Lady of the Lake". See all

the details on the last page.

July Sunday, July 15th. Brunch at the Hubbell House, Mantorville. Complete details in

the June issue.

August Mark your calendar right now for the LCOC Mid-America show, hosted by the Northstar Region, August 15 - 19, 2012, in Bloomington,

MN This will be our signature event this year, one that you will surely not want to miss. Sign up now for more information. Contact Bob Johnson, 651-257-1715 or email:

arborbob41@aol.com.

September 6th Annual North Star Region, Lincoln Car Show, Luther North Country, Ford, Lin-

coln, Coon Rapids, Saturday, September 17th, 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 21st

November Wrap up 2012 with our end of year brunch. We will review 2012 and take a peek at

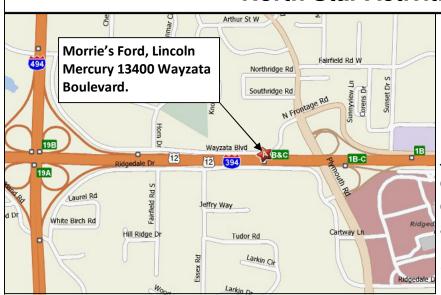
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www.northstarlcoc.org Click on publications.

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North Star Activities



Morrie's Minnetonka Ford Mercury Lincoln Spring 2012 All Lincoln Show Saturday, May 26, 2012 10:00AM to 3:00PM

Join us for our Northstar Spring car show. Bring your favorite Lincoln, old or new and plan to spend a nice spring day visiting with many of your old friends and making some new ones too.

Again, All Lincolns are welcome, regardless of age or condition. We will even be glad to see a Mercury or two. We are an equal opportunity Lincoln Club. Lunch is planned and the Northstar club will be furnishing dash plaques and door prizes. Weather permitting, Faithie will be visiting and will pose for pictures, shake hands and will also give free kisses to the first fifty people she meets.

See you at Morrie's Minnetonka Ford Lincoln Mercury on May 26, 13400 Wayzata Boulevard. Just before Hwy 494. Invite anyone you know who owns a Lincoln to join us at this show.



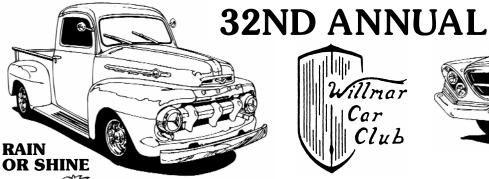
Sunday Brunch and a Cruise aboard the "Lady of the Lake" make for one real great
Sunday, June 10th, 9:30AM

You are invited to enjoy a beautiful day on the premier Lake Minnetonka charter boat, the Lady of the Lake. The Lady offers an exquisite and historic backdrop for an outing on spectacular Lake Minnetonka.

The charm of this paddlewheel boat offers an experience almost lost in our modern. Our brunch and cruise cost is \$31.00 per person, and you must RSVP and send in your check NO LATER THAN MAY 15th. Please make your check payable to North Star LCOC and mail post haste to Jay White, 8572 Holland Ave, Apple Valley, MN 55124, make check out to North Star Region LCOC. The boarding time is 9:30 AM and will take about 3 hours. Address is: #8 Water Street, Excelsior, MN 55331.

Make your plans now to attend this great Sunday event. See you there.

CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET







www.willmarcarclub.com



WILLMAR, MINNESOTA

KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 824 7th STREET SW

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2012

& AWARDS!! 20 TROPH

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- CAR CRUISE -**SATURDAY, MAY 19**

4:30 p.m.

Meet at the Country Stop/A&W in New London (See Note in Box Below Classes)*

6:30 p.m.

Cruise leaves the A&W

- CAR SHOW -**SUNDAY, MAY 20**

7:00 a.m. Gates Open

7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Swap Meet

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Car Show

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. **Drawings**

11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Shuttle Bus**

3:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony

The Willmar Car Club holds the right to reject participation to any vehicle or person.

ADMISSION

\$10 per Show Car (Driver and 1 Passenger)

\$20 per space in Used Car Corral Registrations close at 11:00 a.m. Single vehicle trailers only allowed.

\$4 per Pedal Car or Bicycle

Kids under 12. FREE with paid admission

\$3 Seniors over 62

Registrations close at 12:00 Noon \$15 per Swap Space (12x20) Registrations close at 11:00 a.m. \$5 General Admission

■ MALL DISPLAY

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

◆ CAR MUSEUM TOUR ▶

Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Several vehicles are displayed in the Kandi Mall Shopping Center. On Sunday (11:30-3:00) Willmar Bus Service provides a **FREE shuttle bus** to and from the Mall, the Museum and the main gate at the Car Show. Schwanke's Museum & Gift Shop (3310 Hwy. 71 South, open May-October) has over 350 cars, trucks, tractors, engines and much more.

Admission \$5.

Museum Info: (320) 235-4341

INFORMATION

Nate Lipinski

(320) 444-0368

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Greg Gjerdingen (320) 444-7894

Email: greg.gjerdingen@yahoo.com

Please call after 7 P.M. or write to:

WILLMAR CAR CLUB P.O. BOX 428 **WILLMAR. MN 56201** www.willmarcarclub.com

FEATURES

One of the largest shows in the state with 39 classes and a tradition of variety. Dash plagues, goodie bags, door prizes, concession stand, playground area, free shuttle bus to mall and car museum, cars roped off, disc jockey playing 50's music during show.

Please note the information and the registration blank on the other side of the poster.

2012 CAR BUFFS' BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

ALL AREA CAR ENTHUSIASTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US for the <u>9 a.m. breakfast</u> on the first Saturday of each month, May - November. Door prizes and announcements follow the breakfasts. Often, there are after breakfast tours or activities. <u>PLEASE JOIN US!</u> For more information call Forrest Honebrink, (320) 235-4663 or view www.willmarcarclub.com.

MAY 5, Litchfield, Peter's on Lake Ripley, 405 West Pleasure Drive - off Hwy. 22 South

JUNE 2, Spicer, American Legion Post #545, 155 Lake Avenue

JULY 7, Willmar, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1108 Hwy. 12 East

AUGUST 4, Hutchinson, American Legion Post #96, 35 3rd
Avenue SE

SEPTEMBER 1, Granite Falls, Dallas II, 142 East Hwy. 212

OCTOBER 6, Sauk Centre, Gerards Dining & Banquet, 1225
Timberlane Drive

NOVEMBER 3, Paynesville, Hilltop Restaurant, 28518 State Hwy. 55 East



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