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LINCOLN LINK

Newsletter of the MidWest Region of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club

MESSAGE FROM THE MIDWEST REGION DIRECTOR

It's that time again to get those beautiful Lincolns out and rolling. Our first meeting of the year is May 19th in Clinton, MO. You should all have your meeting notification by now and hope to see lots of familiar faces after the long winter.



John Lower

Jerry Seibert is putting together a great show in Springfield, Illinois on July 14th, so hope you all can turn out for the great show he has put together.

Dan Brown and Bryan Gardner are working on the Nebraska Meeting. The dates have been changed due to Home Football games in Lincoln Nebraska. More on this in our next Lincoln Link.

The Annual Meeting may need to be moved forward from the original November 30 and 31st dates. Sorry, if this causes any problems, but things don't always work out as planned.

We have enclosed a few more pictures from our Branson 2006 Annual Meeting as everyone had such a great time. These pictures were taken by Pete and Dorothy Dapkus.

A great car enthusiast, Houston Hubbell from Tulsa, Oklahoma passed away November 30th. Houston was 85 but sure never seemed to be a day past 65. He and his pals Amos and Andy went everywhere together. In the picture, I'm not sure which is Amos and which is Andy??? Houston was CEO of Hubbell Systems Inc. He was survived by his 1940 Lincoln Continental



Houston with Amos & Andy

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Houston's 1940 Lincoln - driven from Oklahoma to Albuquerque

Convertible shown in the picture at the Albuquerque Meet. He also had a 1936 Ford Phaeton, a 1977 Custom Lincoln Town Car Pickup and a 1977 Lincoln Town Car. His niece Jane notified us of his passing.



Houston going for a balloon ride

In our January Lincoln Link we passed along the sad news of our founding member and director Eldon Yung who passed away in November. The Midwest



Taking off!

Region made a donation to the Lincoln Motor Car Foundation Building Fund in his memory. We received a letter of thanks from the Foundation. The Lincoln Foundation is doing a great job in preserving Lincoln memories as pointed out in our October News Letter. Your region purchased a Lifetime Membership in the Foundation and hopefully many of you will make donations to this very worthwhile cause.



George Boeringa and his special violin at annual meeting



The kids had a good time at the annual meeting

In January we sent out the dues notices and of this date 13 members have not replied. Come on everyone it's only \$15.00 and look what you get for your buck.



Linda Boeringa watches George

We do have three new members in the region and hope by the next newsletter we will have many more. Please welcome: **John and Norma Bierens** from Wichita, Kansas and their black 1967 Continental.

Richard and Lois Peters from Petersburg, Illinois. They purchased their beautiful 72 Mark IV from their Uncle and former member David McCarthy of Fulton, Missouri.

Bill and Brenda McConnell from Hillsboro, Missouri. They have a very special 1958 Mark III convertible. *We're glad to have you on board and hope to see you at one of our future meetings.*



Dick Clark's 57 Patch Collection

Bob Murphy didn't receive any stories from our members and their cars, so he did a story on the Harlan Dutton Collection. Our club had the privilege of viewing this collection in 2003. Great story Bob!

Hope you have a great summer in your Lincoln or Continental!

*Continental*ly yours,

John



Many cars at Dick Clark's



Another car at Dick Clark's

HARLAN DUTTON TO SELL COLLECTION

A few weeks ago, I spotted an auction advertisement in Old Cars Weekly that I realized was for the entire Lincoln automobile collection of L.C.O.C. member Harlan J. Dutton, of Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Dutton was a host for a Midwest Region L.C.O.C. event in Nebraska in 2003, which was the first event I attended after purchasing my 1962 sedan and joining the Club. Mr. Dutton showed us his outstanding collection of Lincoln automobiles, which at that time numbered fourteen, and then hosted a very nice reception at his home for our group. He even sprung for a brass band. In fact, his home was pretty much built around his car collection, with a wide-open basement garage that held a large number of his cars. I certainly found no fault with his priorities in home construction!

I remember at that time his 1967 Lehmann-Peterson Limousine was for sale for \$6,500.00, which I knew was a good deal for such a car. I couldn't figure a method to free up that much money at that time, and I suspect that his auction will show that these cars have moved considerably further past my price/clever scheme-point since that time.

I had a chance to speak with Mr. Dutton recently about his sale, and about how he became interested in Lincoln automobiles in the first place. The good news is that Mr. Dutton, or just straight "Dutton" as he goes by, is still lots of fun to talk with, and is selling the cars due to no particular crisis of health or finances.

Harlan reports that he grew up in Depression-era North-Central Nebraska on a farm. Far ahead of today's healthy-eating trends, he spent a great deal of his youth herding turkeys from a saddle-horse. Today, these would be called "free-range turkeys" and sold for a premium. Back then, that was just what you did when you had land, but could not afford the materials for large holding pens. Mr. Dutton told me that it was his military service during World War II that got him focused on loving Lincolns. Harlan states that he was fortunate in spending a large part of his military stint posted in Washington D.C., and that a number of the top military and government officials in town drove 1939-1941 Lincoln Continentals. "These were just the nicest cars in town," he says, and this started his interest in owning one if he had the means.

After his military service and the conclusion of the War, Mr. Dutton started in the home building business in the Lincoln, Nebraska area. As time progressed, he also worked in real estate sales, and apartment management. He purchased his first Continental Coupe in 1955. As was often done back then, he swapped out the "flat-head" V-12 to a Chrysler V-8 motor. He reports that this was his one and only such sacrilege.

During the Kennedy Administration, Harlan came to admire the four-door convertible Continentals, and he bought his first one, a 1963 model, in 1968. He still has that car, and it is one of the cars being sold in his auction. In fact, he has owned a number of the eleven Lincolns he is selling for over 25 years. None of cars have ever been to an L.C.O.C. national meet, or to any other type of seriously-judged show, and the cars are all on the "original"-side of condition, rather than the "restored"-side of condition. (I realize there can be endless debate about those two terms.) It will be interesting to see what these cars sell for at auction in comparison to similar cars that have been shown competitively at L.C.O.C. events, such as Tom and Pat Artale's stunning restored 1963 convertible that I am familiar with. All will be likely too rich for my bank account, I'm afraid.

The Dutton auction will be on May 19, 2007, in Lincoln, the same day as our group meeting in Clinton, Missouri. I wish I knew how to go to both, but I will have to choose one or the other soon. Anyway, if you see me outside of a bank wearing a ski mask, assume I am going to the Dutton auction, and just act like you don't know me.

THE H.J. DUTTON COLLECTION OF FINE CARS

AUCTION

Saturday, May 19 • 10 AM

LOCATION: 4100 Industrial Ave. • Lincoln, NE
 From 27th & Superior St.: 1 block east to Industrial Avenue, then south approx. 3 blocks to end of street. From I-80: exit at Exit #403, then south on 27th St. to Superior St. (Wal-Mart corner), then 1 block east and 3 blocks south on Industrial Avenue.

ORDER OF AUCTION: 10 a.m. start of Dutton's collection of Lincoln and Ford only parts and other curiosities collected over 40 years. At 12 noon the vehicle auction will get underway.

AUCTIONEER'S COMMENTS: Dutton, now 81 years old, has decided to liquidate his entire collection including some very rare - true classic cars, most museum quality. Those that know Dutton also know the care and attention these cars received, some in heated/carpeted storage. All have correct titles and will be driven to the auction site. Those of you who have the same love and passion for Lincoln automobiles that Dutton has are especially invited to attend. Like H.J. says, "You can always get the money, but you can't always get the car."

No Buyers Premium • No Reserves • No Consignments

For color photos and much more - detailed information go to: www.fowlkesrealtyauction.com or Buyers are welcome to call H. J. Dutton for Fax/Email information on a particular car: 402-423-8801

LINCOLN AUTOMOBILES

1948 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL CABRIOLET CONVERTIBLE: (We believe this may be the last original of its type in the U.S.) Mr. Dutton purchased this vehicle from the second owner in 1950, verifiable history. This car has had nothing but TLC since then including heated storage the last 30 years. V-12 engine, 23,100 miles. Black top and interior.

1948 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL COUPE: Personally restored as a hobby 500 miles ago by Fred Smith a Lincoln Mercury dealer from KC. This black V-12 beauty was purchased by Mr. Dutton in 1980 and has also been in heated storage since.

1956 LINCOLN MARK II: (Like the 48 Lincoln Cabriolet we believe this may be the best original of its type in the U.S.) With a \$10,000 sticker price in 1956 this robin's-egg blue 2 door beauty was purchased new by a Lincoln Nebraska executive and purchased by Mr. Dutton. New paint to bring back the original color beauty and some minor rechroming and interior stitching was all that car needed to bring it back to 1956 condition. 24,000 miles in all V-8.

SIX LINCOLN 4-DOOR CONVERTIBLES (six of 7 years of production):
1961 - Purchased by Mr. Dutton 28 years ago, 55,000 miles, gray with black top and black interior, a great road car.
1962 - Purchased by Mr. Dutton in 1976. 44,000 miles with black top and black interior.
1963 - Purchased 38 years ago from the original owner with 30,000 miles on it. New at 65,000 H.J. considers this one of the best of the convertibles in his collection. Blue with black top and black interior, very nice.
1964 - Having been purchased by Mr. Dutton 35 years ago H.J. says this is a presentable car but is the only one in his collection that should probably have some restoration measures taken. White body (not original color) black top and interior.
1966 - Purchased by H.J. in Boston, MA in 1982 when it had 29,000 miles. One of the best convertibles in his collection. Blue with black top and interior, very nice.
1967 - Very nice original car, the best of the stretch version originally owned by a National Trucking firm based in Omaha, 32,000 miles, exc. cond., black.

LIMOUSINES

1967 LINCOLN (Lehmann-Peterson, L-P) LIMOUSINE: Hard to find L-P model with 72,000 miles. Great mechanical condition but could use paint to bring back to its original beauty and reality.

1985 LINCOLN LIMOUSINE: A 57' stretch version originally owned by a National Trucking firm based in Omaha, 32,000 miles, exc. cond., black.

OTHER COLLECTOR VEHICLES

1928 FORD MODEL A 1.5 TON TRUCK: Mr. and Mrs. Dutton purchased this truck in 1968 having known the two previous owners one being Mrs. Dutton's father. Once a coal delivery truck the Dutton family spent 5 years restoring the truck to its present beautiful condition. Rare left hand drive. Would make a great parade vehicle to advertise/promote your company or product.

1945 FORD FINE TRUCK: Looks like dealership with the original looking Eagle, NE fire truck. Stocked up engine with 2 clutch cables, firmed aluminum heads, automatic overdrive transmission and 12 coil conversion.

ALSO ON THE AUCTION STAGE

2003 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE: Purchased new by H.J. this SUV/truck has only 14,000 miles. Nearly every option. Dutton had it lowered to improve the ride and style. Avalanche orange.

1998 JAGUAR XJB VANDEN PLAS: V-8 powered with lots of luxury. 38,000 miles, purchased by H.J. as a rebuild project in 1998 (The only salvage title in the auction). New Fresh tires, needs nothing. Silver in color.

1986 BAYLINER 18.5 SE CAPRI BOW-RIDER SKI BOAT with 190 horse 4.3L V-6 Mercruiser reboat/outboard motor. Escort 2 wheel trailer. Stored indoors and in the water only 20 times this boat still looks new. Sells with all skis, ropes and accessories. Beige and green in color.

2006 ALUMINUM CAR/CATTRAILER: New - never used, bumper hitch car hauler built by aluminum. H.J. added a fold down windbreak screen to protect the car from.

1997 PROWLER MINI-KART: Plymouth Prowler lock one seater powered by a 5 hp engine, automatic transmission. Dimensions are 84" long, 40" wide x 22" high (fits in a pickup) One owner, Prowler purple.

1990 OLDSMOBILE REPLICAR: Purchased by H.J. 25 years ago. It was specially built for singer/song writer comedian Smiley Burnett. Looks similar to the 1900 Oldsmobile stick steer, gas engine, crossley trans., chain drive, bicycle style wheels. Dimensions are 90" long, 46" wide by 50" tall (fits in a pickup). A fun parade vehicle.

PARTS, MEMORABILIA & MISCELLANEOUS

A 40 year collection including some hard to find items. Parts are Lincoln-Ford only. More detailed list at a later time online at www.fowlkesrealtyauction.com

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Spotlight on Members Cars



*Cars of M.A. Wildhagen of Woodson, Illinois
all Fords and Lincolns*



*Ed Bockholdt's of Alton, IL.
Everything has to be blue!*



*Edward Bockholdt's 1994 Harley Davidson
Heritage Spider*



*Edward Bockholdt's 1057 Mercury Turnpike
Cruiser with only 26,860 miles.*

Tentative Activity Schedule for 2007

May 19th - Clinton, Missouri

July 14th - Springfield, Illinois

September or October - Nebraska Area

November

Memphis, Tennessee

Graceland - Presley Collection

Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

Classifieds

If you or someone you know has a Lincoln or parts for sale, or are looking for a Lincoln or parts, please call John Lower to place a free ad in our newsletter.

FOR SALE - 1971 Continental Mark III, purchased new in June, 1971, one owner, driven very little, excellent condition - always kept in garage. 21,062 actual miles, tires and entire car original. Best offer. Please call Robert Crouch at (314) 892-4439.



FOR SALE
1971 Lincoln Continental, one owner, 72,000 original miles. Has been gone over and substantial mechanical work has been completed. Owner would like to see it go to a good collectors home. For information contact: Frank Harrison 515 697 4242, Des Moines, Iowa.



FOR SALE - 1961 Lincoln Sedan, 36,000 miles, runs and drives excellent, black exterior, black cloth interior, air-conditioned, needs some body and paint work. \$5,500.00. Jim Sirridge, Kansas City, Kansas, (913) 299-4527.