



LINCOLN LINK

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

MESSAGE FROM YOUR MIDWEST REGION DIRECTOR

Spring has arrived!!!! Time to get all your beautiful Lincoln's out of the garage!!

You will note that we have a new feature " Meet Our Members and Their Lincolns " This issue we have featured Nebraska members, Morrie and Judy Andres and Marvin and JoAnn Dodson. If you have not sent us information on your Lincolns, please do so that we can feature you and your Lincolns in upcoming issues.



Joanne Lower

We have a great Activity Committee- Gary Sailor, Jerry Seibert, Dan Brown and Brian Gardner putting together our meetings for 2008.

Please refer to the Activity Schedule included in this issue. We sincerely hope that you will plan to attend one or more of these activities. Detailed information will be sent out approximately 30 days prior to each event. The Annual Holiday Meeting in Branson will require reservations by October for hotel accommodations and show tickets. We will have information out to you in September so that you can make your plans to join us for this fun filled weekend.

We do want to offer our condolences to Pete and Dorothy Dapkus and their families in their loss of their daughter who fought Cancer for many months before passing away a few weeks ago. Also our condolences go out to Ralph Bauer in the loss of his wife, Michelle .

John and I hope to see many of you throughout the year at our MidWest Events and perhaps at the National Eastern Meet in Columbus, Ohio in August. Hope that some of you will be able to make the Duluth Mid America Meet but we are unable to work it into our busy schedule this year. You will find details on each of the meets in your Continental Comments.

Enjoy Spring and Your Lincolns!!!

Continentalty yours,

Joanne

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LCOC MIDWEST MEMBERS AND THEIR LINCOLNS



Morrie and Judy Andres

After owning a couple of other Lincolns Judy and I decided we wanted a 1961-1963 convertible. While looking for one a friend (he has a 1953 Mercury) of ours told me that his wife's brothers' ex-father-in-law had a good one about 80 miles from her home. A few phone calls and a meeting shortly afterward we had our '63 Lincoln Continental Convertible. It is black with a white top and black interior.

The car was actually quite nice, 68,000 miles, but you can never leave one alone. We have replaced the suspension front and rear. We repainted the right side (had some scratches) and tuned the engine. Also put radial tires on the car.

We have used it locally for various cruises and car shows etc. Also made a trip to Colorado.

A little more work and lots of driving is in the car's future.



Mervin and JoAnn Dodson Lincoln's

The 1946 was purchased from the local pharmacist in Grant, NE in 1975 and it is my understanding that he had purchased it at an auction in Albuquerque. It had been repainted black and had been reupholstered. The correct color is maroon with a cloth interior and it is on it's way back to original and is now setting in primer just waiting on me.

The 1961 was purchased from a local here at Venango in 1981. I don't know much of the history on this car other than it was owned by a man in Ogallala, NE before. When I purchased the car it had been repainted a dark metallic blue and had the interior changed out to black cloth. I went back to the original Beige color on the car but retained the black interior although done away with the cloth seats. This car has been on many of the old car tours with our local Flatlander Car Club.

The 1962 Lincoln was purchased in 1979 from Zip's Thunderbird out of Iowa who had picked it up on a Thunderbird buying rip to California. I bought this car sight unseen and it was unloaded from a truck in my yard. The body was sound but for the drivers door which I replaced. The engine needed rebuilt and the top had to be replaced. The car was the proper color yet but needed refinishing and the seats needed redone. The interior was





still the correct beige. I think this is now my prettiest convertible.

The 1965 Lincoln was purchased from a dealer at Ogallala, NE in 1999. This car also had been repainted a dark blue and the engine was so noisy you wouldn't dare

drive it. The body was very sound and straight and the top and interior good and correct. I put the car back to the proper color of a very light blue. After getting the car home and with some investigation I discovered the problem with the engine to be several bent push rods. Evidently the timing chain had gone out and let this happen. Anyway, it turned out to be a fairly easy fix as the engine is now fine.



The 1970 MKIII was purchased at an auction in Denver, Co in 1987 and was straight and sound, but the seats were getting bad so needed to reupholster seats. The car has since been refinished in beautiful black as it originally was.

The 1979 MKV is my latest purchase and newest collector. This car was purchased in 2003 from the second owner in North Platte, NE. The car is completely original and is Gold with the Cream interior. The car was sold new from a dealer in North Platte, NE to a Doctor. This is the car we drive on the local Car Club tours now as it has all the equipment that we have become so spoiled with on the later autos.



Our 2002 Lincoln Continental was purchased new in 2002 and is still the family sedan. It's a great car to drive and gets great mileage. We're kinda waiting now to take a good look at the new MKS when it comes out this summer.

Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome new members, Richard and Beverly Koop of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri. Richard and Beverly have recently moved to the St. Louis area from Wisconsin where they were active members of the North Star Region of LCOC. They own sixteen orphan cars and a beautiful 1956 Mark II. Beverly and Richard took time out from their moving to join us during the Holiday Party at the Embassy Suites in November. They are a great couple and I know all of you will enjoy meeting them at future meets.

In Memory

Marvin "M.A." Wildhagen 1923 - 2008

Longtime MidWest Member Marvin Wildhagen, 84 of Woodson, died April 13, 2008 at his residence. He was born June 11, 1923 in Kampsville. He is sur-

vived by his companion, Helen Alcorn of Woodson; two sons, five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren, one sister, and two brothers.

Mr. Wildhagen was a first class gunner mate in the U.S. Navy aboard the LST 623 during World War II serving in Italy and North Africa. He was a union carpenter, retiring from Caldwell Engineering after 32 years.

He was an avid car collector, having restored six antique vehicles. His pride and joy was his 1946 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet Convertible. For many years he participated in the Newport, Indiana Antique Hill Climb in his 1931 Model A pickup truck. He also enjoyed hunting, gardening and going to car shows.

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 - Two Show Ready Lincolns - 1977 Williamsburg Town Car - 1687 Original Miles (not a misprint) Incredible original survivor car - best offer. 1979 Town Coupe - 65,331 original Miles (that look more like 6,531 miles). Has been meticulously maintained in the 21 years I've owned it. Best offer. Please call owner Fred Carlson evenings and weekends or leave a message at (785) 539-1893.



FOR SALE

1981 Lincoln/Mark VI - Electrical & Vacuum Trouble Shooting Manual

1981 Car Shop Manual - Body Chassis, Electrical - Lincoln Continental Mark VI, Ford, Mercury

1981 Car Shop Manual - Pre Delivery, Maintenance, Lubrication Ford, All car Models except Escort, Lynx

1981 Car Shop Manual - Powertrain - Ford - All car models except Escort, Lynx

1981 Car/Truck Shop Manual - Engine/Emissions Diagnosis - All car models and truck series

Call Dan Bahan - (217) 245-2209

FOR SALE

1981 Mark VI. Owned by same family from day one. Original Fawn Metallic paint, Medium Fawn cloth interior, sunroof and electronic dash. Looks like a Pucci. Have more than \$12,000.00 invested in rebuilding mechanical and electrical components. 159,000 miles. Have all the receipts, literature and misc. Needs good home! \$8,000.00 OBO Contact Randy Bishop 314 909 0419.



FOR SALE

1994 Mark 8 with 75258 original miles. I am the original owner (gave the car to my wife on Valentine's day in 1995) Car is like new and always garaged. All original except for battery and tires which are new. Car is for sale at \$10,000.00 Contact Jim Patterson 785 827 5288.



May, 2008 Meeting National World War I Museum

Kansas City, Missouri

Hosts

*Robert Murphy, Dan Kreutzer
and Gary Sailor*

See insert page for details

MidWest Region 2008 Meetings

May 31, 2008 - Kansas City, Missouri

Robert Murphy, Dan Kreutzer and Gary Sailor will host our Spring Meeting at the Airline History Museum at Wheeler Airport in Kansas City, Missouri. Following our group tour we will lunch at the historic Union Station. After lunch and a short Business Meeting we will tour the Liberty Memorial and World War I Museum. Details have just been mailed to all you. We hope that you will have the opportunity to join us for this fun day. Additional information is being mailed under separate cover. Any questions please call Robert Murphy at 816 833 7685.

July 19, 2008 - North Little Rock, Arkansas

Walt Higgins will be our host as we visit the beautiful Salmon Car Collection. Walt will be sending out further details prior to July 1. Mark your calendars and join Walt in Arkansas!!

September 6, 2008 Springfield, Illinois

The Midwest Region of the LCOC will hold its Springfield, Illinois meeting on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008 in conjunction with the Illinois Secretary of State's annual Antique Vehicle Show in downtown Springfield. Regardless of what state they are from, all LCOC members may enter their Lincolns in the show in various classes, with the top three judged vehicles in each class receiving an award. Those entering the show should plan on meeting in downtown Springfield early in the morning so all Lincolns may enter the show field together and park in the same area.

A dinner and members' meeting will be held in the early evening after the judging has been completed. Details for meeting in the morning, which restaurant will host the dinner meeting and which hotels to use for an overnight stay will be announced in the near future. Jerry Seibert will be hosting this event.

November 7, 8 and 9th 2008 - Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

Per your requests we are going back to Branson, Missouri for our Holiday Week end. Details have not been completed as yet but put in your calendars and plan to be with your Lincoln friends as we enjoy the "Holiday Spirit in Branson". Further details will be published in upcoming Lincoln Link issues and we will send out flyers and details to all of you.

2008 LCOC NATIONAL MEETS



MID-AMERICA NATIONAL MEET

hosted by the
North Star Region
June 26-29, 2008
Duluth, Minnesota

EASTERN NATIONAL MEET

hosted by the
Ohio Valley Region
August 14-17, 2008
Columbus, Ohio



WESTERN NATIONAL MEET

hosted by the
Western Region
October 8-11, 2008
Irvine, California