

## Our Pride and Joy



The 1948 Continental Custom Coupe owned by Bob and Verlene Dennis

We recently learned of the passing of one of our long-time members, Rev. Bob Dennis of Walker, Minnesota. In addition to being an excellent "man of the cloth," Bob was a real car guy. He had a nice 1966 Lincoln Continental convertible, but his favorite driver was his 1948 Continental Custom sedan. While retaining those classic 1948 Continental styling cues, it featured modern-day running gear throughout, making it one very sweet driver at any speed and to any destination in absolute comfort. We thought it would be interesting to repeat the story of this neat car which we featured in one of our 2004 newsletters. ***This classic one-of-a-kind cruiser is headed to auction. For more details, please get in touch with Scott Toothman at 218.760.0138.***

**Our Pride and Joy – Our Ruby Jewel As told by Verlene and Bob Dennis....** The 1940 – 1948 Continentals have been a favorite of Bob's since the days his dad worked as Service Manager and Parts Room Manager at two different Lincoln-Mercury dealers. The first dealer was one located at Joliet, Illinois, right after WWII. The second was at Aurora Lincoln-Mercury in Aurora, Illinois. The Aurora Lincoln-Mercury provided work for Bob in the summer of 1950. He worked in the parts room and ran for parts for his dad to other cities from time to time.

Those Continentals of the 46-48 vintage have long been very interesting to Bob. He used to look at the Hemmings Motor News magazine in the '60s and see these Continental Cabriolets listed in the \$5,000 range.

We just couldn't afford that much for a car that was so old. But then it happened. A 1948 Lincoln Continental Coupe came to Bob's attention in November of 1994. It was owned by a man who was in deep financial trouble with the IRS. The IRS had forced him to place all of his cars, guns, boats, and miscellaneous items on the auction block. The sale was held at Elk River, Minne-

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*Welcome to the Northstar News, the monthly publication of the Northstar Region of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. We value your opinions and appreciate your input concerning this newsletter and the operation of the club. This is your club.*

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Trivia from the Internet



Ed Sullivan  
Master of Variety  
1902 - 1974

*“Ed Sullivan can’t sing, can’t dance and can’t tell a joke, but he does it better than anyone else.” - Alan King*

*The story of Ed Sullivan is one of a man whose on-camera persona was that of a stone-faced, humorless master of ceremonies. However, his off-screen life was full of glamour, great career heights, and the personal satisfaction of being famous. He tried to make a name in the movies, loved the New York nightlife, and was an avid world traveler. Ed led the life of an eccentric celebrity living in the Delmonico Hotel, out all night and eating pork chops for a late breakfast. But Ed’s ultimate*

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Editors Message

February 2022

Dear friends and gentle readers:

We have made it through January, which has always been a tough month for me. The days are still short, and the weather is generally not the best. And with Covid and its derivatives, we are still sort of prisoners in our own home. Most of us dearly miss human contact and those day to day encounters with friends over lunch or other activities which do much to enrich our somewhat (at least in my case) drab existence. Soon the days will be getting noticeably longer, with the sunset occurring at 5:41p.m. on February 15. Now that is an improvement that anyone can be happy about.

Sadly, we had to cancel our January brunch at Dangerfields. Always a favorite, and fairly close to my home, I was looking forward to it. But, caution rose to the occasion, and with the Omicron derivative of the Covid virus playing out in our area, the safety of our members was of the paramount concern in cancelling out our brunch there. We are keeping a close watch on the rise and fall of the infection rate and hope that favorable news will allow us to reschedule brunch there in the next few months.

This past January, we had our annual board of directors meeting of the LCOC. As in 2021, it was a virtual meeting ably handled by the technology provided by Zoom. This is a great way to conduct meetings and eliminates the necessity to travel long distances to some god-forsaken place to spend three agonizing days listening to ill prepared folks prattle on incessantly about truly unimportant agenda items. A perennial favorite, judging again, was a favorite. We spent a lot of time on the various issues and once again, failed to come up with an acceptable document that can be published as a club standard. Pat Corbett and I submitted our progress report on the ongoing plan for our club magazine, Continental Comments. We have come a very long ways in the past 6 years or so and Comments can stand

head and shoulders with any other car club magazine with regard to content and presentation. Our LCOC can be a great club, but we need to become comfortable with change. Change is a certainty, and change can be managed to work for us.

Bob Johnson and I introduced a plan to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Lincoln automobile by having a limited time **introduction rate** of \$25 for those joining LCOC for the first time. Bob and I hope that this will tip the scales so to speak and encourage a few



Sweet Olga loves the fresh snow. She is a Northern Breed, a true winter dog, and as such does enjoy a little time playing and running around in it. I just wish I knew what she is thinking about as she makes her way through the fresh snow in the back yard.

new people to join our fine club. We have to try many different things to build membership, or within five years this club will be out of business, that is the sad truth. We are at about 2100 members and we really need to get to around 4000. We can do this, but it will take each and every one of us to go out, work hard, and sign up some new members. It is doable, but it is work and requires some effort by our members, **all of our members!**

I need your articles. At this point, send me something, send me anything, except recipes for lutefisk. Write about your first or second car.

Or your first or second wife. I need to see something original coming in from our members to help make this an interesting newsletter. Don’t keep putting it off any longer, do it today.

If you have any ideas about improving either LCOC or the North Star club, please contact either Bob Johnson or myself. We can make things better, and new ideas are what we need to do this. Our local club has some of the best members in the country, bar none. Help us out, let us make our club a fun place of everyone.

Check out the dinner and auction at the Firefighters museum this February 12. The details are on the back page. See you there.

Till next month.... David and Sweet Olga, the Samoyed.

*Directors Message by Bob Johnson January 2022*

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*claim to fame was that he hosted the longest-running primetime variety show in the history of television. The true story of Ed Sullivan is a fascinating tale of a complex man that has never been told.*

*Edward Vincent Sullivan and his twin brother Daniel were born in Harlem, New York, on September 28, 1901. Daniel was a sickly child who lived only a few months. On the other hand, Ed was a strong boy who loved all sports. He began his professional career as a newspaper reporter, covering sports for a variety of papers until 1931. Then his career took a major turn when he wrote a feature about Broadway, prompting The New York Daily News to hire him to write a regular column, "Little Ole New York," on all aspects of the city. From 1932 until his death, a Sullivan column remained a popular fixture in the New York newspaper world.*

*Beginning in the late 1920s, Sullivan added another dimension to his working life when he began hosting radio programs with Broadway themes. Among them Jimmy Durante, Irving Berlin, and Jack Benny, many entertainers made their radio debuts on his*

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The COVID-19 now has another variant, so it is up to each of us to take the appropriate action to safeguard our health and the health of others. We will still plan events, and it will be up to you if you want to attend. We will need a minimum number of persons to do an event, so we need the RSVP system to see if it is worthwhile to do. Our biggest problem may be getting you to get out and do activities after two years of basically doing nothing.

Our February event is with the CCCA. It will be the CCCA catered meal and auction at the Firefighters Museum Saturday, February 12; We will eat at 5:30 p.m. The museum is located at 664 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The proceeds for our joint auction will pay for our meal. Please bring a quality item for the auction as our club splits the profit with CCCA. Many Lincoln items are to be auctioned from the estates of Roger Wothe and Barney Olsen. Please RSVP to Tom Brace if you are attending as he must order the food for our meal. Please email Tom at [tbrace@comcast.net](mailto:tbrace@comcast.net), or call 651-644-7800.

Our highlight of 2022 will be a four-day road region trip to Harley Davison Museum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 12-15, 2022. More information coming in March.

Our 14th Annual Bloomington Lincoln Car show will be Saturday, June 11, 2022, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bloomington Lincoln, Bloomington, Minnesota. Free lunch and awards at 2 p.m.

The Ford Motor Company acquired the Lincoln Motor Company in February 1922. The LCOC celebrates the 100th anniversary by offering club membership to new members for \$25 for 2022 only. This saves \$29 as the membership rate will be increased to \$54 for renewals beginning in April.

The 2022 Lincoln Centennial Homecoming is August 7-13, 2022. **UPDATED INFORMATION** is posted on the Lincoln Motor Car Foundation website: [lincolncar-museum.org/](http://lincolncar-museum.org/) Registration forms should be available in February.

Our Facebook presence continues to grow, with likes up to 513 persons. Please check our Facebook page and contact Jay White if you have any suggestions about more items for Facebook

I will say again we need to get out and recruit new members. **For 2022 only, we have a reduced membership rate of \$25; let's use it to get some new members and friends for the LCOC and the North Star Region.** Now can we get you to call persons you know who love Lincolns? We need them as members! Your call is the best way to get a new member; please call anyone you know interested in the Lincoln brand. This is a plea that I have made for the last 20 years; we need to be more active and get out and recruit.

As always, [keep the journey continuing in our marvelous Lincolns](#) and stay WELL.

*Bob and Mary Johnson*

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Members and guests are welcome to attend the Board Meetings. Our meeting location, unless otherwise specified, will be held at Bloomington Lincoln in their conference room. Meeting time will be 6:30 pm on the first Thursday of each month, except December.

Articles and other information for the newsletter should be sent to David Gustafson, Editor, at 308 Brandywine Drive, Burnsville, MN 55337. email: davidwgustafson@att.net

## *Pride and Joy continued...*

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sota.

Bob went to that auction with a borrowed pickup and car trailer. He was determined that he was going to buy that coupe. He did.

Verlene and I trailered that car home to Walker. That was in January 1995. The car sat for a while. It was not running. It was a totally complete car, minus the V12 engine. The car was not rusted, dented, or all scratched up. The original owner's manual was in the glove box. It had all the original hubcaps and rings on the wheels. All of the glass was in place. The chrome was all intact, though in need of re-chroming. The car had the skirts, spare tire cover and ring, and the spare tire hub cap. The tail light lenses were perfect, as was the cobra lamp for the license plate.

What do we do with this car? I had seriously considered restoring it back to its original condition. But since it did not have the original V12 engine, I decided that I would do a total restoration on the body and return it to its original beauty. But the engine would be a modern Lincoln engine. I decided to purchase a new Mark VIII engine and transmission for the car. That set the theme for the entire car. It is a 1948 Lincoln Continental Coupe with a Mark VIII steering wheel, instrument cluster, information center, shifter, and seat controls. It took seven years to build this car. It seemed like all we did for those years

was to write checks to the restoration shop. But the outcome of the project was, in our opinion, worth it. The car's current color is not the color we had originally planned for the car. The first paint job began to separate from the body in places.

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*show. By the 1940s, while hosting "Ed Sullivan Presents" from the 21 Club, Ed began to accept offers to master of ceremonies reviews at theaters in Manhattan which led to him hosting additional events. He was now on his way to achieving what he had always wanted - fame.*

*In 1926, Ed met and began dating Sylvia Weinstein. Sylvia tried to tell her Jewish family she was dating a man named Ed Solomon, but her brother figured out she meant Ed Sullivan. With both families strongly opposed to a Catholic-Jewish wedding, the affair was on-again-off-again for three years. Ed and Sylvia were finally married in a City Hall ceremony, and a year later, Sylvia gave birth to a daughter, Elizabeth, named after Ed's mother. The couple was always "on the town," eating out five nights a week at some of the trendiest clubs and restaurants - The Stork Club, Danny's Hideaway, and Jimmy Kelly's. Ed would hobnob with the rich and famous, was friends with U.S. presidents, and even receive audiences with various*

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## *Northstar Monthly Board Meeting Minutes*

January 6, 2022

### BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The meeting was called to order via a conference call by Regional Director Bob Johnson at 6:34 p.m.

Board members attending the conference call were Bob Johnson, Dave Gustafson, Bob Roth, Matt Foley, Bill Holaday, Dave Heeren, and Chris Struble. The Board members not present were Tom Brace, Jay White, and Jeff Eisenberg. There were no visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of this meeting were approved.

#### Director reports:

The first part of the meeting consisted of conversations between our members regarding the current status of the covid 19 pandemic. The club continues to exercise caution regarding Covid19 when scheduling events.

#### Activities report:

Chairperson Bob Johnson stated that the Sunday Brunch scheduled for 01/09/2022 has been canceled. It will be rescheduled for March 13, 2022. The trip to the Harley Davidson museum in Milwaukee is set for May 12-15, 2022. Accommodations will be through Hiltons Honors program. The 14th Annual Bloomington Lincoln Car show is set for Saturday, June 11, 2022. The ninth annual Lincoln Homecoming- the centennial of the Lincoln Motor Company, will be August 7-14, 2022. Bob Roth and Jay White are monitoring car show and collector events for possible club participation. The Buffalo-lake Pulaski car show, Buffalo American Legion car show, and Veit and Morrie's collections were discussed. A discussion was held regarding posting on Facebook. The conversation was directed at increasing the activity of the North Star Facebook page. Specifically allowing members to post pictures of their cars. Members will need permission to post on the site. Members will need instruction on how to post their photos on Facebook.

Treasurer Matt Foley reported that the treasury balance is \$4097.99, with all bills paid.

Membership and Publications Director Dave Gustafson stated no new members were added last month. He mentioned that membership renewals will be sent in mid-January.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. via a conference call from Bob Johnson.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Struble

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Popes.

In 1947, Sullivan emceed the Harvest Moon Ball for The New York Daily News and, unbeknownst to him, the affair was televised (very few people had T.V.'s then). CBS subsequently hired Sullivan to host their new variety show, "Toast of the Town," which debuted on June 20, 1948. It was rough going in the beginning with sponsors threatening to pull their advertising dollars unless CBS replaced Ed. Ed was a fighter and battled hard to book the best talent he could, and William Paley, the head of CBS, stood behind him. Ed loved to stand in the spotlight on center stage. He had found his métier. The show would air continuously on CBS Sunday nights at 8 p.m. for an amazing 23 years.

Ed fought his numerous critics, and eventually, his weekly show took hold and became a major ratings success, prompting the network to announce Ed Sullivan as the host at the beginning of each show. In 1955 the show was renamed "The Ed Sulli-

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The car was repainted again after completely stripping the faulty burgundy reddish paint from the car. We repainted the car with black cherry metallic paint, and this color complements the car far more than the original color we had picked out.



The massive, but distinctive front end represents the iconic view of the 1948 Lincoln Continental.

It is fun to drive. It always gets a lot of comments and thumbs up when we have it on the road. Our first show for the car was the Ford Centennial and the LCOC 50th celebration in Dearborn, Michigan, in 2003. That was a very exciting time for us as we trailered it from Walker to Dearborn. In September 2003, we drove the car to the Eastern National Meet in Hickory, North Carolina. A fantastic time was had there. We also visited our youngest son and family at China Grove, NC; following the Eastern National Meet in Dearborn, we had the car judged. We had a fun time showing the car. It was very interesting when the judges were checking the mechanicals. When it came time to do the windshield wipers... they fell apart. One blade fell off. One arm fell off. The third blade and arm did fine.

Oh, yes. This 1948 Continental Coupe has three, that's right, three wiper blades and arms. There is no dirty space in the middle of this '48 windshield. The electric seats wouldn't work, either. I discovered that the shop had put a 15 amp fuse in the fuse box rather than the 30 amp fuse that is required. We got a second-place award. Not bad for the first time ever showing a car at a national Lincoln meet.

At Hickory, we came home with some awards that made us happy and proud. We won a first Primary in Class, Best Modified Custom, and longest drive for a V8 to the show.

The car ran flawlessly on the round trip to Hickory and then to our son's place and then back to Walker. We averaged about 24 mpg with the overdrive transmission and Mark VIII

engine.

We have put about 4,000 miles on the car since we have taken it out of the restoration shop. It has been in a few shows and a couple of parades. It always gets attention. However, most people don't know what kind of a car it is! At "Back to the '50s," while we were driving North on Snelling, a lady in a new Town Car asked, "Is that a Packard?" I informed her kindly that it is a 1948 Lincoln Continental. She was amazed and said, "Our car is a Lincoln, too," I told her that I had noticed that. There was a great surprise for us when Bob requested the build sheet for our '48 Continental from the Ford Archives. This car was built in February 1948 and shipped to Aurora Lincoln-Mercury, in Aurora, Illinois. If you remember from the opening comments earlier in this story, Bob's dad worked at that very same Lincoln dealer in the late 1940's. So did Bob in the summer of 1950. He may have seen this same car in those days. The car had a California registration with it when we bought it at the IRS auction in Elk River.



Stock 1948 Continental dash. Lots of chrome.

The Continental Coupe keeps our 1963 Thunderbird Landau and our 1966 Continental Convertible company as the "Ruby Jewel" of our Ford product antique cars. The 1966 Continental Convertible and the 1963 T-Bird are nice cars, but not of the quality of our "Ruby Jewel."

And yes, this car has an all-leather interior in deep burgundy and mauve seats, door, and rear side panels, and a mauve headliner. It also has air conditioning, electric windows, and seats, cruise control, electric controlled doors, hood and trunk lid. The two tail lights and Cobra light are equipped to be warning stoplights.

It is a modern luxury cruiser and fun to take down the highway for either short trips or those of many days. It is truly a one-of-a-kind 1948 Lincoln Continental with Mark VIII power and controls. Classic beauty with modern comfort and drivability.

Editor's note: Our sincere thanks to Bob and Verlène for telling us their story about their very unique 1948 Continental.

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van Show,” In 1967, Ed received one of his greatest honors — the theater from which he broadcast his show was re-named The Ed Sullivan Theater. Sullivan presided over many “firsts” on American television with an uncanny ability to spot top-notch talent. Among the individuals or groups who made their first television appearances on the show, or who were relatively unknown until they appeared, including Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, Dick Van Dyke, Hank Williams, Jr., The Rolling Stones, Jack Benny, Elvis Presley, and, of course, The Beatles. Still, Ed would be as likely to present unusual acts like plate spinners, the Singing Nun, Señor Wences and Topo Gigio as he would be to introduce America to “culture” like ballet, opera, classical music, and Broadway show tunes. In short, Ed had become the arbiter of taste for America!

One of the most important contributions Ed Sullivan will be remembered for is how he bucked the system and embraced African American performers giving them their first television breaks. Regardless of race, he supported talent with a passion, introducing an audience to

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## A bit more on 1948 Continentals

*Nothing  
could be finer*



THE LINCOLN CONTINENTAL CABRIOLET



1947-1948 Lincoln and Continental advertising was simple in design, but very elegant in appearance. The phrase “Nothing could be finer” would be seen in most ads from this period.

The Lincoln Continental of 1940 through 1948 wore European-inspired design elegance and a widely emulated, rear-mounted, metal-shrouded spare tire. During a trip to Europe in 1938, Edsel Ford was impressed and inspired by the styling of European cars of the time. Upon returning to the U.S., he tasked designer, Bob Gregorie, to design a one-off custom convertible for his own use that emulated the sporty feel of the cars he had witnessed. The design, based on a heavily modified Lincoln Zephyr, was so impressive that it evolved into the production 1940 Continental.

The 1940 and 1941 Continentals had a pointed prow and curvaceous fender shape shared with the streamlined contemporary Lincoln Zephyr and the chassis size. The Continental received few updates from year to year. Production and sales for 1942 were shortened in the U.S. due to the onset of World War II. The attack on Pearl Harbor led to the suspension of the production of automobiles for civilian use.

For the 1942 model year, all Lincoln models were given squared-up fenders and a revised grille. The result was a boxier, somewhat heavier look in keeping with then-

current design trends, but perhaps less graceful in retrospect.

Production resumed in 1946 following WWII, and like most manufacturers, the Ford family of vehicles (Ford, Mercury, and Lincoln) wore pre-war styling with mild updates. The 1946 Lincolns continued the 1942 styling but with new die-cast egg-crate grille work. The design was refreshed with updated trim. For 1947, walnut wood trim was added to the interior.

Following the death of Edsel Ford in 1943, Ford Motor Company re-organized its corporate management structure, which led to the 1946 departure of the Continental's designer, Bob Gregorie. Highlights of his career at Ford included: the Lincoln-Zephyr blueprint for a two-door cabriolet; the first Mercury, the 1940 and 1941 Fords; a killed-in-the-womb "small" post-war Ford; and a concept 1939 Lincoln Continental; and a concept for the 1949 Ford (which was won by George W. Walker, who had been hired by "Whiz Kid" Ernest Breech.

That year's Continental, the first postwar model, was designed by famed industrial stylist Raymond Loewy. 1948 would become the last year for the Continental, as the division sought to redevelop its new 1949 model line as an upgraded version of the Mercury; the expensive personal-luxury car no longer had a role at Lincoln.

The 1946 through 1948 Lincolns were the only post-WWII American cars powered by a V-12 engine. The 305 cubic-inch L-head twelve-cylinder unit was rated at 130 horsepower and backed by a standard three-speed manual transmission. The 125-inch wheel-base chassis used rigid front and rear axles supported by transverse leaf springs and Monroe double-acting shock absorbers.

The final year (1948) of the first-generation design, introduced in 1940, and the last Continental until the Mark II of 1955.

Total Lincoln production for the model year 1948 was 7,769, and Continental built amounted to 1,299, of which there were 847 coupe models, and 452 were designated as cabriolet models. The 1948 model year for Lincoln was very short, as the 1949 all-new Lincolns were introduced to the public on April 22, 1948. The 1948 models are much rarer due to the limited production run.

The large engines and expensive price tags kept the Lincoln Continentals exclusive,

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# The 1948 Lincoln continued...

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timeless legends like Nat "King" Cole, Harry Belafonte, Sammy Davis, Jr., Ella Fitzgerald, and dozens more. He even held hands with Pearl Bailey on his show, much to the chagrin of his sponsors (especially in the South). He was a very close friend of Louis Armstrong and paid for the Harlem funeral of dancing legend Bill "Bojangles" Robinson when he died penniless. In the sixties, Ed embraced the brand of a small record company from Detroit - Berry Gordy's Motown! He presented nearly all the Motown acts, including The Supremes, The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, The Four Tops, Smokey Robinson & The Miracles, Marvin Gaye, Gladys Knight & The Pips, The Jackson 5, etc. He also helped break the race barrier in the comedy world by presenting comedians such as Richard Pryor, Moms Mabley, Flip Wilson, and Bill Cosby.

Perhaps what most people remember about "The Ed Sullivan Show" is that it gave us two of the most memorable, iconic moments in television history - the legendary "from the waist-up only" appearance of Elvis Presley and the American television debut of

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with the Cabriolets having a base price of \$4,746, which was more than two-and-a-half times the cost of that year's Ford V-8 convertible.



It was a sea change for the 1949 Lincolns, which were premiered in April of 1948. The HV12 was gone, replaced by a 337 cubic inch V8 engine from the Ford F8 truck. Styling was completely different; there were two models in the Lincoln line, the "standard" Lincoln, largely based on a Mercury chassis and body, and the Cosmopolitan series, larger and featuring a "one-piece windshield." The true iconic and classic Lincoln era sadly came to an end.

The 1939-1948 Continental is recognized as a "Full Classic" by the Classic Car Club of America, one of the last-built cars to be so recognized. As of 2015, the 1948 Lincoln Continental and 1948 Lincoln were the last cars produced and sold by a major U.S. automaker with a V12 engine. The base retail price for the coupe was listed at US \$2,727 (equivalent to \$48,000 in 2020), and the cabriolet was listed at US \$2,778 (equal to \$48,900 in 2020).

**TISSEN'S TOPICS** by **George Tissen** reprinted from Issue 62 of Continental Comments. One person's opinion, and not universally accepted today or at the time it was written.

As you all probably know, it was not until the introduction of the Mark II that the "Lincoln" was dropped from Lincoln Continental. The reorganized firm, under Bill Ford, became the "Continental Division" of Ford Motor Company, and the car then became the "Continental." The 1940 Continentals were inscribed "Lincoln Zephyr." Hub caps and many other naming devices, so read. Also, there is no such thing as a "Mark I." This was merely a coined assumption aroused by the introduction of the Mark II and has merit only through the inference that the Mark II had a progenitor, namely, the original "Lincoln Continental." Therefore, all 1940 through 1948 Continentals are LINCOLN CONTINENTALS. One other qualification, with only minor trim additions, all Continentals are really 1956 cars, although some were built during 1955 and 1957. Another gray area. There are no sedans or convertibles. These cars are COUPES or CABRIOLETS.

If you hear any reports of any Continentals or Lincoln Continentals with four doors, they are probably Lincoln Zephyrs, Hudson Terraplane's, or Oldsmobile's. Don't bother to chase after any four-door models because they were never produced.

So much for semantics. Our favorite car is not an antique; it is a Classic. Our cars find a home in two clubs: The Lincoln Continental Owners Club and the Classic Car Club. The Lincoln Owner's Club is primarily dedicated to relatives of Lincoln Continentals.

So much for club definitions. Now engines. All Lincoln Continentals originally contained V-12 engines; all Continentals, the V-8. V-12 engines are, in Classic car circles, considered desirable and a relative rarity. This is regardless of what the particular attributes of the V-12 and its contemporary cousin engines are. Had LC's been equipped with V-16 engines, they would be more desirable still. This again is in spite of inherent problems of longer cranks, shorter production runs, less available parts, and greater restoration expense. In engines, and I have had two Lincoln Continentals with V-12's and two with conversions, the criteria for anyone's decision is whether he wants the car for "show" or "go." Learned discussions about this subject, I doubt, will ever misplace the correct connotation of those two words. No one that I know of is converting Mark II engines to Lawnboys, slant fours, or Diesel yet. It may

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*The Beatles. Few people realize that Ed Sullivan didn't actually introduce Elvis on his Sullivan Show debut. Six weeks earlier, Ed and his son-in-law, the producer of the show, Robert Precht, were in a near-fatal car accident near Ed's Connecticut country home. It was guest host Charles Laughton who did the honors of introducing Presley to his biggest audience ever - 60 million T.V. viewers. The Beatles appeared live four times on "The Ed Sullivan Show," opening the door for the British Invasion that followed. They were the first U.K. group to conquer America, and as we all know - they forever changed music history.*



Ed Sullivan with a 1955 Lincoln, during a commercial.

*Ed was a good and loyal friend to those he liked, but heaven help you if you were his enemy. Ed's famous feuds were legendary. Harriet Van Horne of The New York World-Telegram & Sun wrote, "Sullivan got*

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happen, although this engine adequately covers the "show" and "go" situations.

Let's say something about upholstery. Everything has been done. Modifications have run rampant here to the extent that you'd think our cars were sponsoring anarchy to their noble tradition. The original material layout is, really, most correct for the car. The leather and cloth combination is about as comfortable (especially on long, hot trips) and as practical (maintenance and cleanliness) as could be conceived. Did you ever notice how the seams in a tuck and pleat job fill with dirt and eventually tip from rot and abrasion? Some custom interiors are ORIGINAL. You must, for the sake of points, if you are competition-minded, obtain factory work orders, bills of sale, or other documentation from Archives of the Ford Motor Company to prove original, non-standard innovations. This can be done as witness Ben Hochberg's 1940 Cabriolet, whose back seat is two opera, or "jump" seats. Ben secured complete Photostat documentation from Ford in anticipation of future judging difficulties. The proof of authenticating factory modifications lies with the responsibility of the Continental's owner.

Well, we did talk Lincoln Continentals. To many of you old-timers, the foregoing is old hat. I hope that many newer timers have picked up some basic truisms and definitions that will help us identify what we are talking about in the words originally intended for the purpose. I also hope the engine generalizations will be regarded as what they are, a generalization of what is desirable in the general run of Classics. I'm not plugging one power plant over another, just defining the criteria by which an intelligent choice should be made. We conclude by offering some competition to those who have interesting albeit non-standard cars. Please write if you wish elaboration on any of the above points.



## Dime Stores

**Minnesota's five-and-dime stores were the Target of 20th-century Main Street and offered everything from socks to hamburgers.** From the Minneapolis Tribune.



S. S. Kresge "Dime" store, downtown Minneapolis. Circa 1960

We recently learned that the Ben Franklin store in Grand Marais, Minnesota had been sold. Don't worry. It will stay open, and it won't change its name.

Why do Minnesotans care? Two reasons: It's always nice to hear that a local landmark will endure. And boomers are nostalgic about variety stores, better known to us as the five-and-dime or the dime store.

No matter where you grew up, you probably had one close. Woolworths. W.T. Grant. Kresge. Good ol' Ben. They were the mainstays of commercial districts across the country, and their disappearance is one of the sadder tales in the decline of the small-town main street.

Dime stores were chains, which allowed them to offer cheaper prices than the mom-and-pop shops that came before them because they bought in bulk. Dime stores had buyers in the big cities to introduce new styles quickly. And, even better, many of them had a lunch counter.

Shopping at a Woolworths was an experience that no small-town merchant could match, from the scent of the hamburgers on the grill to the corporate soundtrack pouring from speakers embedded in the ceiling. (For decades, Kresge commissioned music to encourage happy shopping and shipped the records to individual stores.) In larger towns, dime stores might have something as exotic as

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*to where he is by having no personality; he is the commonest common denominator." In response, Sullivan wrote her an uncharacteristically short note, "Dear Miss Van Horne. You Bitch. Sincerely, Ed Sullivan." On one show, an address by President Johnson caused comedian Jackie Mason to have to cut his routine. A visibly shaken Mason started making fun of Ed's pointing and motions for him to wrap up his monologue. He allegedly gave Ed "the finger" live on the air. Ed was furious, banned Jackie Mason from his show, and a multi-year, million-dollar lawsuit ensued. To this day, Jackie still complains that Sullivan ruined his career for 20 years.*

*A solid family man, Sullivan loved his wife and daughter Betty, but it is rumored he was also something of a ladies' man. The truth is he loved the finer things in life, including long-legged dancers. He also liked to gamble on horses and even owned harness silkies that raced at Suffolk Downs, Boston.*

*Ed ran his show with an iron will, and he was often known to edit artists' routines when he saw fit. During a rehearsal when CBS censors and Ed told Bob*

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an escalator.

While we may be nostalgic about the five-and-dimes, they were considered by some to be the Walmart of their day, driving smaller local shops out of business.

The 1920s saw a significant anti-chain-store movement. In 1928 The Associated Press quoted Sen. Smith Brookhart of Iowa, a dedicated chain-hater, as saying, "the neighborhood merchant is combating the greatest evil of the present age in chain stores." The National Association of Retail Druggists, still steamed in 1938, blasted the chains as a "privilege-seeking few [who] seek ... the dictatorship of big money."

Some states passed anti-chain legislation, including special taxes. But public support for the chains (and perhaps indifference to anti-chain laws) won the day.

And while it's likely that the variety stores may have indeed displaced a few hometown merchants, they often coexisted because Main Street had its social order.

You went to the five-and-dime to get socks and thread. They also sold dishes, but you probably went to the department store to buy those. They had some toys, but the selection was better at the drugstore. They had seeds, but you'd buy your gardening tools at the hardware store.

The five-and-dime wasn't your first choice, and it wasn't your last, and it was convenient and dependable.

**What's in a G?** Minnesota towns might have had one or more of the big chains, but we never had a Kress, and our towns are the poorer for their absence.

And, no, it's not a typo. I'm not referring to S.S. Kresge, but S.H. Kress. The two chains staked out their territories and stayed out of each other's way. Kresge concentrated on the Midwest and Northeast, and Kress built its stores in the South and the West. Kress, however, put more into its buildings, hiring well-regarded architects to design structures that referenced the architectural traditions of the regions, or brought bright new modern ideas to tired towns. They built big, with speculative office blocks rising above the stores.

Sadly, dime store chains that worked the Minnesota side of the street left few monuments.

The variety stores weren't limited to small towns. Downtown Minneapolis had a gorgeous Moderne-style Woolworths where the IDS Center now stands. The W.T. Grant store occupied a spot on sixth Street and Nicollet Avenue, and a Kresge's was right next door. All of them were eventually lost to changing tastes and urban

renewal.

Kresge made a bold leap to the suburbs with its Kmart stores. And the old-style variety store super-sized into Walmarts and Targets.

But these stores aren't downtown mainstays, and they don't complement the commercial ecosystem of a main street. The reincarnation of the old dime store might be the Dollar General's DGX, like the one that opened in the Andrus Building at fifth and Nicollet.

Its arrival on the Nicollet Mall was seen by some as a downfall for downtown — the Saks leaves, the DGX comes in. But it's also a testament to downtown's rebirth as a place to live. Turns out Saks is nice but less useful day-to-day than a modern-day five-and-dime.

**Sebastian Spering Kresge** (July 31, 1867 – October 18, 1966) was an American businessman. He created and owned two chains of department stores, the S. S. Kresge Company, one of the 20th century's largest discount retail organizations, and the Kresge-Newark traditional department store chain. **The discounter was renamed the Kmart Corporation** in 1977.

Kresge was born near Allentown, Pennsylvania, the son of Sebastian Kresge and the former Catherine Kunkle. Living on the family farm in Kresgeville (named for his ancestors) until he was 21 years old, he was educated in the local public schools, the Fairview Academy, in Brodheads ville, Pennsylvania, and at the Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, New York, from which he graduated in March 1889.

Following his graduation, he clerked in a hardware store for two years, then worked as a traveling salesman from 1892 to 1897. On March 20, 1897, Kresge began working for James G. McCrory, the founder of J.G. McCrory's, at a five and ten cent store in Memphis, Tennessee. He continued there for two years. In 1899, he founded his own company, with Charles J. Wilson, with an \$8,000 investment in two five-and-ten-cent stores; one was in downtown Detroit, Michigan, for which he traded ownership in McCrory's. In 1912, he incorporated the S.S. Kresge Company with 85 stores. The company was first listed on the New York Stock Exchange on May 23, 1918. During World War I, Kresge experimented with raising the limit on prices in his stores to \$1.

By 1924, Kresge was worth approximately \$375,000,000 (\$3.81 billion in 2009 dollars) and owned real estate of the approximate value of \$100,000,000.

Kresge died on October 18, 1966, at the age of 99.

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Dylan he couldn't perform "Talking John Birch Society Blues," the legendary singer-songwriter walked out. It never appeared on the show - a decision he is said to regret to this day. Ed forced the Rolling Stones to change their lyrics from "let's spend the night together" to "let's spend some time together," much to the chagrin of Mick Jagger, who rolled his eyes at the camera every time he came to the song's title. Jim Morrison and The Doors were also asked to change the lyrics of "Light My Fire" and not sing "girl, you couldn't get much higher." When they performed live, they kept the song's original lyrics, making Ed absolutely livid. After the show, when Ed said, "you'll never do the Sullivan Show again," Morrison calmly replied, "We just did the Sullivan Show."

In the fall of 1965, CBS began televising its weekly programs in color. Although the Sullivan show was seen live in the Central and Eastern time zones, it was taped for airing in the Pacific and Mountain time zones. Excerpts have been released on home video, and posted on the official Ed Sullivan Show YouTube

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What happened in 1948 Major News Stories include Porsche is founded, technology advances include Random Access Storage Device, Long Playing Record, Velcro and Transistor Radio, Apartheid begins in South Africa, NASCAR holds its first race for modified stock cars at Daytona Beach, West Berlin Soviet Blockade, NHS Created in UK, Israel is declared as an independent state.

**1948** Slowly the fashions were becoming more daring with the Bikini gaining in popularity slowly and the first prefab post war housing to solve housing shortages were starting to appear both in Europe and the USA as they could be built quickly to accommodate the growing need and were cheap to build and for people to buy, the quality was not great but they did enable the baby boom after the war years by providing young couples with a home to start their family. In Europe, the cold war took a new turn when the Soviet Union blockaded West Berlin in Germany on June 24 and the US countered with an 11 month airlift of food and supplies. Also due to demand and inflationary pressure, prices rose and many believed that governments should bring back some price controls. Also, televisions are appearing in more and more homes.

**Indian pacifist and leader Mahatma Gandhi** is murdered on January 26th by a Hindu extremist. Indian independence activist Mahatma Gandhi is assassinated at the age of 78 during January. The assassination took place outside of the Birla House in New Delhi where Gandhi was set to attend a prayer meeting. The assassin, Nathuram Godse, was a Hindu nationalist who had disagreed with Gandhi's acceptance of Muslims and his non-violent position in the wake of religious tensions created by the division of Pakistan and India. Godse was put on trial and sentenced to death despite objections from Gandhi's family and Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, stating that an execution would dishonor the memory of Gandhi who had opposed the death penalty.

**Israel is declared as an independent state.** During May, the independent Jewish state of Israel was created in Palestine by the United Nations. The creation of Israel marked the first time in 2,000 years that an independent Jewish state had existed. David Ben-Gurion became the newly formed country's first Prime Minister. Immediately after the creation of Israel the Arab-Israeli War began when forces from Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, and Jordan invaded the country.

The surrounding Arab nations had disagreed with the formation of Israel from the start as they believed the land had been distributed unfairly and it had displaced Arab Palestinians. Fighting continued until 1949 when Israel was able to form several armistice agreements with the neighboring Arab states.

### Technology

The First Polaroid Camera is goes on sale at the Boston Jordan Marsh department store for \$89.75



Polaroid Land Model 95 made by Polaroid in the United States, 1948-1953 and was a folding camera for self processing film packs 3 1/4 x 4 1/4 inches. Polaroid Corporation was most famous for its instant cameras. Early models were called Land cameras, after the founder of Polaroid Edwin Land. Model 95 was the first of Polaroid's instant picture cameras and over 1.5 million Models 95, 95A and 95B were made. The technology packed the chemistry of a darkroom into a hand-held camera.

1. 1932 Edwin H. Land establishes Land-Wheelwright Laboratories in Boston with his former Harvard physics professor, George Wheelwright III. They continue to research and to produce synthetic polarizers.

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Channel.

By 1971, the show's ratings had plummeted. In an effort to refresh its lineup, CBS canceled the program in March 1971, along with some of its other long running shows throughout the 1970-1971 season (later known as the rural purge). CBS claimed the costs had become prohibitive and the tastes of the American audience had changed.

Angered, Sullivan refused to host three more months of scheduled shows. They were replaced by reruns and a final program without him aired in June. He remained with the network in various other capacities and hosted a 25th anniversary special in June 1973. Sullivan produced several annual specials for CBS with his son-in-law, Robert Precht, but was bitterly angry with the network because he desperately wanted his show to complete a 25-year run.

Heartbroken by the sudden cancellation of his show and crushed by Sylvia's death the year before, Ed Sullivan died on October 13, 1974, at the age of 73.

In early September 1974, Sullivan was diagnosed with an advanced stage of esophageal cancer. Doctors gave him

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2. 1939 Polaroid produces glasses, ski goggles, 3D glasses, and dark-adaptor goggles for the Army and Navy.

3. 1948 November 26 The first Land camera, the Model 95, is sold in Boston at Jordan Marsh department store for \$89.75. This model is the prototype for all Polaroid Land cameras produced for the next 15 years.

4. The Polaroid Camera cost nearly 15 times more than the popular Kodak Brownie sold at the time (\$5.50) plus the film cost substantially more

5. 1949 The Polaroid Land Model 95 camera Photographic sales exceed \$5 million in the first year

### Cost of Living 1948

Yearly Inflation U.S.A. 7.74%

Yearly Inflation UK 6.6%

Average Cost of new house \$7,700.00

Average wages per year \$2,950.00

Cost of a gallon of Gas 16 cents

Average Cost New Car \$1,250.00

Loaf of Bread 14 cents

LB of Hamburger Meat 45 cents

Science and Mechanics Magazine 20 cents

Movie Ticket 60 Cents

Cauliflower 15 cents per head

Chewing Gum 12 cents for 3

Coffee 85 cents for 2 pound bag

Onions 49 cents 10 pounds

Pork and Beans 25 cents for 2 cans

Pork Roast 39 Cents per pound

Below are some Prices for UK guides in Pounds Sterling

Average House Price 1,751

Couple of examples of houses for sale this year

Warren, Pennsylvania 5 room bungalow on 1 acre with furnace electricity water gas and double garage \$7,000

Lincoln, Nebraska -- New Homes 2 bedrooms forced air ideal location \$7,000

**The World Health Organization, also known as WHO, was established April 7** News Events when the 26th member state ratified the organization's constitution. The

date it was founded became a worldwide day of awareness known as World Health Day. The organization is an agency of the United Nations with the primary objective of researching health issues, eradicating disease, and promoting healthy practices worldwide. Since its establishment, the World Health Organization has expanded with more than 150 offices around the globe to help monitor the spread of disease and provide support in times of crisis.

**The founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) took place during September.** The nation was proclaimed in the capital Pyongyang by supreme leader Kim Il-sung as a communist dictatorship which tightly controls all aspects of citizens' lives. Earlier in the same year the Republic of Korea (South Korea) was proclaimed in its capital, Seoul, under Syngman Rhee. By 1950, the Korean War broke out after Kim Il-sung attempted to unite the Koreas under his rule using military force. Reunification failed and Kim Il-sung ruled an increasingly isolated and secretive North Korea until his death in 1994.

**The Treaty of Brussels, also known as the Western European Treaty,** was signed by five European Nations during March. The signatories included Belgium, the United Kingdom, Luxembourg, France, and the Netherlands. The treaty established military, social, and cultural cooperation between the five nations in an attempt to bolster defense and solidify their alliance for Western Europe against the growing threat of Communism in Eastern Europe. The treaty was important in the development of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Western European Union.

**The Summer Olympics, also known as the Games of the XIV Olympiad, come to an end in August.** The games were held in London, England and were the first games in twelve years due to World War II. A total of 4,104 athletes from 59 countries participated in 136 athletic events. These were the first games to be shown on television and the first to feature a covered pool. **The United States won the most medals with 84 total,** followed by Sweden with 44, and France with 29. Great Britain placed twelfth on the table with 23 total, three of them gold.

**During February Communist rule was established in Czechoslovakia** after a nearly

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very little time to live, and the family chose to keep the diagnosis secret from him. Sullivan, believing his ailment to be yet another complication from a long-standing battle with gastric ulcers, died five weeks later on October 13, 1974, at New York's Lenox Hill Hospital, two weeks after his 73rd birthday. He was heartbroken by the sudden cancellation of his show and crushed by Sylvia's death the year before. His funeral was attended by 3,000 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, on a cold, rainy day. Sullivan is interred in a crypt at the Ferncliff cemetery in Hartsdale, New York.

Sullivan has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame at 6101 Hollywood Blvd.

His show and its timeless 10,000 performances by so many of the world's greatest artists (1,045 hours of "The Ed Sullivan Show" are archived) live on, and to this day, his name and all he accomplished still reverberates in both television and rock 'n' roll history.

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bloodless coup took place. President Eduard Benes announced that the nation would transition to a Communist system after being pressured by the newly influential Czechoslovakian Communist Party. Western powers viewed the coup as an expansion of power by the Soviet Union and feared the ease at which the Soviet Union was able to gain influence in parts of Eastern and Southern Europe. Despite the country's previously democratic traditions, Czechoslovakia remained Communist until the Velvet Revolution in 1989.

### Other News and Events

Nationalization of UK railways to form **British Railways**

The Foreign Assistance Act (**The Marshall Plan**) is agreed to provide more than \$13 billion in aid to war torn Europe between 1948 and 1951

The UN creates the **WHO World Health Organization**

The United Nations General Assembly adopts the **Universal Declaration on Human Rights**

India attacks the Pakistan City of Hyderabad

Instances of Polio (Infantile Paralysis) increase around the world.

The United States and Great Britain begins a massive **airlift** of food, water, and medicine on June 26th to the citizens of West Berlin following the Soviet Blockade.

**Burma** Gains Independence

**Holden cars**, a subsidiary of General Motors, starts manufacture in Australia

NASCAR holds its first race for modified stock cars at **Daytona Beach**

6.7 magnitude **earthquake** hits Ecuador in the Andes creating landslides burying 100,000 homes

**Sri Lanka** Gains Independence From Great Britain

The National Party of the Dutch Afrikaners begins the policy of **apartheid** in South Africa

The **Summer Olympics** are held in London, England

The **Winter Olympic Games** are held in St. Moritz, Switzerland

### Born This Year

John Ritter September 17th

Johnny Ramone October 8th

Rick Parfitt October 12th

Chris de Burgh October 15th

Glenn Frey November 6th

Prince Charles November 14th

Alice Cooper February 4th -- Allen Park, Michigan, U.S.

Al Gore March 31st -- Washington, D.C., U.S.

Samuel L. Jackson December 21st -- Washington, D.C., U.S.

Jean-Michel Jarre August 24th -- Lyon, France

Samuel L. Jackson December 21st -- Washington, D.C., U.S.

Andrew Lloyd Webber March 22nd -- Kensington, London, England

Olivia Newton-John September 26th -- Cambridge, England, United Kingdom

Ozzy Osbourne December 3rd -- Aston, Birmingham, West Midlands, England

Terry Pratchett April 28th -- Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, England

Donna Summer December 31st -- Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.

James Taylor March 12th -- Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.

### Technology 1948

Porsche is founded



1948 Admiral television set

1 million households own Televisions was 5,000 just three years earlier

Inventions Invented by Inventors and Country (or attributed to First Use)

**Random Access Storage Device** For Com-

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## Hail And Farewell



Rev. Bob Dennis

We are sad to report the passing of one of our members, **Rev. Bob Dennis**, of Walker, Minnesota this past November 19. Bob was 88 years old.

Bob and his late wife, Verlene had been members of LCOC and the North Star Region for sometime and were proud to have owned several very fine Lincolns, including a 1966 Continental Convertible and a custom 1948 Continental Coupe. Interesting and delightful people, they were the best of members. Bob was a true friend to those

who knew him and loved to talk about almost anything. He will be missed by the many friends, young and old whose paths he crossed over the years.

Born on April 24, 1933 in Providence, Rhode Island, he was the son of Morton and Dorothy (Mowry) Dennis. He graduated from Newark Community High School in Newark, IL in 1951. Following high school, he went on to attend the Lutheran Bible Institute and North Park College in Chicago, Illinois and Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Illinois. Bob went on to graduate from Luther Seminary in St. Paul in 1960.

Bob married his high school sweetheart, Verlene Anderson on January 1, 1953 at Helmar Lutheran Church in Newark, Illinois. Following his ordination in 1960, he served congregations in Hollandale and Blanchardville, Wisconsin, Jevnaker and Mandt Lutheran Church in rural Montevideo, Minnesota, American Lutheran Church in Long Prairie, Minnesota, Hope Lutheran Church in Long Beach, California, Trinity Lutheran in Manvel, North Dakota, Hosanna Lutheran in Grand Forks, North Dakota and Poplar Lake Lutheran in Fosston, Minnesota.

Bob also served as a Navy Chaplain from 1960 until 1968. During his time in Long Prairie, he also served as an EMT with the Long Prairie Ambulance. He enjoyed vintage cars including a restored 1948 Lincoln Continental.

He is survived by his four children, Pamela (Genaro) Lara of Encinitas, California, Craig (Eunice) Dennis of Moorhead, Timothy (Becky) Dennis of Waseca, and Brian Dennis of Walker; thirteen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Verlene; three brothers, Richard, Clifford, and Wayne Dennis; and his sister, Barbara Spearman.

Funeral services were held, November 24, 2021 at Calvary Evangelical Free Church in Walker.



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*puter England by Freddie William's team*

**Long Playing Record** USA made of vinyl and played at 33 rpm

**Velcro** Switzerland by George deMestral

**Transistor Radio** USA from Bell Laboratories

**Popular Culture 1948**

*The game of **Scrabble** is introduced by James Brunot (was an earlier invention by Alfred Butts in the 30's) they saw the game when called Lexiko and started making it in their home and changed the name to Scrabble*

*FILM* **The Red Shoes**

*FILM* **The Road to Rio**

*FILM* **Easter Parade**

*Musical* **South Pacific Opens on Broadway**

**Major World Political Leaders 1948**

*Australia -- Prime Minister -- Ben Chifley*

*Brazil -- President -- Gaspar Dutra*

*Canada -- Prime Minister -- William Lyon Mackenzie King -- till November 15*

*Canada -- Prime Minister -- Louis St. Laurent -- from November 15*

*France -- Prime Minister -- Vincent Auriol -- From 16 January*

*India -- Prime Minister -- Jawahar Lal Nehru -- From 15 August*

*Italy -- Prime Minister -- Alcide De Gasperi --*

*Japan -- Prime Minister -- Tetsu Katayama -- Till 10 March*

*Japan -- Prime Minister -- Hitoshi Ashida -- From 10 March*

*Japan -- Prime Minister -- Hitoshi Ashida -- Till 15 October*

*Japan -- Prime Minister -- Shigeru Yoshida -- From 15 October*

*Mexico -- President -- Miguel Alemán Valdés*

*Russia / Soviet Union -- General Secretary of the Central Committee -- Joseph Stalin*

*South Africa -- Prime Minister -- Field Marshal Jan Christiaan Smuts -- Till 4 June*

*South Africa -- Prime Minister -- Daniel François Malan -- From 4 June*

*United States -- President -- Harry S. Truman*

*United Kingdom -- Prime Minister -- Clement Attlee*

*Happenings.... From the internet...*

# Preview of Coming Events

For 2022

- February **CCCA Potluck and Auction**, Firefighters Museum Minneapolis, **Saturday, February 12th**, 5 p.m. till we run out of fun. Free to LCOC members, meal will be catered, bring something of value for auction. See back page for more information. RSVP required.
- March **Sunday Brunch, Dangerfields**, Shakopee, Minnesota **Sunday, March 13**. Details on back page.
- April North Star catered lunch and Auction, Sunday at Morries in Long Lake, date to be determined..
- May **05/02/21 Bill Holliday trip to Harley Davison** in Milwaukee, May 12 - 15.
- June **Annual Bloomington Lincoln Car show**, **Saturday June 11, 2022 at Bloomington Lincoln**, Bloomington, Minnesota. 10 p.m. to 2 p.m. Free lunch at noon and awards at 2 p.m.

If you have any great ideas for brunch places or other events that we can do, please contact one of the board members. We can always use some help and new ideas from our members.



## For Sale

**1967 Continental Convertible** Two owner car with only 85,000 miles. Service records since 1977. Arctic White with newer correct leather interior and ivory top. Always pampered and maintained with original 462 V8. Stainless steel exhaust and top mechanism works fine. Award winner in Touring/Original at 2012 and 2018 Mid-America National Meet. **\$39,000 Call Jon Cumpton at 612-859-1483.**

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## North Star LCOC events



### ***Upper Midwest Region of the Classic Car Club of America***

### **CATERED DINNER AND AUCTION**

To be held at the Firefighter's Museum  
664 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE, Minneapolis  
*North Star LCOC members are invited*  
5 p.m. Saturday, February 12, 2022

***RSVP Tom Brace 651.644.1716 email: trbrace@comcast.net***

Tom needs an accurate count so he can order enough food for us. Please call him by Thursday, February 9.

Barb Wothe has graciously donated much of what her late husband Roger had collected over the years. Lots of fine books and other memorabilia that most collectors would love to have in their collection. All in excellent condition.

Also, there will be some items from the late Barney Olson had accumulated over the years.

We also ask that you bring an auto-related item for the auction, too. Proceeds after paying for the dinner will be divided between the CCCA and the Lincoln club.

Come join us on February 12, for good times, good friends and good food.

## **Rescheduled from January**

Sunday, March 13, at 11:30 a.m.

### **Dangerfields Restaurant,**

1583 First Avenue East, Shakopee, MN

Please RSVP to Bob Johnson no later than Thursday, March 10.

We have been to Dangerfields before and everyone had such a good time, we thought it would be nice to go there again. It will be a great day, with a little sunshine and maybe, just maybe, nice enough to take out one of the classic Lincolns for the last run of the year.

Sun Newspapers rated Dangerfield's amongst the top restaurants in the Twin Cities area. Their brunch menu is quite extensive with great choices for everyone. Come on out and enjoy the day with your friends from the Lincoln club.