



Continental News

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Editor's Comments

This is my last issue as editor. I hope that someone in the club decides to step up and help provide the content and effort that this club needs to thrive in the future. I will continue to serve as the WebMaster, as I have since 2001. As usual, the latest information is available on the web site. Stepping down as editor will allow me to work on developing and improving the club's only method to inform its members of last minute changes to events, etc. Be sure to visit the web site if haven't recently.

<http://www.MichiganLCOC.org>

I will also continue to serve on the Region's Board of Directors, those members who plan the club's events for the year. We hope that our members will come out and attend what we work so hard to plan. Our club is only as strong as its members. We hope that the coming year will be more fun than in previous years. We are trying to make some changes to the club that will encourage more people to come out with their Lincolns.

It's Renewal Time!



Every member whose membership is expiring this year will be receiving a renewal notice, separately, in the mail. Check the mailing label on your newsletter to see when yours is expiring. We are again offering five years for the price of four. It

saves you money and you don't have to renew every year.

Please be sure that your National membership is up to date. One is required to be a member in good standing with National in order to be a member of any region.

Jerry Karasinski RIP



Gerald "Jerry" Karasinski of Redford, MI died October 7 at home at the age of 73 attended by his friends and family. He lived and loved every minute of his life

especially as it revolved around his babies--a '41 Cadillac convertible which he lovingly restored over a 6 year period from its arrival in boxes to St John's show-quality where he won a Lion's Award this past summer; a '56 Lincoln Premiere sedan which took a first place and the Lincoln Trophy at the Eastern National Meet in Laconia, New Hampshire this summer; and a '60 blue Cadillac flat top which received numerous awards.

Jerry loved to attend and participate in the Woodward Dream Cruise and was a regular there with one of his cars, but was unable to attend this year.

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DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS



By the time this newsletter goes to press we will have had the color tour and the over-niter behind us, and I'm sure a good time was had by all. I would like to thank the Water

Wonderland

ThunderBird Club for again inviting us to join them in their annual color tour, luncheon, and cider-donut run. The cars, food, and chatter were great, and I'm sure the line of 50+ T-birds and Lincolns made quite a site for all to see. Thank you to Mark Koehler and Paul Nichols for such a wonderful outing.

I would also like to thank George and Joan Brown for putting together a fun agenda for our



annual overnighiter. We will have a full day of activities in Kalamazoo, followed by a night of culture as we take in a play at the New Vic Theater followed by a social back at the motel.

I have to apologize to Bill and Joyce Coombe for forgetting to mention the great job they did at the Mid America Meet



auction. Thank you Bill and Joyce.

I am sorry to have to tell you that Gerald Karasinski died July 7th, 2011. Jerry was a great volunteer and did a wonderful job planning our Driving Tour at the Mid America Meet. He was a friend to all and a wonderful "car guy". Our club will



miss him.

Our Annual Meeting and Harvest Dinner is Sunday, November 6th, 2011 at the Dearborn Country Club. Remember that this is a prepay function and you must RSVP with a check to me (see complete details further in this newsletter) no later than Sunday, October 30th so that we can give the caterer a correct head count. Any last minute reservations will be \$5 extra at the door (if room is still available).

Our planning meeting for 2012 will be Sunday, January 8th, 2012, 12pm at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Rd. Livonia, MI.

This will be the last newsletter until after the holidays, so Nancy and I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Doug

Remaining Events for 2011-12



- **EVENT:** October 22-23, Cruise and Overnighter to Kalamazoo. Enjoy a fine drive, some wine, a play, and a great dinner with fellow club members. **This event is likely over by the time you read this.**
- **CLUB BOARD MEETING and HARVEST DINNER:** November 6th, 2011 at the Dearborn Country Club. Details on page 4. **Prepayment required by Oct 30th.** \$5 charge if late.
- **EVENT:** January 8, 2012 MI-LCOC Event Planning Meeting at Archie's of Livonia. Details on page 8. Our annual gathering of minds to plan the upcoming year usually occurs on the second Sunday of the new year.

Pics from Woodward Cruise 2011



Club Event: November 6, 2011

Annual Meeting & Fall Harvest Dinner

The annual Fall Harvest Dinner will take place **November 6th, 2011** at the Dearborn Country Club. There will be a club and Board of Directors Meeting starting at 10:30AM in a separate room. Cocktails will be served at 12:00 noon, with lunch following around 12:30. Drink tickets may be purchased at the reception desk. This is an RSVP and pre-pay event. Please prepay on or before **Sunday, October 30th, 2011**. Make your check (**\$22.00** per person) payable to the Michigan Region LCOC and mail it to Doug Shahady. Payment made **after Oct 30th will be \$27 (\$5 more)** for being late. We have no control over this! Please send your check on time!

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Jerry was predeceased by his wife, Carol, and survived by 4 children: Jerry Jr, Wendy Maertens, Joe, and Mary Lowing. He was known as *Grampy* to eight loving grandkids and two great-grandkids.

Jerry was a computer geek and worked his entire adult career in the computer field. His interest in cars ran deeper still. As a young teen, Jerry enjoyed working on cars and never abandoned that passion as demonstrated by his loving dedication to his car clubs. He was very active in the Cadillac LaSalle club and served many years as membership director. He also volunteered every week with the Cadillac Club archiving material for their museum. Jerry had been a member of LCOC for more than 10 years. He organized the driving tour this past summer for the Mid-American National Meet at Pontiac, although by that time, the cancer that he eventually succumbed to was already taking its toll on him. He was also an active member of the Classic Car Club.

Jerry was an easy-going, caring, concerned, and compassionate man and will be dearly missed.

- Linda Pearsall



Club Overnighter a Great Success!

Once again, George and Joan Brown have planned



and executed another great event. Somehow, they managed to pick a weekend where it was not only dry, but also sunny after nearly a week of solid rain. This year, we drove to Paw Paw first for a visit at the St. Julian Winery for a wine tasting. From there, we went to the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo. It was quite an amazing place to see. The pictures shown here don't do it justice.



The Air Zoo features planes from various times in air travel history, from a replica of the first heavier than



air flying machine to the only existing SR-71B bomber to replicas of various space vehicles built by NASA in the 60s for the trip to the moon.

Our evening continued with a show at the New Vic Theater in

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Kalamazoo. While the show did not have the singing featured last year, it was just as entertaining. A little pseudo-excitement occurred just before the show began. You can read about it below.

Almost Got Hosed

A tale of disaster avoided by Dan Szwarc

No trip in one's classic Lincoln would be complete without a little commotion caused by the car itself. After needing a transmission rebuild from a 1400-mile trip to Lincoln, Nebraska in 2010, my 1977 Continental proved once again that even well-driven cars need occasional attention beyond changing the coolant and oil.

After clocking 180 uneventful miles over a span of 12 hours, the '77 cried for a little more attention in the form of a minor breakdown.

The excitement began after a short 5-mile drive to the theatre. Darkness had fallen. We began to smell coolant and notice some moisture accumulating on the windshield. I thought surely the heater core had failed. However, after 30 seconds the car hesitated once. I shrugged it off. It did it again. I put on the turn signal at the side-street next to the theatre and came to a stop. The coolant smell was very strong and we noticed steam coming from the under the hood. Not good!

Waiting for one last car, my trusty Continental stalled completely. It wouldn't restart. As those ahead of us parked, I popped the hood and jumped out. Steam poured out from around the partially open hood. I grabbed the flashlight from the trunk and raised the hood and looked for the worst.

The upper radiator hose had come off the water outlet at the block. The car forcefully ejected the coolant from the block onto the alternator and right-hand side of the engine. My guess was the steam and high moisture had affected the ignition causing the car to stall. The temperature gage never budged as the car hadn't dumped its entire contents yet.

Realizing it was not a catastrophic failure of the hose or the radiator, six of us pushed the car to its parking spot, but just facing the wrong direction.

Two hours later, after the play, I grabbed the tool box from the trunk and the gallon of 50/50 pre-mix coolant I kept for such an emergency. While the clamp wasn't really loose, it slipped off the water neck due to pressure. I wiped the parts dry, slipped the hose back over the water neck and tightened the clamp down as hard as it would go. Pouring the coolant into the radiator, it took the whole gallon and another half gallon of water.

The car started right up and the hose held. I cautiously drove back to the hotel another 5 miles, the whole time keeping an eye on the temperature gage and sniffing for a change in the intensity of the coolant odor. We made it back without issue.



This hose slipped off with the clamp

I checked the car the next morning and tightened all the clamps. No coolant loss. We only had to make the 120 mile drive back home to finish on a high note. We made it without issue.

The moral of the story: be prepared. Having tools and fluids meant no emergency visits to the store and no tow truck. I had spare clamps, special tape for blown hoses, but ultimately got off easy. You can't be prepared for everything, but a few key parts can prevent a minor inconvenience from becoming a disaster.

Classified Ads

To renew or place a new ad, please send an email to **Dan Szwarc** at newseditor@michiganlcc.org or call him at 248-356-0121. Ads for club members are free.

FOR SALE

- Mark III parts: All four power window motors, power antenna, 2 radios (repairable), headlight motor, and both exhaust manifolds (powder coated)
- 76 Town Car parts: Used headlight switch, rear quarter panel rocker molding, both main rocker panel moldings, front wheel well moldings, 2 sets of turn signal indicator chrome moldings, one set with complete housings, and misc. parts.
- 77-79 Mark V parts: Power antenna, power lock actuators, trunk release, 2 complete bumpers (one with blue Diamond Jubilee trim, both blue 79 Collector's Series armrests, 2 rear windows, 2 grill shells--one is a Collector's Series with gold insert, power window actuators, good used right rear Collector's Series body side molding, used complete turn signal units, several tail lights/lenses, etc.
- Misc. parts: Slightly used ignition modules, gas caps, radiator caps, etc.
- MINT CONDITION 1979 Collector's Tool Kit, umbrella, owner's manual with paperwork in original box. \$1000 OBO.
- Also misc other car parts, too. This stuff is for sale CHEAP! Parts sold separately or together.
- Mark III hood pad (reproduction), in the box. \$75.00
- 1978 Mark V Diamond Jubilee--completely refurbished including paint, mechanicals, tires, etc. Has 118k highway/Florida miles, but looks like 18k. \$9,995.00/obo.
- 1976 Lincoln Town Car--some areas with new paint, tires, mechanicals, etc. Mint condition. 60k miles. \$7,995.00/obo.
- Contact **Jeff Chase (586) 859-7768**

(Renewed June 30, 2011)

SERVICE & REPAIRS

- Licensed mechanic to repair old Lincolns. Convertible tops, window, other electrical work, diagnostic work, repair of engines, brakes, and suspensions. Written estimates provided.
- Contact **Mark Hamilton (313) 563-1892**

FOR SALE

- 1975 Mark IV
 - Refurbished 460 motor. Only 15 miles put on it.
 - Rebuilt C6 Transmission with shift kit. 500 Miles on transmission
 - Good project or parts car
 - **\$900** or best offer
- Contact **Gil Wokuluk 248-544-1382 or 248-909-4020**



FOR SALE

- Fenders for Mark III (left and right). \$600 for the pair.
- Mark III heads, intake, and carb. 45K miles on the heads. \$500 for all.
- Contact **Tom Augustine (734) 262-5740** cell

FOR SALE

- 1972 Mark IV
 - 91,617 miles
 - Light green w/dark green top & leather interior
 - Virginia/North Carolina/Florida car with 3 owners.
 - Service records from 1974
 - Repainted once with new top. Great interior, body, and trim.

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Club event: January 8, 2012

Annual Planning Meeting

Start Time: 12:00PM

Location: Archie's Restaurant

Address: 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 48150

The annual planning meeting for the upcoming year's events is going to be held at Archie's of Livonia. The meeting will start at noon and continue until all events are planned for the year. We would like to do new things in 2012, so if you have a favorite event or a suggestion, please bring the information to the meeting.

JANUARY 2012						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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- Not running in several years. Owned 15 years.
- \$3000.00
- Contact **Mark Sitko 313-386-3044**
(submitted Aug 31, 2011)

FOR SALE

- 1971 Mark III
- White with black vinyl top and black leather interior

Second owner. Original owner was a physician in Memphis, TN

- NOS grill assembly. Original grill assembly included
- Recently serviced by a licensed mechanic. Everything in working order
- Service records and manual included
- Excellent buy-Best Offer
- Contact **Claude Marshall (734) 994-0619**

(submitted Oct 31, 2011)

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