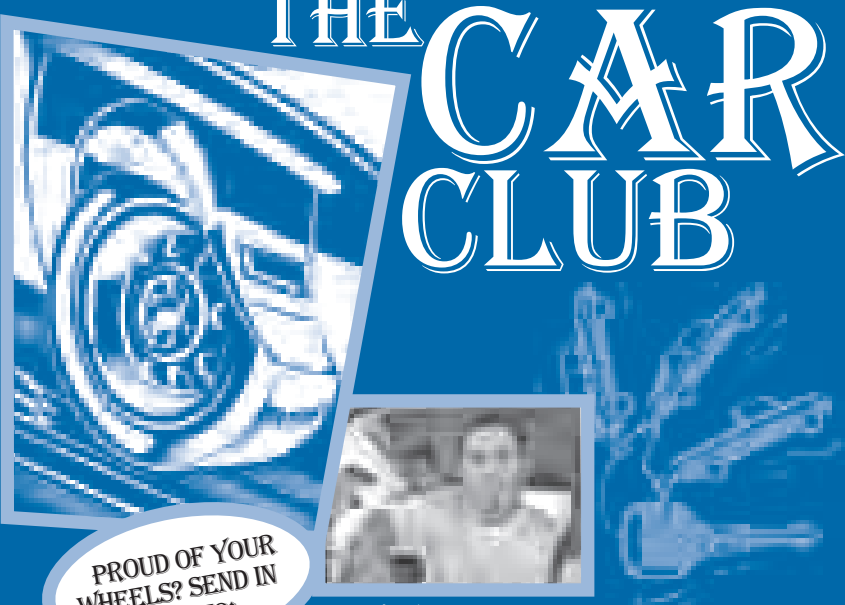


# THE CAR CLUB



**PROUD OF YOUR WHEELS? SEND IN A PHOTO!**

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## Style, Grace ... And 8 MPG

Hi to all of you fellow Club Members. I'm glad to be a part of *Alive!*

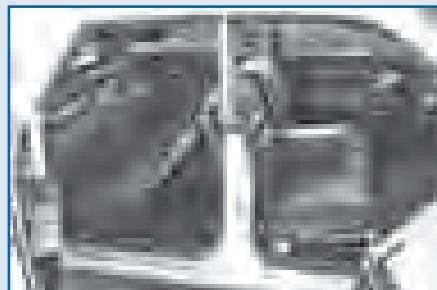
I'm Everett Bennett with Public Works ... and I love cars! I know a lot of you do, too. So let's show 'em off. Send in a photo of you with your cool wheels, and we'll print as many as we can. And I'll talk about your car. Let's have fun!

Let me start off this column by talking about my own car, a 1966 Lincoln Continental. I am usually a pretty safe buyer when purchasing a car. I like to do my research, drive the vehicle and think about it for a bit before plopping down the money on what could be a mistake. But, rules are always meant to be broken, or at least bent a bit.

On a bright Monday morning about four years ago, I was searching the Internet for my next project. I wasn't having any luck until I came across an ad for a 1966 Lincoln Continental. I had always wanted one and had just watched the show *Rides* on TLC; in that show, they restored one for a guy. I immediately called the seller, and 15 minutes later I was the proud new owner of an all-original Lincoln. During the entire drive out to Palm Springs, I wondered if I had made a mistake purchasing a car over the phone. Four years later I think it is safe to say it has been one of my best rash decisions.

The '60s Continentals are recognized mostly for the suicide doors and the great lines that cars today seem to be mimicking: the Rolls Royce Phantom and the Chrysler 300. Hardtop versions were manufactured from 1961 to 1969 and convertibles from 1961 to 1967. 1966 was the first year it came equipped with a beefed-up 340-h.p. 462 engine to help keep the almost-three tons of American steel moving. Starts from the red light aren't a problem, thanks to the 485-foot-pounds of torque. Also, in 1966 the car was five inches longer and two inches wider, and came with rear seatbelts, taillights in the rear bumper and a larger front grille.

My car has the original white cream paint and black leather interior. The previous owner garaged it since buying it from the original owner, so everything isn't too weathered. I had to have the three-speed automatic transmission rebuilt and the window switches replaced. I decided to put on the whitewall tires to give it a "gangster" feel, and I think it really helps define the car. The paint has held up fairly nicely for being 40 years old. I know eventual-



ly I will have to repaint it but hate to since there is nothing like the patina of an old original car. After all, it is only original once. The car came from the factory with front disc brakes, which are important because trying to stop this car at 80 mph is definitely a chore. An eight-speaker, two-amplifier Alpine stereo was installed and, to keep the original look, the speakers were hidden and everything is controlled from my iPod. My future plans are to fix the air conditioning, buy a hood ornament, and remove the obnoxious CB antenna the previous owner mounted on the rear driver's side quarter panel.

This car is incredibly enjoyable to drive except when you have to fill it up. At eight miles to the gallon, this car doesn't see sunlight as much anymore but still gets a kiss every night before bed.

Send in those photos, and see you next time!



**SHOW US YOUR RIDE!**

Send in a photo of you and your car, and we might publish it. Send us your information, too – name, title and City department, a phone number (we won't print it) and a paragraph or two about why you love your car, what kind of car and year it is, and maybe some fun details of how you got it, how you restored it, etc. Send it all to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

LAPD

## Richard Retires, Gives Back

Richard Lieboff retires from the LAPD after 30 years of City service.

On April 16, friends and family bid a fond *aloha* to Senior Management Analyst Richard Alan Lieboff. More than 100 guests attended Richard's celebration at the Angelus Plaza Senior Activity Center.

Numerous accolades from various government agencies and associations were presented. A special hula performance was dedicated to Richard to celebrate his theme of giving back. In lieu of a gift, Richard donated all the proceeds to two of his favorite charities -- the Los Angeles Police Foundation and Angelus Plaza Senior Activity Center. Nearly \$1,500 was donated, which included a 50 percent match by Richard. "My hope is that when others retire in the future, they will look to my example and do likewise," Richard said. "For all that the City of L.A. did for me, the least I can do is to give back some."

Richard was a 30-year veteran of the City of Los Angeles family. He worked a variety of assignments during his career in public service and was last assigned to the Grants Unit, Fiscal



Wanda Bell, Officer-in-Charge, Grants Unit, LAPD, presents Richard Lieboff with a City of Los Angeles proclamation, congratulating him on his successful 30 years working in public service with the City.

Operations Division of the Los Angeles Police Department.

We wish Richard much success and happiness in his retirement.

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