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A NEW SEASON OF BIRD WATCHING!





CHANGES!

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Changes are happening all the time. Our lives are full of changes, some good some not so good. Changes are inevitable some are big some small, some important some not so, and most of the time we have no control over them. Kathy and I went looking for a new car last month. We were looking for a new or slightly used (Excuse me....pre-owned!) Ford Edge or Explorer. We went to a couple of Ford dealers (Excuse me again....Ford Stores) and talked with the "Sales Consultants" (I almost said salesmen). That's when I really started to notice something about the new and used cars on the lot. Other than Mustangs, I don't think there was a single car of any make or model that I would consider a classic in twenty or thirty years.

To add to the problem, I don't see the opportunity for young people, on their own, to develop the skills needed for working on their own cars in the back yard. The hi-tech electronics throughout the cars the cost of equipment and commitment to do-it-yourself will cause the hobby to change. Some people will say, "Nonsense, these kids all no computers". Well it's not the same. We all started out changing oil, plugs, and points and adjusting carburetors before we went on to brake-jobs, adjusting valves and timing before finally advancing to rebuilding engines and transmissions. We got a job after school, pumping gas at the local gas station to learn from the old mechanics that new ever car and the problems each make was prone too. "Well they have Tech Schools

now that teach the kids all that stuff and they become Technicians, that is true, they become specialists on parts of the car but it is impossible to know each car and model the way the old Mechanic did. Maybe I'm wrong or overreacting, but that's my view.

Speaking of changes, as you know, elections for officers were held at our last meeting and I would like to congratulate Ed Lindberg on being elected president. Rick Bowes declined the nomination for the position. The rest of the officers remain the same. This will be Ed's second time as president he held the position from 2010 to 2011. 

"Don't Worry, Be Happy, and God Bless"

Gary

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Antique Auto Parts



Northeast Chapter Falcon Club of America

Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2013 – Sturbridge, Mass.

We met at the Oxhead Tavern at 5:30 p.m for dinner and then went to the Sturbridge Host Hotel for the meeting which was held at 7:25 p.m. Approximately 20 members attended.

President – Rick Bowes welcomed everyone.

Vice President – Andre Auger – No report.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Warburton indicated our Balance in checking account is now \$2,728.64. Membership is at 104 members.

Newsletter – Gary Nenninger said full colored copy in book form is still available for \$3.50 including shipping. Also we did put the newsletter on the Web Site but Ray is having trouble with his computer and can not change it. I am working on a new program for the Web Site and will be taking care of it going forward, until someone else volunteers to do it.

Secretary's Report – Kathy Nenninger – No report.

President - Rick Bowes

The 2013 National will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma on July 11 – 13, 2013. The migration is leaving Saturday night (7/6) meeting in Chicago; we will pick up Route 66 and travel to Tulsa (about 250 mi/day). Because it will be very warm, we will leave early in the morning and stop at 1-2 pm. every day. It should be 2 nights on the road. The migration is going to continue after the weekend on to California. Next year the 2014 National will be held in Kansas City. The 2015 might be in New York either the Poconos or Watkins Glen; or maybe Southern California.

We held Election of Officers. The nominations were:

President: Ed Lindberg

Vice Pres: Andre Auger

Treasurer: Bill Warburton

Secretary: Kathy Nenninger

A vote was taken and these are our Officers for 2013-2014.

2013 Regional Meet

This year's meet will be at the Sturbridge Host and the show and banquet will be all in one day on Saturday. We will have a cookout in the afternoon. The date of the Regional is August 23-24, 2013, and the hotel room rate is \$96.00/night. The menu for the cookout is as follows: Price is \$30/adult and \$10/children. Boneless Honey Barbeque Chicken; potato salad; 3-bean salad; hot dog, hamburger, cheeseburger; sweet corn; potato chips; sliced watermelon; cookies & brownies; lemonade & Iced Tea.

New Business: Next meeting will be May 18th at Stan & Kathy Miknaitis' house at 1:00 pm. They live in Barre, MA. More details in newsletter. Also Gary N. announced he is having a 50th Birthday Party for his falcon on August 10th at 1:00 pm at his house in Cromwell, CT.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Nenninger



Treasurer's Report

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Members by State

MA - 34	NY - 13	ME - 3
CT - 28	NH - 6	NJ - 2
RI - 14	PA - 2	VT - 1
CANADA - 1		

FEBRUARY 2013**103 MEMBERS**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 02/01/2013</i>				\$2,715.64
02/11/13	Deposit – New Member Dues	\$13.00		\$2,728.64
<i>Ending Balance 02/28/2013</i>				\$2,728.64

MARCH 2013**104 MEMBERS**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 03/01/2013</i>				\$2,728.64
03/18/13	Deposit - Reg. meet registration fee	\$75.00		\$2,803.64
<i>Ending Balance 03/31/2013</i>				\$2,803.64

MEETING/SHOW NOTICES

- Next Meeting (See Below)
- Summer schedule of monthly meetings TBA
- 34th FCA National Convention, July 11-13, 2013, Marriott Tulsa Southern Hills Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 16th Annual Northeast Chapter Regional Meet Aug 23-24, Sturbridge Host Hotel

2013 NORTHEAST CHAPTER ELECTION RESULTS

President: Ed Lindberg
 Vice Pres: Andre Auger
 Treasurer: Bill Warburton
 Secretary: Kathy Nenninger

Cruise to the Miknaitis's home for Pot Luck Lunch and Club Meeting

Date: May 18th, **Time:** 1:00 pm, **Place:** 277 South St., Barre, MA 01005
 Macaroni/Meatballs & Chicken will be provided. Bring Appetizer, Dessert or Salads (BYOB)
 Please call to let them know if you will attend by Wed., May 15th so they know how many to expect.

NEW MEMBER

The Northeast Chapter of the Falcon Club of America would like to welcome our newest member Lee Bureau of Waterville, ME.

The Falcon Times by e-mail

If you would like to have your copy of ***The Falcon Times*** e-mailed to you rather than regular mail, please send your e-mail address to gnenninger@comcast.net it would save the club money on printing and mailing costs (and the world trees) and greatly appreciated by all. **Please think about it!**



Northeast Chapter

Falcon CLUB OF AMERICA

**PRESENTS THE 16TH ANNUAL
REGIONAL FALCON MEET**

*August 23-24, 2013 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel
366 Main St., Sturbridge, Massachusetts*

Meet and Banquet Registration Form

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Falcon Registration Information

Vehicle Year: _____ Model: _____ Body Style: _____

Color: _____ Engine: _____ Stock: _____ Modified: _____

Falcon Registration Fee: \$15.00 before 8/01/13 \$20.00 after 08/01/13 \$_____
2nd Car \$10.00 before 08/01/13, \$15.00 after 08/01/13 \$_____

Special Daily Driver Class: \$10.00 \$_____

Banquet: Saturday August 24, 2013 at 3:00 pm @ \$30.00 \$_____.
(The Banquet will be a Barbeque immediately following the car show)

Total Falcon Registration & Banquet Amount: \$ _____

*For Hotel registrations call the Sturbridge Host Hotel at
(508) 347-7393 or (800) 582-3232*

*Room rates are \$96.00 plus tax per night guaranteed until August 1, 2013
You must mention Falcon Club Show when making your reservations.*

*Send this form and remittance payable to: Northeast Chapter FCA,
c/o Kathy Nenninger, 66 Willowbrook Rd., Cromwell, CT 06416*

For more information contact Kathy at (860) 632-0451 or Cris Bowes at (401) 823-1059

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I agree not to hold the Northeast Chapter, the Falcon Club of America, or the Sturbridge Host Hotel responsible for losses, damages, or injuries while at this Convention.

Print Name _____

Sign Name _____

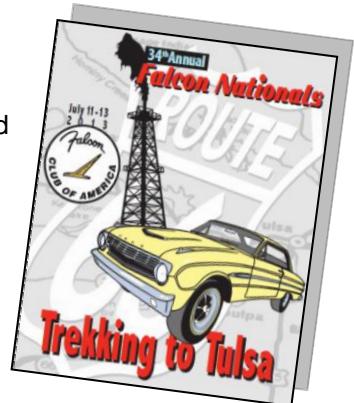
For more information please visit our website – www.northeastfalconchapter.com



2013 FALCON MIGRATION TO TULSA OKLAHOMA

Hello One, and All!

It is finally time for the grand announcement and plans, for the 2013 running of the world famous Falcon Migration! This year it will be on the Mother Road- US Route 66. As most of you know, this year's FCA Convention is in Tulsa Oklahoma, which is on Route 66, so we will be starting our trek in beautiful downtown Chicago at the northern and eastern terminus of Route 66. We will take three days to travel to Tulsa and then for the brave and "un-time constrained" among us, we will continue all the way to the western terminus of Route 66 at the Santa Monica pier in California. Hotels have been arranged with group price discounts, a route plan has been selected, and all you need to do is come along!



Starting date is July 7, 2013 in Chicago. The reason for this day/date is because it is a Sunday and Sunday appears to be the only day of the week you can actually drive thru downtown Chicago and have the drive take less than 8 hours! I have a hotel arranged about 19 miles north of the starting point in Chicago for the night before-July 6. We will take three days to travel to Tulsa. These will be three very easy, short distance days, allowing us to see and experience the Route 66 experience. This makes for the Migration to get to Tulsa on Tuesday July 9. So plan your Convention hotel reservations accordingly!

Our Route book for this year's escapade is the "EZ 66 Guide for Travelers" written by Jerry McClanahan. This is an exceptionally well-written book that gives turn-by-turn driving instructions, as well as huge amounts of insights, places to go, things to see. I am fluent enough in 66 driving directions, having grown up in southern California, that I know Mr. McClanahan has his directions correct. AND there is a third edition of the book, just released on February 16 2013, with all the latest openings and closings. The book is available online at www.national66.org for \$17.95 but we are putting together a "group discount" rate to buy a larger amount for \$10.95. We need to buy at least 10 copies and in increments of 5 copies. Both costs are plus shipping.

We will gather in Chicago on Saturday July 6. The hotel is a Holiday Inn Express in Rosemont Illinois, near O'Hare airport. 20 rooms are being held for the Falcon Club of America at rates of \$89 for single king and \$99 for two Queens. Call 847-544-7500 and make sure to mention FCA.

Day number one will start in Grant Park on Lakeshore Dr at Jackson Blvd, the start of Route 66. The day will bring us to Lincoln, Illinois, a distance of not much more than 150 miles. We will have plenty of time to stop and take in the sights there is much to see. The day will end at another Holiday Inn Express in Lincoln. The FCA rate is \$74 plus tax for either king or queen rooms. Call 217-735-5800 and mention FCA.

Monday July 8 has the cruise moving into Missouri after we navigate our way thru St Louis. Those of you who made the Hwy 50 Migration in 2005 will recognize some of the roads we travel. We end the day in Springfield MO and our night will be spent in a genuine old Route 66 motel, built in 1938. The Route 66 Rail Haven Best Western Motel has the old look with modern conveniences and BREAKFAST! We have an FCA rate of \$75 plus tax for king or queen rooms. Call 417-866-1963 and mention FCA.

Tuesday July 9 gets us into Tulsa and the convention site. All three days will be relatively short mileage-wise, with plenty of time to stop and sightsee. The author of our route guide has a gallery in Chandler OK, about an hour west of Tulsa on Route 66. On Wednesday, we will take a day drive down to his gallery.

After the convention is over on Sunday July 14 those who are up for the western drive will meet and head into the sunset. I have made no reservations at this time but I do have ideas about places and daily distances. For any interested in either part of this Migration PLEASE get in touch at msgarrett35@msn.com or at (240)489-3422.



FALCON CLUB OF AMERICA

34th Annual FCA Nationals

July 11-13, 2013

Falcon Nationals

Registration Form

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

() Phone _____ e-mail _____ FCA # _____ Chapter (if applicable) _____

YEAR MODEL BODY STYLE CATEGORY

Trailer parking required? YES _____ NO _____

	PRIOR	AFTER	QTY	REMITTANCE
FIRST VEHICLE	\$20	\$25	_____	\$_____
SECOND VEHICLE	\$15	\$20	_____	\$_____
NO VEHICLE	\$10	\$15	_____	\$_____
SWAP SPACE	\$25	\$30 (Approximately 18' x 18')	_____	\$_____
SHOW T-SHIRT	\$15	\$19 S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	\$_____
SHOW T-SHIRT	\$17	\$19 XXL <input type="checkbox"/> XXXL <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	\$_____
Banquet - Adult	\$30	\$30 Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Pork <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	\$_____
Banquet - 12 and under	\$15	\$15 Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Fish <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	\$_____

FCA TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to:

Southwest Region FCA

Mail registration and check to:

Jeff Schira

6500 Silo Road

Arlington, TX 76002

Liability release must be signed to complete registration: It is understood that neither the Falcon Club of America nor any of the chapters of the Falcon Club of America assume any responsibility for loss or damage of car or property during this event.

Signature _____ Date _____

Host Hotel: Marriott Tulsa Southern Hills, 1902 East 71st Street, Tulsa, OK 74136

Special rate: \$89.00/night. You must mention The Falcon Club to obtain this rate.

Phone: Toll-free: 1-866-530-3760

Website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tulsa-marriott-southern-hills/>



In each issue of **The Falcon Times**, we will bring you a tech article or an illustration for your technical information. If you would like to see a specific area, drop us a line and we will dig it out for you.

LIGHT TROUBLE DIAGNOSIS GUIDE

ALL HEADLIGHTS DO NOT LIGHT	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Loose battery cable.2. Loose or broken wire from the battery to the headlight switch (Fig. 1).3. Defective headlight switch.4. Disconnected or broken wire	from the headlight switch to the beam selector switch. <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Defective beam selector switch.6. All headlight bulbs burned out. This may be caused by a defective or improperly adjusted generator voltage regulator (Part 10-1).
INDIVIDUAL LIGHTS DO NOT LIGHT	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Burned out bulb.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Loose or broken wires to the bulb.
LIGHTS BURN OUT REPEATEDLY	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Loose or corroded electrical connections.2. Excessive vibration.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Improperly adjusted or defective generator voltage regulator (Part 10-1).

TURN INDICATOR TROUBLE DIAGNOSIS GUIDE

TURN INDICATOR LIGHTS INOPERATIVE	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Burned out fuse.2. Loose or broken wire from ignition switch to flasher.3. Defective flasher.4. Loose or broken wire from flasher to turn indicator switch.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Defective turn indicator switch.6. Broken, loose, or shorted wires from switch to lights.7. Burned out bulbs, or loose sockets.
TURN INDICATOR LIGHTS OPERATE INCORRECTLY	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Burned out bulb.2. Loose, broken, or shorted wires from switch to light.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Defective indicator switch.4. Defective flasher.
TURN INDICATOR CANCELS IMPROPERLY	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cam improperly positioned on steering wheel hub.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Coil spring on switch plate assembly loose or weak.

HORN TROUBLE DIAGNOSIS GUIDE

HORNS DO NOT SOUND	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Loose connection at the horn button contact.2. Open wire (blue-yellow band) to the horn button.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Open wire (black-yellow band) to the horn relay.4. Inoperative relay.5. Horns defective or out of adjustment.
ONE HORN FAILS TO OPERATE	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Broken or loose wire from the relay to the horn.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Horn defective or out of adjustment.
HORNS OPERATE CONTINUOUSLY	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Shorted wire to the horn button.2. Shorted relay.	



Classified ads on this page are for Northeast Chapter members use, but may be open to non-members that have Falcons or Falcon parts for sale that may be of interest to the Chapter's membership. The Northeast Chapter is not responsible for any items sold from advertising in the Classified Ads. To submit an add send an e-mail to the Editor. Please notify us as soon as your item has been sold.

FOR SALE: 1965 Ford Falcon

\$11,000 or best offer. The car is located in Meredith, NH (in a heated barn)



Contact: Dave Armstrong (503) 566-3146
or e-mail to:
strongarmfamily@comcast.net

FOR SALE: 1963 Falcon Convertible 260 V8 with A/C. priced at \$19,500 and its located in Rhode Island. Call 401-651-2295

See pictures at:

http://tomlaferriere.com/1963_ford_falcon_convertible_for_sale.htm

FOR SALE: Falcon literature for sale:
60 Ford Standard postcard, red car, mailed but clean
62 Falcon Squire postcard, white car, not used
66 Sports Coupe postcard, yellow car, like new
68 Sports Coupe postcard, red, not used
69 Sports Coupe postcard, red, not used
64 Falcon 'Musclecars' cards, 2 views of Romy Hammes car
Postcards were used by dealers for new car introductions.
\$5.00 each including postage (\$5 for both Hammes cards)
64 Dealer showroom upholstery & colors catalog. Binding split on left side, missing overlays. \$245.
Have several different Falcon sales brochures, other Ford product postcards and brochures - call with wants.
Howie Wheeler, 860-749-0587
howardwheeler@sbcglobal.net

FOR SALE: (2) 1964 Falcons 2dr models, 1

Futura 2 dr. Bought the Futura new, have all papers, is apart with all parts stored inside my barn. The 2 two doors are outside in need of body work. The Futura body is also outside but in fair shape-engine is inside. Best offer on each. E-mail me at fth90@cox.net and I will send photos. location: Exeter, R.I. 02822.

FOR SALE: 1965 Ford Falcon Futura Convertible for sale. Around 57,000 original miles. Rebuilt automatic transmission. All dents and scratches removed before new paint job. (Dark red) Front and rear bumpers banged out and re-chromed. Found and installed a FALCON trunk plate in very good condition. Numerous small replacement of interior parts. Owner has more than \$12,000 invested in car. Owner must sell because of serious health problems. Car is in Fairhaven, MA. Call Brad at 508-994-3170 or email at ebw1500@comcast.net.

FOR SALE: 1967 Ford Futura Sports Coupe in very good condition inside and out. This all original car has a 6 cylinder 200 engine with 62k original miles on it. It is forest green with a black interior. Seats, trunk, dash are all in excellent condition. The carpet has some fading and one spot of wear on it. Body and paint are in good condition. Must see to believe. Price \$5,250. email for pictures at shalibra@comcast.net and phone Chuck Leonard at 508-958-5171 for a time that works for you and me to see it in person We live in South Easton, MA 02375

PARTS FOR SALE

1964 Sprint front suspension, v-8 motor mounts and 63 V-8 Rear end \$600 takes all.
1960 NOS Grille excellent condition \$300.
1960 good used grille \$70.
1964 good used grille \$125.
1965 good used grille \$125.
1962/1963 Black bucket Seats with tracks need reupholstering \$450.
1960 Tear Drop Hood \$175.
1964 & 1965 Falcon 6-cyl rear ends \$100 each.
1964/1965 6-cyl Falcon complete front suspensions \$70 each.
1964/1965 Falcon 4-lug 13" & 14" rims \$15 each.
1964/1965 Falcon 2dr sedan left door \$25.
1965 Falcon right front fender \$30.
1965 Falcon 4-door sedan doors \$75 takes all four.
1964 Falcon Dash \$40.
1965 Falcon 6-cyl C4 auto transmission needs to be rebuilt \$30.
1964 6-cyl motor block with good oil pan \$25.
1963 2-door sedan quarter panels \$125 each or BO.
1963, 1964 & 1965 Falcon gas tanks \$10.
1963 Sprint 260-V8 motor needs rebuild \$350.
1964/1965 Sedan Windshield \$50
1964/1965 Sedan rear window \$50

Wanted

1964 Red Falcon Convertible promotional model,
1965 Falcon Sprint models,
1964/1965 Falcon Tear Drop Hood,
1965 Falcon 5 bolt C4 automatic transmission,
Small Block Ford Dual Quad set up,
1964 or 1965 Falcon literature
Call Stanley at 978-355-4086 or e-mail falcon277@juno.com Will Consider Trades



Wanted: 1963 Falcon Tudor Post Sedan, must be a V8, with 4 or 5 spd, conversion or stock. Prefer stock interior, with buckets or bench seat if possible. Looking for driver, but semi finished car considered. Please call 413-250-7806 or e-mail to louis.santaniello1@gmail.com



THE REST OF THE STORY

By Ray Chevalier

I got the title from the Old Radio Personality Paul Harvey, but it's fitting for this article. Some of you may remember me writing a story a few years ago called "Chasing a Dream" in which I told about buying a 65 Ranchero and taking it to Antique Automotive Club of America (AACA) meets and being far more successful than I ever expected. When I wrote that article I had reached the third level of the AACA's award structure which is a 1st place Grand National Award. Since that time the Ranchero has reached the highest level called the Senior Grand National Award. At this point I knew that I had surpassed all expectations, but it was nice to know that my little red Ranchero was good enough to compete at that level. At AACA Meets they have a committee that goes around looking for vehicles that stand out, and they nominate these vehicles for what they call a National Award.

In the fall of 2011 I received a letter stating that my Ranchero had been nominated for such an award, the Committee would meet, and I would be notified of the results. This means that out of all the trucks that entered all of the AACA Meets during the year, which numbers in the hundreds, they had picked 10 or 12 for this consideration. Well the Ranchero was not chosen, but just to be considered was a great honor.

So, now for "The Rest of the Story." I brought the Ranchero to Florida last fall and while at a show a person approached me and asked if I was interested in selling the Ranchero. In Florida, Falcons are rare and Rancheros are very rare. He stated he had one just like mine and had looked a long time, and was never able to find another. I told him to make me an offer that I couldn't refuse;



which he did. I told him I would give it some serious thought and get back to him. The following weekend I went to a Ford Show at the Edison and Ford Summer Estate in Ft. Myers FL. This is where Henry Ford and Thomas Edison spent their summers, years ago. This is the most prestigious real estate in the area. While at the show the same gentleman came up to me and said he had brought his wife to look at the Ranchero. She approved and he asked if the deal was still on. I said yes it was. He then said he only lives 3 houses down the street. The next day I deliverer the Ranchero and when I drove into his driveway I saw a home that I would guess was worth well in the millions. He said that he is a private collector and wanted my Ranchero for his collection.

As much as it hurt to see it go, I know it will spend its life in a good place. The Ranchero took us to a lot of locations on the east coast in pursuit of my longtime dream. It brought us great joy and we met a lot of wonderful people along the way. After all that's what life is all about. So, that's the rest of my Ranchero story, and I am sticking with it!





History of the Ford Blue Oval Logo

The logo Ford has used to market the Ford brand has gone through some changes over the years. Today, we all recognize it, as the Blue Oval, but it wasn't always that way.



In the very beginning there was a complicated, oddly design that included a "Detroit - Mich." tag and spelled out "Ford Motor Co."



In 1912, the Ford logo made a complete change over to a very simplistic oval design.



The famous Blue Oval with the two ring blue and white border finally came around in 1928. It set the basic shape and color of future Ford logos, although it was much "fatter" than the current logo.



This next blue oval does not have an exact date of release, but it was used throughout the years leading up to the Centennial logo. It was a longer, thinner version of the logo used from 1928 through 1960. This longer, thinner, logo started about 1961, at least by the time the '62 model year was introduced, according to some magazine ads from that time.



This last logo is the blue oval that Ford released in 2003 in honor of the 100 years Ford Motor Company had been around. It was named the "Centennial Blue Oval" and has a slight gradient to give it a 3D effect and a three-ring border of silver, blue, and white.



FALCON for '64

The Total Performance Compact