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Happy New Year

Merry Christmas

Happy Holidays!

Cris and Rick Bowes share their Route 66 trip starting on pg 5





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GOOD BY 2013!

It's hard to believe that the year has come to an end already. By the time you read this it will be 2014, and I missed another self-imposed deadline for getting this publication out. It was suppose to be a Christmas issue so we will maintain the Holiday theme.

We had a good year in 2013 with a successful Regional Meet and several fun get-togethers at our monthly meetings at the Tri-State Cruisers cruise nights in Pomfret, CT. 2014 will be a busy year as we plan for the 2015 FCA National Convention July 9-11, in Warwick, RI at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

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

Gary

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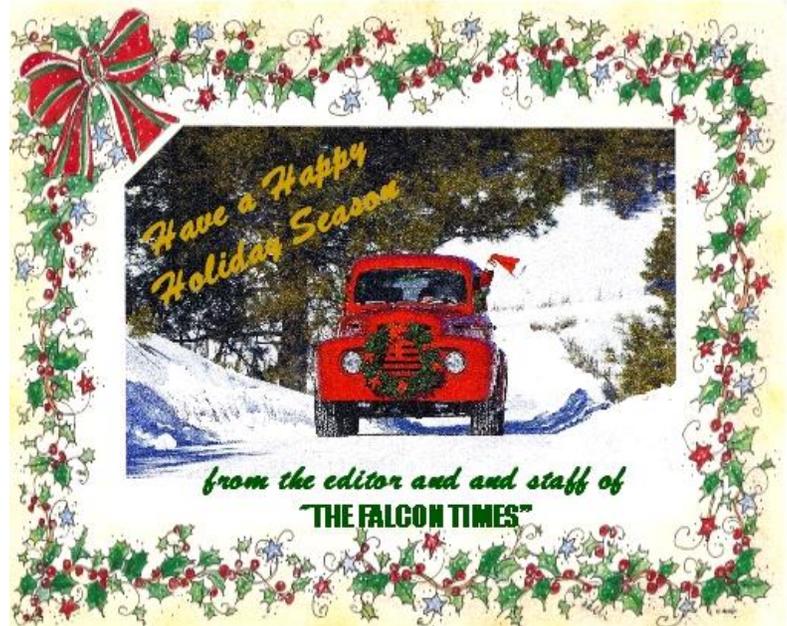


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MA – 40	NY - 13	ME – 3	CANADA -1
CT – 30	NH – 6	NJ – 3	USA - 112
RI - 14	PA – 2	VT – 1	

OCTOBER 2013

113 MEMBERS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 10/01/13</i>				\$2052.40
10/08/2013	Deposit - Renewal Dues	\$18.00		\$2,070.40
<i>Ending Balance 10/31/13</i>				\$2,070.40

NOVEMBER 2013

113 MEMBERS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 11/01/13</i>				\$2,070.40
11/25/2013	Deposit - New member dues	\$18.00		\$2,088.40
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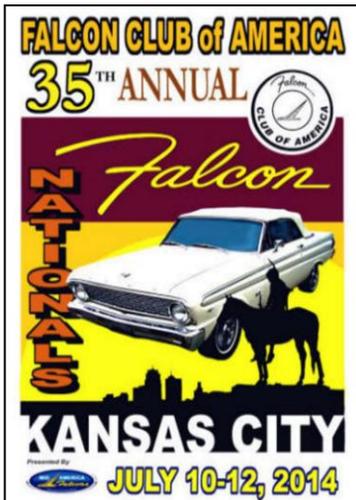
MEETING/SHOW NOTICES



- Next club meeting TBA
- 35th FCA National Convention, July 10-12, 2014 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Kansas City, 10100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS, 66210-1462, USA TEL: 1-913-451-6100 FAX: 1-913-451-0386
- 17th Annual Northeast Chapter Regional Meet TBA

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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FOR SALE: 2 Falcon 200 six's both still moving and stored inside, one has about 30,000 on it not sure on the other, also have auto trans, and a four speed for them, would like to sell all together, \$500 or best offer, they also both come with engine stands w/wheels, also have many falcon parts some NOS some used. Ted Johnston, 70 Bluberry Lane, Scituate, RI 02857, (401)-647-7022, ted.carol@verizon.net

FOR SALE: a good running 170 - 6 , auto trans and rear end from very clean , low mileage , original '63 Comet that I'm building. Any reasonable offer from someone who could use these parts will be considered. I am located in NE Connecticut. Contact: James Schriber tel. shop-860-354-6452, cell -203-788-2630 or e-mail js@jameschriber.com www.jameschriber.com

FOR SALE:1965 Falcon 2 dr sedan (200ci auto). I am a former member of the club and I have decided to sell my Falcon. It was restored 5 years ago It has given me much pleasure as well as thousands of miles of commuting on those sunny days. I really would like to sell it to one of the club members who will appreciate it. I have about \$11,000.00 into the restoration and was looking for \$9,750. Contact Todd Mazanec in RI. at Tel. (401)-391-8396 or e-mail samfox67@gmail.com



FOR SALE: 1963 1/2 FORD Falcon Sprint Convertible
2nd Owner, West coast car, 98% RUST FREE, Garage kept, Original 260 V8, original paint, Ford-O-Matic C2 transmission, original glass, bucket seats, rebuilt carburetor, new exhaust, new control arms, tie rod ends, replaced front and rear shocks, new gas tank and sending unit, new fuel pump, new water pump and timing chain and new tires. The power top is in good working order. I have the original California title and black plates. Many new items to still be installed like new chrome bumpers, bumper brackets, dual master brake cylinder and brake lines and gaskets. This car is a #4 car, daily driver with paint flaws, pitting to chrome, minor dents who needs a new home with someone who has time to play. Vin # 3H15F180587. Asking \$15,000 or B/O. Please email Jeff Shake, CT 06611: shake.jeff@gmail.com





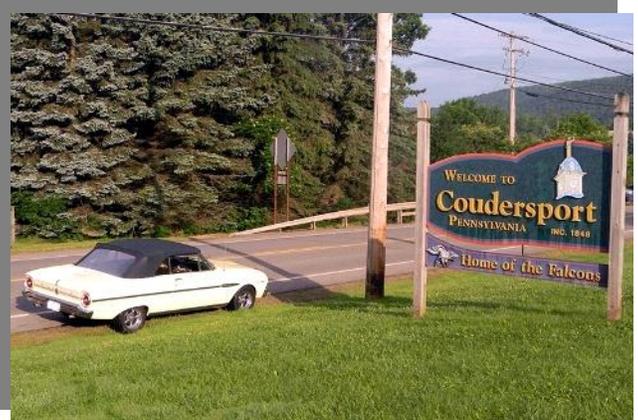
DRIVING RT. 66, THE MOTHER ROAD!

Text by: Rick Bowes
Photos by: Cris and Rick Bowes

This year the 2013 National Falcon Show was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma and once again we decided to join the Migration in their journey to the show. We decided, since July 4th was a holiday and Cris had July 5th off as well, we would leave early and make a couple of stops on our way to our starting point, Chicago, Illinois, the beginning of Rt. 66. Starting out on July 4th might have been a good idea or a bad idea; you can never be sure how traffic would be on a holiday. We headed through Connecticut into New York. So far so good, no traffic at all (except for the end of a 4th of July Parade)! While traveling along the road in Portville, NY we hit it big! We drove right through a whirlwind of cash! It felt like we were in one of those movies where you see a Brinks truck driving down the road with money flying out the back. We pulled to the side of the road to discover we weren't seeing anything. Money was flying everywhere. I was trying to pick up all the cash while looking for anyone it might belong to. I found a wallet on the side of the road. It belonged to an 18 year old boy. Now we had to find out where he was. As it turned out there was a police officer parked about 1/4 mile down the road talking to his chief. They both knew the boy and the chief drove it home to him. It felt good to do a good deed for the day especially since I'm sure he worked hard for that money.



We decided to make a stop in Coudersport, PA home to not only my father's family but coincidentally the school mascot is the Falcon! We didn't realize this until we were driving into town and saw the sign announcing "Welcome to Coudersport, Home of the Falcons." How random is that!



We stayed the night and headed off to Cleveland, Ohio on Saturday morning. My grandparents and my father lived there for years. On our trip to Dearborn in 2010 we stayed overnight but weren't able to go to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. This time we made it and added a Cleveland Indians game into the activities. We also made a stop at the Renaissance Hotel where my grandfather ran his taxicab company for many years. I was hoping for pictures from the 1930s and 1940s so maybe I could see my grandfather but no such luck.



ODDS AND ENDS

On Saturday night we made it to Chicago, Illinois and the beginning of our Rt. 66 travels. We met up with our fellow migrators and enjoyed a nice dinner together and a good night's rest before a few very long days. We received our tour books so we would be able to travel the route, but with its' many twists and turns it was not always easy to follow. Mike Garrett, our travel planner, said we would have easy days and we would be at our hotel each day by 1:00. It turned out he was very wrong! We began our morning driving through the center of the city, through the loop to the 'Rt. 66 Begins' sign. I'm sure it was a sight to see for those passing through. We had 10 Falcons and a few non-Falcons all stopped on both sides of the road to take pictures under the sign. We got a couple of good ones of us under the sign and of the car driving past the sign. Great picture opportunity!



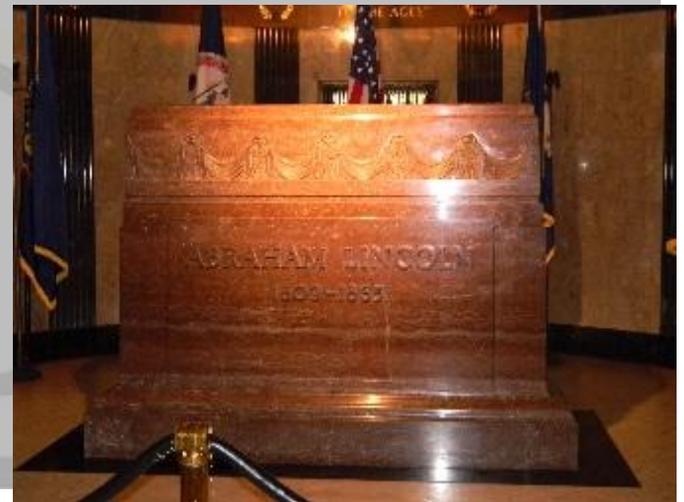
On we drove out of the city to Joliet, Illinois, home of the Blues Brothers (and Joliet Prison). After a stop at the Joliet Museum and a beautifully restored 1932 Standard Station in Odell, IL we headed off to our first night on the Route, Lincoln, Illinois.



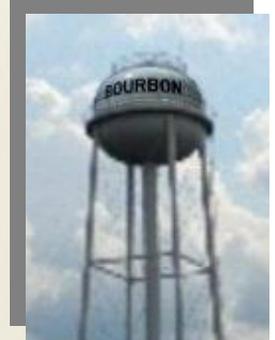


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We met up with Ray and Ginny Chevalier as well as a few other Falconers. It was nice to sit outside and relax with friends after a long day. Monday morning, we headed off with Ray and Ginny to Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, IL. It was nice to see and to hear the history of the tomb.



We headed out for our drive down Rt. 66 and drove through towns with large water towers. One of them is the most photographed water tower in the country. It is in the town of Bourbon, IL. The name Bourbon is on the tower and it makes you look twice. Is it filled with water or bourbon?



After a very long, very hot day we stopped at a Best Western in Springfield, Missouri. It was the Route 66 Rail Haven. Elvis stayed here when he was in the area. We all needed the rest and relaxation. Tuesday morning, the final day of our Route 66 adventure began.



Our tour book recommended we stop at Gary's Gay Parita in Ash Grove, Missouri, an old gas station along the route to visit with Gary Turner, the "Ambassador" of the Route. He was quite the character, giving us a book of sites to see along the route



as well as water or soda ("we want you to stay hydrated on your drive") all at no charge. The book was one of two that was raffled off at the banquet among all the migrators. Gary certainly was a character. He kept us there with his stories for an hour. We also had to take a picture with his Rt. 66 sign ... a requirement of his.



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He also told us to make sure to stop at Red Oak, a town that was built by Lowell Davis, who purchased and moved several local buildings to his property to build his own town. It was a great place to visit. Gary explained that Lowell was a millionaire once upon a time but he married too many times so he's not anymore. Red Oak was a great



place to visit. It had two old gas stations reconditioned to look new, a jail, a "daycare center" that was a steel cage to keep the kids contained (Our daughter's comment was 'don't try this at home'), several other buildings and many freeform sculptures. This made for a great rest-stop in our day.

We moved on to find the "Rt. 66 Drive-In" in Carthage, Missouri. Who knew that orange cones across the driveway meant no trespassing? There was plenty of room for our cars to fit through. We pulled in, along with a few other cars following us, to be met by the owner with a scowl on his face. We didn't see the no trespassing sign until we were already heading into the lot and by that time, with cars behind us, we really couldn't stop. As he came out to meet us, I looked out of the corner of my eye to my fellow travelers to find that they were all backing up and heading back toward their cars. Boy they were going to be a great help in the event of a problem. Once I explained who we were and where we were heading he lightened up a little and actually smiled. I guess he's had problems with "Foreigners" and wanted to be sure we were Americans. We never heard anyone complain about that before, but it wouldn't be the last time we heard that concern. We were able to get a few good pictures in front of the Drive-In sign.



As we drove down the road we came to Bulger Motor Co. and a couple of cars that were used as inspiration for the Cars movie. They also came out to talk to us once they heard us talking and realized we were Americans. I guess they don't realize the foreigners are bringing the most money to the Route.





ODDS AND ENDS

Gary also told us about a location that was used prominently in the Disney “Cars” movie just over the border in Kansas. A former gas station that is now a store and café called Four Women on the Route,



located in Galena, Kansas. We met one of the women, Melba (also known as ‘the Mouth’), who told the history of the building and the area. For the “Cars” movie, the windows were changed from the side of the building to the front and the old tow truck that had been rusting in the side lot became Tow Mater (now referred to there as Tow Tater).



Since this occurred before they purchased the property they didn’t know about Mater and had him junked.

One day John Lasseter, the Director of “Cars,” drove in with his entourage to look at the area. When he asked about the tow truck he was told it had been junked. He told them they better get it back because a new movie was about to come out that featured that truck. They really were going to want to have it there. They got it back and had it “fixed” so now it looks exactly like Tow Mater. That is now one of their big draws for people stopping by.



Melba also told us about other buildings and sides of buildings that were used in the movie, with slight changes. One of my favorite buildings was one I happened to notice while walking along the road and taking pictures. I looked up to see a stained glass window of a back view of a naked lady. I headed over to the building to check it out and found out it was a “Haunted Bordello.” Funny, this building never made it into the movie.



We finally made it to the host hotel late on Tuesday afternoon. They said it would be hot in Tulsa and they were right. The temperature on Tuesday had hit 104 degrees and it was 108 on Wednesday. As far as we were concerned our ‘63 Falcon with no air conditioning had taken us as far as we wanted to go without air until we were ready to leave. The next day we planned on heading to Oklahoma City to see the memorial, but not in the Falcon, she (and we) needed a break.



We called Enterprise and rented a car, and drove with cool air keeping us comfortable. It was very moving to see the memorial and the museum in Oklahoma City. It was a very somber feeling to see the field of empty chairs, one chair for every person who died that day, in nine rows representing which floor they were on when they died. There is also a tree that everyone thought was damaged beyond hope and would have to be removed. But, after blooming beautifully within several months it was kept as a symbol of life and recovery.



We also visited Toby Keith's "I Love This Bar and Grill" for lunch.

We had a great visit at the show with many good friends we have made over the years. My 1963 Sprint Convertible took first in her class and we also received the longest distance award. We drove 1,913 miles to get there. We even visited a winery for a few samples and brought home a couple of bottles of wine. That turned out to be our undoing. One of the interesting things that happened at the show was no club had offered to host the 2015 National Show. Cris and I (after having a glass of wine, ok maybe a little more than one) volunteered our club to be the host chapter, as long as we were able to get the hotel we wanted in Rhode Island. Well folks, it happened! The 2015 Show is going to be held in Warwick, Rhode Island. Mark your calendars for July 9, 10 & 11, 2015. Many people who were at the Tulsa show have already offered to help if we need them. That's what having a National Show becomes, everyone is ready to help when you need them. It's like having a very large family stop by for a party. We're in the planning stages now and things are looking good. We will keep you updated as plans move on. 



A Christmas Story

(For people having a bad day)

When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the Pre-Christmas pressure.

Then Mrs. Claus told Santa her Mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where.

Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground, and all the toys were scattered.

Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a cup of apple cider and a shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drunk all the cider and hidden the liquor. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the doorbell rang, and irritated, Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said very cheerfully, 'Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?'



“And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.”



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