

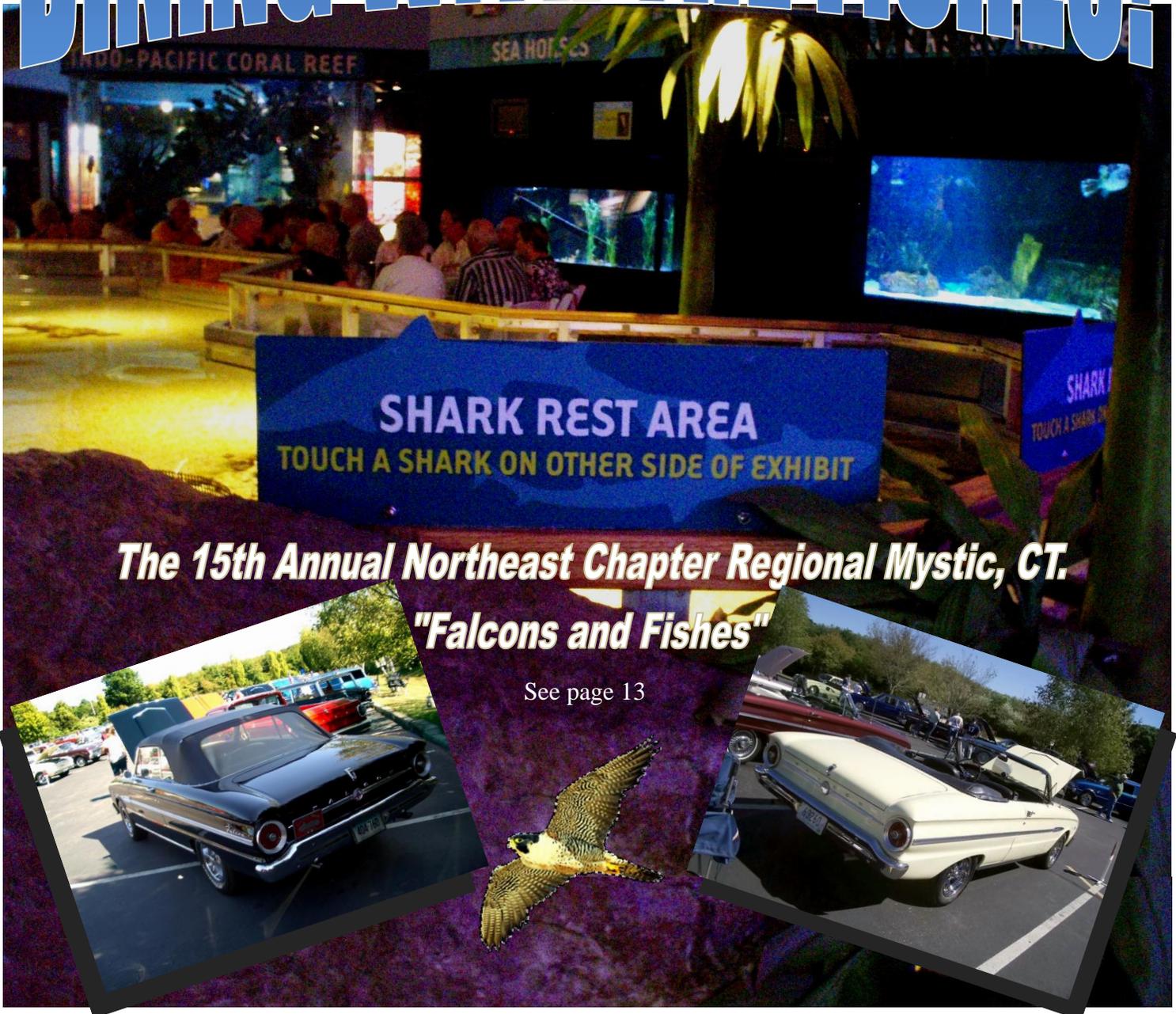


# THE FALCON TIMES



*The Official Newsletter of the Northeast Chapter  
Falcon Club of America*

## DINING WITH THE FISHES!



**SHARK REST AREA**  
TOUCH A SHARK ON OTHER SIDE OF EXHIBIT

*The 15th Annual Northeast Chapter Regional Mystic, CT.*

*"Falcons and Fishes"*

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***A Unique Dining Experience For Sure!***

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If you ask me, September 15, 2012 was the most unique dining experience for a FCA regional meet ever. The Northeast Chapter of the Falcon Club of America ended the 2012 season with a regional meet in Mystic CT. at The Mystic Aquarium.

Congratulations to George Wilson and his Wimbledon White 1964 four-door sedan for "Best of Show" (Stock), Joe Troiano's red Futura hardtop "Best of Show" (Modified), Cathy Miknaitis and her red 1964 Futura convertible for "Ladies Choice". Kathy and I could not make the show on Saturday afternoon due to a family commitment, but we did attend the banquet that night. This was the first show I have missed in 16 years, and from what I hear there were some great Falcons on display.

I was looking through some magazines one day and came across an interesting comment on our beloved Falcons that I will share with you. It went something like this. *(Next to the Mustang, the Falcon enjoys the greatest following of any Ford nameplate. The Falcon offered diversity then and now: The choice of many body styles ranging from convertibles, two and four-door sedans, station wagons, two-door hardtop, sedan delivery, vans, and the Ranchero pickup.*

*Falcon enjoyed unqualified sales, too. Even after the Mustang introduction, the Falcon outsold*

*everything in its class including Corvair, Valiant, Dart, Lark, or Rambler.*

*Despite the Falcons success, and the unprecedented success of the Mustang, Ford never rested on its laurels. Ford remained focused on building a better Falcon as the "Total Performance" era unfolded. The Sporty Sprint package that first debuted mid-year in '63 with bucket seats, a 260 c.i. V-8 engine with a chrome dress-up kit and a "Sport Tuned Exhaust"*

*and high performance air cleaner came back for the '64 and with some changes to the Sprint package '65 model years.)*

Some of you will be glad to know that I did not have room in this issue for part 4 of "The Trailer Story". Jeff Yates submitted an interesting article for this issue on determining the age of your tires that should be a concern to all of us. See you at the next meeting.

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

*Gary*



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**OR GO TO THE NE CHAPTER WEB-SITE FOR A DIRECT LINK**



**CLUB BUSINESS**

**President's Message**

The 2012 show is over and I think it was the best one ever! We had sixty-five cars registered. Mystic, CT was a perfect spot. The Aquarium location worked out great. The parking lot easily held all our cars. The banquet inside the aquarium was amazing. We had dinner surrounded by the fishes. I would like to thank everyone who helped make the show such a huge success.

Of course, as one show ends it's time to start planning the next. At our next meeting on November 17th, we will need to discuss next year's show. We will meet and have dinner at the Oxhead Tavern in Sturbridge, MA located on the grounds of the Sturbridge Host Hotel, a venue we have used for our show in the past. Dinner will be at 5:30 P.M. with our business meeting at 7:00 PM

at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. Please make an effort to attend. We will need to decide next year's location.

*Thanks again for making the show such a good one.*

*Rick*



**Regional Meet**

The 2012 Regional Meet was a success! We had beautiful weather, a great venue, friendly people and as a bonus, we got a delicious dinner inside the Mystic Aquarium! Thanks to all who attended and those who helped run the show. We could not have done it without you!

I have been looking into locations. I guess Mystic Aquarium may have decided that our show was not financially beneficial enough to them. The banquet was a little pricier than we expected so that may not be a bad thing. So on to Plan B we go. The Sturbridge Host Hotel, a venue we have used in the past, contacted us. If we decide to have our Regional Meet there, we will once again be able to have our cars on the Grove and the Back Lawn beside the Lake. We also discussed doing either an afternoon cookout or a banquet in the evening. What to do, decisions, decisions.

In order to make these decisions we really need to have a meeting and need as many members to attend as possible. I have booked our next dinner and meeting at the Oxhead Tavern outside of the Sturbridge Host Hotel on Saturday, November 17 at 5:30. We can take a walk around the grounds either before or after dinner. Then we can go through the hotel to our meeting room, which will also be our Registration Room. This is a very important meeting because we need to decide where and when we will be having our Meet. Maybe someone has a better idea for a place and can get information for us. Please let me know ASAP if you will be able to join us. I have to give the Tavern a count so they know how many will attend. You can reach me by email at [cbicris@aol.com](mailto:cbicris@aol.com), Rick at [falconsprint@aol.com](mailto:falconsprint@aol.com) or by phone at 401-823-1059.

Thanks,

*Cristine Bowes*





**Treasurer's Report**

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**Members by State**

<b>MA - 34</b>	<b>NY - 13</b>	<b>ME - 2</b>
<b>CT - 27</b>	<b>NH - 6</b>	<b>NJ - 2</b>
<b>RI - 14</b>	<b>PA - 2</b>	<b>VT - 1</b>
		<b>CANADA - 1</b>

**AUGUST 2012**

**113 MEMBERS**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 08/01/2012</i>				\$3,943.25
08/04/12	#1066 - Cris Bowes - tent for regional meet		\$234.33	\$3,708.92
08/06/12	Deposit - registrations for meet	\$350.00		\$4,058.92
08/11/12	#1067 - Daytona Trophy - T-shirts & trophies		\$2,725.34	\$1,333.58
08/14/12	Deposit - renewal dues	\$28.00		\$1,361.58
08/27/12	Deposit - renewal dues	\$10.00		\$1,371.58
08/27/12	Deposit - new member dues	\$18.00		\$1,389.58
08/27/12	Deposit - registrations for meet	\$980.00		\$2,369.58
<i>Ending Balance 08/31/2012</i>				\$2,369.58

**SEPTEMBER 2012**

**102 MEMBERS**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 09/01/12</i>				\$2,369.58
09/09/12	#1068-G.Nenninger- newsletter mailing exp.		\$28.00	\$2,341.58
09/09/12	#1069 - Cash - working cash for reg. meet		\$200.00	\$2,141.58
09/10/12	Deposit - registrations for reg. meet	\$375.00		\$2,516.58
09/10/12	Add back lost ck 1058 to Ocean Blue Catering	\$500.00		\$3,016.58
09/10/12	#1070 - Ocean Blue Catering - meet banquet		\$500.00	\$2,516.58
09/10/12	#1071 - Ocean Blue Catering - balance due		\$2,397.21	\$119.37
09/17/12	Deposit - replace working cash for meet	\$200.00		\$319.37
09/17/12	Deposit - gift raffle	\$500.00		\$819.37
09/17/12	Deposit - 50/50/ raffle	\$170.00		\$989.37
09/17/12	Deposit - T-shirt sales	\$770.00		\$1,759.37
09/17/12	Deposit - donation Shine On Me Restorations	\$40.00		\$1,799.37
09/17/12	Deposit - recycled cans	\$6.30		\$1,805.67
09/17/12	Deposit - registrations for reg. meet	\$760.00		\$2,565.67
09/18/12	Coventry CU deposit slip printing charge		\$9.10	\$2,556.57
09/29/12	#1072 - Cris Bowes - ice cream for meet		\$34.23	\$2,522.34
09/29/12	#1073 - Ray Chevalier - trophies for meet		\$258.00	\$2,264.34
09/29/12	#1074 - Bill Warburton - postage		\$45.00	\$2,219.34
09/06/12	Deposit - registrations for reg. meet	\$550.00		\$2,769.34
<i>Ending Balance 09/30/2012</i>				\$2,769.34



**CLUB BUSINESS**

**OCTOBER 2012**

**102 MEMBERS**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
				<i>Beginning Balance 10/01/12</i>
	NO ACTIVITY			
				<i>Ending Balance 10/30/12</i>

**MEETING/SHOW NOTICES**

- Oxhead Tavern in front of the Sturbridge Host Hotel on Saturday, November 17th at 5:30 for dinner, meeting at 7:00 in the hotel.
- 34<sup>th</sup> FCA National Convention, July 11-13, 2013, Marriott Tulsa Southern Hills Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Chapter Regional Meet TBA

**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 [genninger@comcast.net](mailto:genninger@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!**

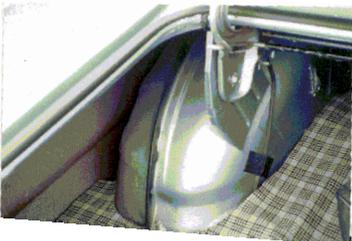
<b>Northeast Chapter FCA 2012 Regional Meet Profit &amp; Loss</b>	
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	
Registration Fees	\$3,285.00
50/50 Raffle	\$170.00
Gift Raffle	\$500.00
T-Shirt Sales	\$770.00
Donation - Shine On Me	\$40.00
Recycled Cans	\$6.30
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,771.30</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	
T-shirts, Plaques, Awards	\$2,725.34
Ocean Blue Catering - Banquet	\$2,897.21
C. Bowes (tent)	\$234.33
C. Bowes (ice cream)	\$34.23
R. Chevalier (Trophies & plates)	\$258.00
FCA Insurance	\$100.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,249.11</b>
<b><u>NET PROFIT</u></b>	
	<b>-\$1,477.81</b>



**CLASSIFIED ADS**

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](mailto:strongarmfamily@comcast.net)

**FOR SALE:** I have the following items for sale:

1. '65 Grill with headlamp rings. Very presentable: \$130.00 + Shipping
  2. Original Sprint Tachometer (not a repro.) with restored face: \$250.00 + Shipping
  3. (2) AMT '65 Sprint Hardtop Kits in boxes: \$200.00 each + Shipping
  4. (1) AMT '64 Sprint Convertible Kit in the box: \$175.00 + Shipping
- Contact: George Fournier at 860-621-8003 after 6 PM or e-mail at: [gfour@snet.net](mailto:gfour@snet.net)

**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

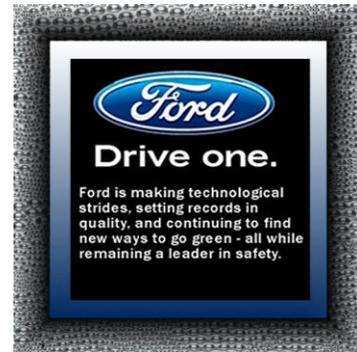
**Wanted**

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](mailto:falcon277@juno.com) Will Consider Trades

**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](mailto:fth90@cox.net) and I will send photos. location: Exeter, R. I. 02822.

**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](http://tomlaferriere.com/1963_ford_falcon_convertible_for_sale.htm)

**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](mailto:louis.santaniello1@gmail.com)

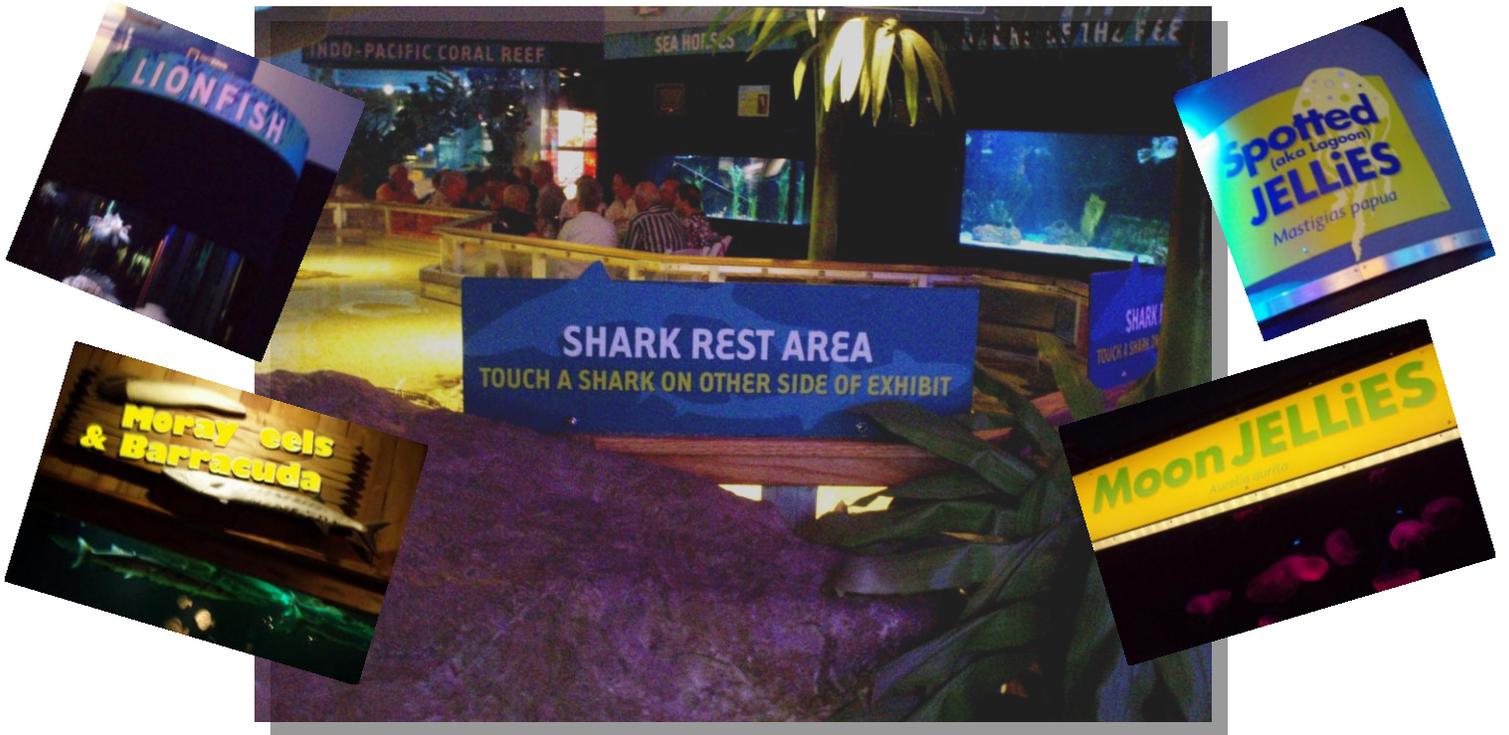


**Antique Auto Parts**



# FALCONS AND FISHES!

**The 15th Annual Northeast Chapter Regional Meet**



**Text By: Gary Nenninger**  
**Photos By: Carl Waters and Gary Nenninger**

**T**he Northeast Chapter of the **Falcon Club of America** held its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Meet on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the **Mystic Aquarium** in Mystic, CT. We had sixty-five cars registered. The Aquarium location worked out great for Falcons and Fishes. The parking lot easily held all the cars. The banquet inside the aquarium was truly amazing as we dined with the fishes. Congratulations to George Wilson and his Wimbledon White 1964 four-door sedan for “Best of Show” (Stock), Joe Troiano’s red Futura hardtop “Best of Show” (Modified), Cathy Miknaitis and her red 1964 Futura convertible for “Ladies Choice”. Take a look at the pictures of this unique experience.





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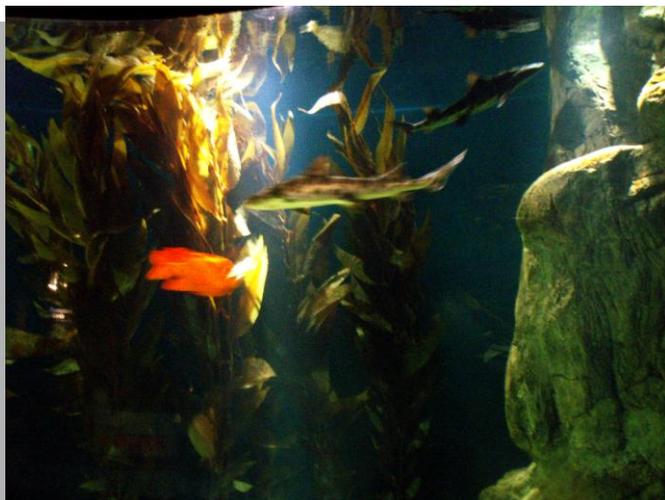
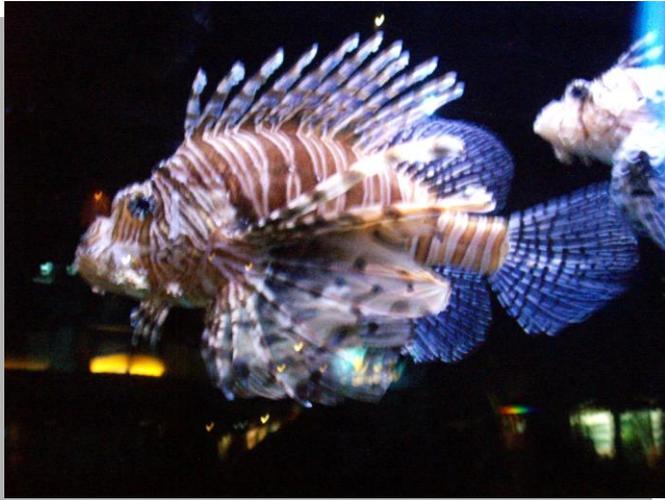


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**THE FISHES**





**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Determining the Age of a Tire**

**Submitted by Jeff Yates**

When it comes to determining the age of a tire, it is easy to identify when a tire was manufactured by reading its Tire Identification Number (often referred to as the tire's serial number). Unlike vehicle identification numbers (VIN) and the serial numbers used on many other consumer goods (which identify one specific item); Tire Identification Numbers are really batch codes that identify the week and year the tire was produced. The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) requires that Tire Identification Numbers be a combination of the letters DOT, followed by ten, eleven, or twelve letters and/or numbers that identify the manufacturing location, tire size and manufacturer's code, along with the week and year the tire was manufactured.

**Tires Manufactured Since 2000**

Since 2000, the week and year the tire was produced has been provided by the **last four digits** of the Tire Identification Number with the **2 digits** being used to identify the week immediately preceding the **2 digits** used to identify the year.

Example of a tire manufactured since 2000 with the current Tire Identification Number format:



Example above:	
<b>DOT U2LL LMLR 5107</b>	Manufactured during the <b>51<sup>st</sup></b> week of the year
	Manufactured during <b>2007</b>

While the entire Tire Identification Number is required on one sidewall of every tire, current regulations also require that DOT and the first digits of the Tire Identification Number must also be branded onto the opposite sidewall. Therefore, it is possible to see a Tire Identification Number that appears incomplete and requires looking at the tire's other sidewall to find the entire Tire Identification Number



The use of a partial Tire Identification Number on the one sidewall (shown above) reduces the risk of injury to the mold technician that would have to install the weekly date code on the top sidewall portion of a hot tire mold.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Tires Manufactured Before 2000**

The Tire Identification Number for tires produced prior to 2000 was based on the assumption that tires would not be in service for ten years. While they were required to provide the same information as today's tires, the week and year the tire was produced was contained in the **last three digits**. The **2 digits** used to identify the week a tire was manufactured immediately preceded a **single digit** used to identify the year.

Example of a tire manufactured before 2000 with the earlier Tire Identification Number format:



Example above:	
<b>DOT EJ8J DFM 408</b>	Manufactured during the <b>40<sup>th</sup></b> week of the year
	Manufactured during the <b>8<sup>th</sup></b> year of the decade

While the previous Tire Identification Number format identified that a tire was built in the 8th year of a decade, there was no universal identifier confirming which decade (tires produced in the 1990s may have a small triangle following the Tire Identification Number to identify the decade).

Finally, hold on to your sales receipt. Most tire manufacturer's warranties cover their tires for four years from the date of purchase or five years from the week the tires were manufactured. So if you purchase new tires that were manufactured exactly two years ago they will be covered for a total of six years (four years from the date of purchase) as long as you have your receipt. If you lose your receipt, your tires' warranty coverage will end five years from the week the tire was produced (resulting in the tire manufacturer's warranty coverage ending only three years from the date of purchase).

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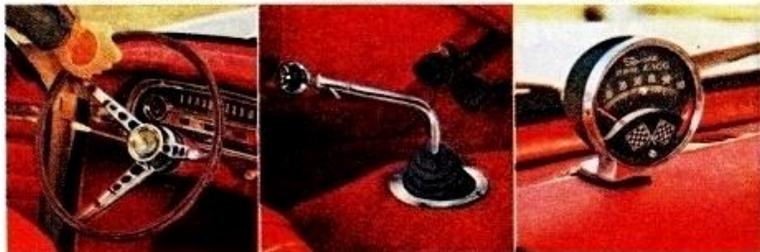
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