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I Really, Really Did It!

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Well I really did it, I drove my Sprint to Dover! You might say "What's the big deal; people drive their Falcons to shows all the time." Yea I know but my car has not gone that far in about 45 years and it's never driven in the rain and you have to remember how neurotic I am about the car. It may not seem like a big deal to most people but the fact that I bought the car new and have had it for 46 years made it a big deal for me. But I am happy to say that the Sprint drove like a new car and we had no rain!NO RAIN, it was a miracle, with all the rain we've had in the Northeast, NO RAIN!

It took us about six hours to make the trip to Dover, all-in-all not bad. I give more details of the trip starting on page 6 of this issue. On Thursday we went to Dover International Speedway it was pretty neat to drive around the track and feel the sensation of the banked track even though we only went about a third of the way up the banks. When we went to pick up the picture from the track, I could not resist having one taken with the sunset back ground.

I must admit, it was well worth the risk of driving my Sprint in the rain for the great show put on by the Mason-Dixon Chapter.

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

Gary



Editors Note:

It has been brought to my attention that some members were unable to receive The Falcon News because of file size. I have been working on the problem and believe that I have solved it. If you were having problems in the past but received this one, please let me know.

Thank you.

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SEPTEMBER 11-12 2009
NIAGARA FALLS N.Y.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

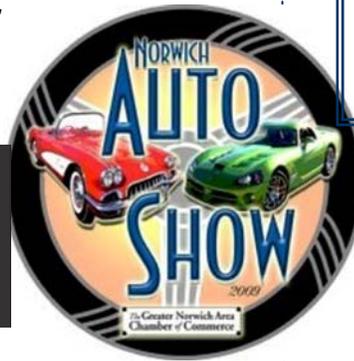
We just returned from a great National Show. The Mason Dixon Club outdid themselves. For me the highlight was driving the Dover track. They gave us 3 laps and of course pictures were taken. Driving up on those banks is an incredible feeling. We had a great club turnout with twenty-four members attending. Congratulations to all those who won awards at the show. There were many club members who went home with a plaque.

The National always gets me excited about my Falcon. So if you're starting to get tired of your car it's time to go to a National show. Speaking of that, next year is the fiftieth anniversary of the Falcon. Of course the National show will be at Detroit. I've already registered. Plans include a drive on the Ford test track and a visit of the Ford museum at

The hotel is right across the street from Ford National Headquarters I'm planning on spending a week there. On a more local note our next meeting is Sept. 20th at Dodd Stadium in Norwich Ct. They have a great show there. I believe we will have our own class. So put the date on your calendar and clean up the car and come on down. See you Sept. 20th.

"Enjoy the ride."

Rick



The Falcon Times by e-mail

If you would like to have, your copy of *The Falcon Times* e-mailed to you rather than mailing it to your home, please send an e-mail to

genneninger@comcast.net.

It would save the club money on printing and mailing costs (and the world trees). Doing this would be greatly appreciated by all.

Please think about it!



A Note from the Regional Director's Desk

Well another annual Falcon Family Reunion, otherwise known as the annual Convention, has passed. This was my 11th and I think this one may have been the best. I say hats off to all the Mason-Dixon people for showing all a great time.

I have received a thank you card from the Convention's Chairman, Mike Garrett thanking the Northeast Chapter for assuming the duties of Night Security during the Convention. President Rick and I took on the job and it freed up some of their members to do other duties. The Chapter had a lot of Class Winners, I congratulation the members bringing home the hardware. (See the list in this issue).

One item that came up during the meeting at the convention was that the National Club is facing a small financial situation down the road. In the spring of 2010 the bi-annual Membership

Directory is due to be published; the cost will be a slight drain to the FCA's Treasury. The Board of Directors has come up with an idea to ask the Chapters to defray some of the cost of the publication by making a donation. In return the Chapter will get their logo printed on the cover. This will be discussed at the next Chapter Meeting.

I have sent this information out to all my Chapter President to get their members input on the subject. I have received some interesting replies including a couple that seem to make sense. They are, maybe not every members has need for the Directory, so just send it to members that would like a copy. Another is to make the Directory available online with password protection.

Each Chapter needs a copy to track un-paid FCA members. I receive an updated electronic copy every 3 months that I in turn forward to my Chapter's to help them in tracking their members.

So, I am asking you for your input on the subject. If you receive this Newsletter via email just click on my email address raysfalcon@cox.net and let me know how you feel about the subject. If you receive this in a paper form give me a call at 401-934-2105.

In summary what I am asking is this:

- a. Do you or do you not find any use in the Membership Directory
- b. Would you approve of the Chapter making a donation (maybe \$100.00 to help?)
- c. Would you like to see it online with password protection?

Thanks and look forward to hearing from you on the subject.

"See you in a Falcon"

Ray





MEETING NOTICES



- The Erie Canal & Ontario Chapters 2nd Regional Meet Sept. 10-12, 2009 in Niagara Falls, NY.
- Next meeting is Sept. 20th at The Norwich Auto Show, Dodd Stadium in Norwich Ct.
- October meeting to be announced

Northeast Chapter Falcon Club of America

Treasurer's Report

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May Treasurer's Report

108 Members

| DATE | DESCRIPTION | DEPOSITS | CHECKS | ACCOUNT BALANCE |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------|----------|-----------------|
| <i>Beginning Balance 04/30/2009</i> | | | | \$2,212.18 |
| 05/25/09 | #1022-Ray Chevalier-Donation Dover Chapter | | \$200.00 | \$2,012.18 |
| 05/25/09 | #1023-State of RI-Non-prof. corp. filing fee | | \$20.00 | \$1,992.18 |
| 05/25/09 | #1024 - Bill Warburton - Stamps, envelopes | | \$53.06 | \$1,939.12 |
| <i>Ending Balance 05/31/2009</i> | | | | \$1,939.12 |

June Treasurer's Report

107 Members

| DATE | DESCRIPTION | DEPOSITS | CHECKS | ACCOUNT BALANCE |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------|--------|-----------------|
| <i>Beginning Balance 05/31/2009</i> | | | | \$1,939.12 |
| 06/22/09 | Deposit - Renewal Dues | \$504.00 | | \$2,443.12 |
| 06/29/09 | Deposit - Renewal Dues | \$56.00 | | \$2,499.12 |
| <i>Ending Balance 06/30/09</i> | | | | \$2,499.12 |

July Treasurer's Report

108 Members

| DATE | DESCRIPTION | DEPOSITS | CHECKS | ACCOUNT BALANCE |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------|--------|-----------------|
| <i>Beginning Balance 06/30/2009</i> | | | | \$2,499.12 |
| 07/20/09 | Deposit - Dues | \$36.00 | | \$2,535.12 |
| 07/27/09 | Deposit - Dues | \$46.00 | | \$2,581.12 |
| <i>Ending Balance 07/31/09</i> | | | | \$2,581.12 |

Welcome New Members

Rick Patenaude, 16 Forest St., Branford, CT 06405
James Sawyer, 20 Plain St., Walpole, MA 02081
Michael Lavoie, 972 Old Stafford Rd., Tiverton, RI 02878



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List of winners from the Chapter at Dover Falcon Convention

**Jeff Yates
Bruce Ahlquist
Gail Ahlquist
Jack & Doreen Ward
John Byrne
Gary & Kathy Nenninger
Larry Ashman
Ed Kernozek
Stan & Cathy Miknaitis
Art & Kathy Dammers
Charlie Smith
Mark MacEachern
Winner of Best of Show (Stock)
Frank & Ginny Servas**



Text by
Gary Nenninger
Photos by
Kevin & Lauren Gable

The Migration to Dover

We started out on Wednesday morning about 7:00 to meet Jack and Doreen Ward at the site of our 2001 Nationals in Cromwell, CT. We then drove to meet up with Cris and Rick Bowes and Keystone Editors/Northeast Chapter members Kevin and Lauren Gable at a rest stop on I-95. By 8:00 we were on our way to Dover, two 1963 Sprint convertibles, a 260 powered 1963 2 door Futura and a Chevy. Yea I said the nasty forbidden word "Chevy". Unfortunately Kevin's 1963 Futura convertible was not ready to make the trip.



We're all here and ready to go!



The three birds on the fly to Dover



On the road to meet Jack and Doreen.



Hi Jack!



As I said before the Sprint ran great, but with no air conditioning it was hot in the car (85 to 90°F according to my new inside/outside thermometer from K-Mart. (I will address how I plan to solve the air conditioning problem later on in this issue).

The traffic was not bad with only a couple of delays at the toll booths on the Garden State. After a couple of pit-stops and one gas fill-up we arrived at the hotel in Dover about 2:45.



Over the Tappan Zee and on to the Garden State Parkway



On the road again, down the Jersey Pike and over the Delaware Memorial Bridge



About 2:45 we arrived at the hotel in Dover and it was time to unload the car and relax.



CLASSIFIED ADS

The Falcon Times will list your classified ad free (including one picture). We will run the ad for one issue. If the item does not sell, you can re-submit it for the following issue. Ads must be sent to the editor by Jan 1st, March 1st, May 1st, July 1st, Sept 1st, or Nov 1st, to be in the Times for that month's issue.

Parts/Cars for sale

1965 Ford Falcon Futura Convertible for sale. Around 57,000 original miles. Rebuilt auto 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 replacements 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.

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PARTS FOR SALE

61 Falcon / 71 Cougar

CAR FOR SALE

1983 Crown
1963 Falcon convertible
Call Neil at 860-429-3871 or e-mail me neil_home@hotmail.com

Wanted

Wanted: Inside chrome molding around windshield. Also rear view mirror and bracket. I need these parts for a 63 Falcon Sprint Hardtop. Must be very good to excellent. Will pay good price. Mike Henchey

E-mail

mustang1969mh@myfairpoint.net

My NE Chapter Club # is 476

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Wanted: Two front doors for a 60-63 four door Falcon or Comet. Call Neil at 860-429-3871 or e-mail me neil_home@hotmail.com



Antique Auto Parts

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This issue of Feathered Friends will be dedicated to all the cool Falcons attending the Falcon Club of America's 30th Annual National Convention in Dover Delaware on July 16, 17, & 18th.

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Text and Photo's
By
Gary Nenninger

This was the fourth National Falcon Club of America Convention that we have attended since joining in 1997 and I must say it was terrific. Thirteen Northeast Chapter Falcons returned to the nest with awards. If you can make the trip to Detroit next year it should be another fantastic event. Earlier I told you about the migration down to Dover, now I will show you pictures of the convention and let the pictures do the talking.



Every morning we started with a free continental breakfast in the hospitality breakfast room. Free Lunch was served in the lunch hospitality room down the hall. To the left is my wife Kathy getting her breakfast while President Rick enjoys his!

Thursday morning after breakfast it was time to find your assigned parking spot then clean and polish the car a little after the ride down from Connecticut. After a little cleaning, it was time to check out all the Falcons and start socializing before the 3:30 ride down the street to Dover International Speedway or as it's known by it's mascot Miles the Monster who stands guard out side "THE MONSTER MILE".

So let's sit back and look at some cool Falcons and what we don't get to this issue you will see in the next, including all the Northeast Chapter Member's cars.





FEATHERED FRIENDS





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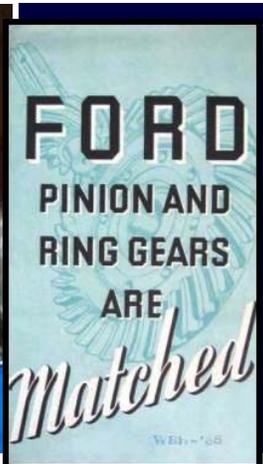




FEATHERED FRIENDS



Ray Chevalier was at his usual station at the valve cover races.



The banquet Saturday night was very good and the members of the Mason Dixon chapter deserve Cho does



Saturday night was time for reflecting on the past few days and enjoy the friendships that we have developed over time. It was a very enjoyable trip with a great event put on by the Mason Dixon Chapter and I am sure that the Detroit Convention will be great as well. Hope to see you there next year.



Text by
Gary Nenninger

Photos by
Kathy Nenninger

Trip to the Monster Mile

This was the first time I would drive my Sprint on a race track other than a drag strip and that was a long time ago. At 3:00 we started to line up for the cruise to the “Monster Mile”. While in line I actually put the top down on the Sprint. When we arrived at the track we all parked the cars and registered with the track officials before heading on to the track. We took a lap around the track and as we headed down pit row each car slowed down to have a picture taken coming off the track. After parking in the infield we toured the media facilities and took pictures in the Victory Lane. Then it was back on the track for another trip around to the exit into the parking lot and the trip back to the hotel.



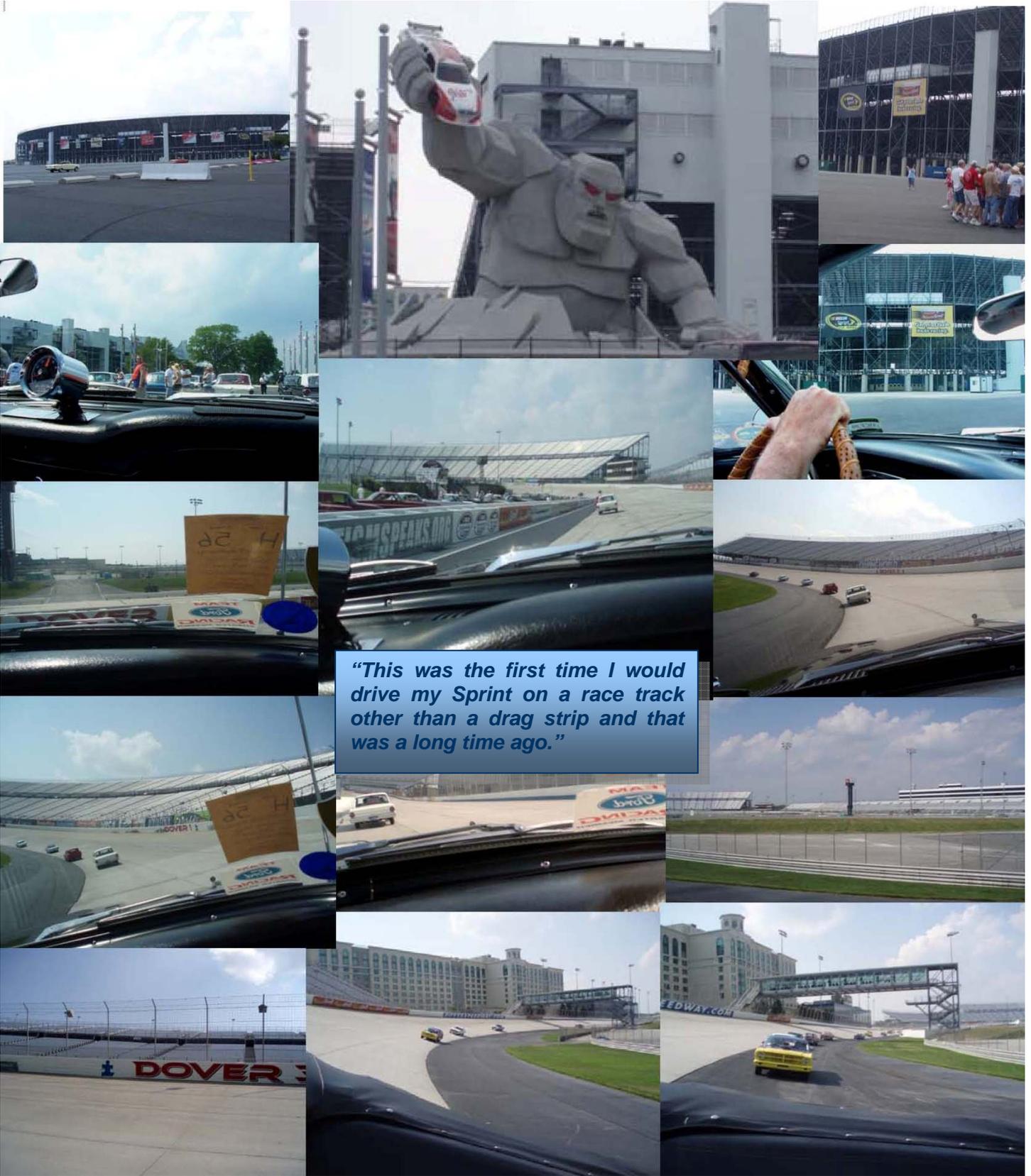
Several chapter members commented on how they never saw the car with the top down before. It was sad but true.



At 3:00 we started to line up for the cruise to the “Monster Mile” with our Police escort.



ODDS AND ENDS



"This was the first time I would drive my Sprint on a race track other than a drag strip and that was a long time ago."



ODDS AND ENDS



As we came off the track the Falcons slowed down to have a picture taken, and then preceded down pit row.



Inside the Media Center



We said farewell to Miles.

Victory Lane



The trip back to the hotel.



ONTARIO and ERIE CANAL CHAPTERS



REGIONAL FALCON MEET SEPTEMBER 11-12 2009 NIAGARA FALLS N.Y.

NAME _____ SPOUSE/GUEST _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____ CHAPTER _____ FCA # _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____ SIGNATURE _____
 (This releases the FCA, Ontario Chapter, and the Erie Canal Chapter from all liability due to injury or damage.)

FALCON REGISTRATION

All prices are in US funds

YEAR _____ MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____ CATEGORY _____
 YEAR _____ MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____ CATEGORY _____
 Categories: Stock Modified Daily Driver Masters

| REMITTANCE | before August 11, 2009 | after August 11, 2009 | TOTAL |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1 st vehicle | \$15 | \$20 | _____ |
| 2 nd vehicle | \$10 | \$15 | _____ |
| No vehicle | \$10 | \$15 | _____ |
| swap space | \$ 5 | \$ 8 | _____ |

Meet T-shirt S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ @ \$ 15 each _____
 XXL _____ XXXL _____ @ \$ 17 each _____

Banquet # Adults _____ @ \$30 each _____
 # Children (under 12) _____ @ \$23 each _____

Make checks payable to Erie Canal Chapter GRAND TOTAL _____

Mail registration to: Paul Zontek
 579 Colby Street
 Spencerport, NY 14559 USA

Hotel registration: Holiday Inn Niagara Falls
 114 Buffalo Ave.
 Niagara Falls, NY 14303 USA
 1-800-HOLIDAY or 716-285-2521

Show info: Joe Tatti 905-335-2834

**** Mention the Falcon club to receive the special rate of \$89/night, guaranteed until August 11, 2009 ****

Chapter websites:
 Ontario: www.ODNFalconClub.com
 Erie Canal: www.geocities.com/motorcity/downs/9428

****This rate can also be applied to stays 3 days before and 3 days after the meet****