

# The Falcon Times

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**Bob Walton's 1963 Ranchero**

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## President's Message:

Hi Everyone,

Please welcome Mary Ellen Molski as our new newsletter editor! She has graciously volunteered to take over the job from Kevin and Lauren. I would like to thank Kevin and Lauren for the past several years of newsletters. We really appreciate all the work they put into the newsletters.

Well it's time to put the cars away for the winter. Hopefully everyone has checked their antifreeze and have a nice cozy spot for the Falcon. I delivered Abigail's Falcon to her new house this morning, since they now have a garage to store it in. It's time to get everything put away.

This year has been a successful Falcon year. We have had a great turnout at our show and at our meetings. Next year I hope to have even better events. The officers are working at finding interesting places for our meetings. We are looking at Car Museums and speed shops to host our club. Stay tuned for next year's agenda! If you have a place that would make a great location for a meeting, please let me know so we can try to arrange it.

If you have any stories or pictures that you would like to share, please send them to Mary Ellen. I will be sending Mary Ellen pictures and progress on my Squire wagon.

Stay warm and see you in the spring!

Rick



### About our cover picture:

When our town's recreation department flyer stated that the Halloween parade would be held rain or shine I didn't really believe them. I believe them now. Having promised the grandchildren that they could ride in the parade in my Ranchero, I just couldn't let them down. So, instead of riding in the open cargo area with their mom as planned, they rode in the cab with Pop Pop, throwing candy as we went. I love these kids to the moon and beyond! Despite the more than an inch of rain which fell, the spectators showed up in droves, probably encouraged by their children's desire for copious amounts of candy. It all turned out very wet, but absolutely wonderful! — Bob "Pop Pop" Walton and his 1963 Ranchero



# Treasurer's Report:

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Statement Date: 8/31/2019

Northeast Chapter Falcon Club of America  
 Treasurer's Report  
 126 Members

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 7/31/2019</i>				\$14,785.99
08/05/19	Deposit - New member dues	\$20.00		\$14,805.99
08/08/19	#1189 - Void ck #1190 - Atlantic Trophy Co - Plaques and Dash Plaques		\$1,111.46	\$13,694.53
08/13/19	Deposit - Renewal dues	\$18.00		\$13,712.53
08/13/19	#1191 - Cash - Working cash for regional meet		\$200.00	\$13,512.53
08/13/19	Deposit - Registrations regional meet	\$658.00		\$14,170.53
08/16/19	#1192 - Crowne Plaza Hotel - Banquet & Bartender		\$2,093.03	\$12,077.50
08/16/19	#1193 - BJs - Sat lunch for reg meet		\$171.99	\$11,905.51
08/17/19	#1194 - Crowne Plaza Hotel - Banquet		\$178.15	\$11,727.36
08/17/19	#1195 - NE Lemonade - refreshments		\$150.00	\$11,577.36
08/17/19	#1196 - Patty Lindberg - Food supplies		\$114.00	\$11,463.36
08/17/19	#1197 - Tom Falcone - DJ for reg meet		\$350.00	\$11,113.36
08/20/19	Deposit - working cash less tip to lemonade vendor	\$175.00		\$11,288.36
08/20/19	Deposit - Registrations and T-shirts	\$1,140.00		\$12,428.36
08/20/19	Deposit - T-shirt sales	\$310.00		\$12,738.36
08/20/19	Deposit - 50/50 Raffle	\$265.00		\$13,003.36
08/20/19	Deposit - Donation of 50/50 winners Ray & Ginny Chevalier	\$265.00		\$13,268.36
08/20/19	Deposit - Gift Raffle	\$900.00		\$14,168.36
08/20/19	#1198 - Little Pink Houses of Hope - Donation to sponsor a family		\$1,008.00	\$13,160.36
08/20/19	#1199 - Cris Bowes - expenses for paper cutter, office supplies, and coffee cups		\$54.13	\$13,106.23
08/20/19	#1200 - Cris Bowes - for pmt to T-shirt vendor Halo/Chamberlain Marketing Solutions		\$1,139.91	\$11,966.32
08/20/19	Deposit - T-shirt sales	\$15.00		\$11,981.32
08/27/19	Deposit - Renewal dues	\$56.00		\$12,037.32
08/27/19	Deposit - New member dues	\$92.00		\$12,129.32
08/27/19	Deposit - New nat'l member dues	\$90.00		\$12,219.32
08/27/19	#1201 - FCA - 3 new member dues		\$90.00	\$12,129.32
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DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 9/30/2019</i>				\$12,125.32
10/03/19	#1203 - Crowne Plaza Hotel - Deposit for 2020 Regional Meet		\$300.00	\$11,825.32

**2020 Annual Regional Meet**  
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**Conference Center**  
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# Secretary's Report:

## September 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Hi, Everybody,

For all that did not attend this month's get together we had a great spread put out by John and Kathy for our annual cookout! 19 members and 9 Falcons showed up. Rick welcomed everybody and sent out a big thank you to John and Kathy!

**Treasurer's Report:** (see left) Deposit has been placed for 2020 Regional Meet

**President's Report:** Rick spoke about possible locations for our 2020 Regional Meet and we voted on having it back at the Crown Plaza again. The Publick House had rooms but doesn't have a banquet room available. Rooms at the Crown are going up to \$129 a night but all the construction and renovations will be completed by the time of our show next year. We are changing our T-shirt supplier from Chamberlain back to Daytona again for quality reasons as the silk screening always comes out better and lasts longer. We are looking for events to do on the Friday before our show such as another cruise down to Oakland Beach, so please pass along any thoughts to Rick and Cris in the upcoming meeting. The 2020 Nationals will be in Dayton, Ohio on July 23-25 so make your plans now if you are planning to attend. Rick says it's about a 2 day trip by car, so let him know if you are interested in traveling out with them. We also have the Keystone Regionals on May 2, 2020 so plan accordingly if you wish to attend this show. Rick asked for input about whether members want to have a Christmas party—there is some interest so we will look into venues to have it, and it will be a club sponsored event. We will keep you posted on this. Rick is also looking for ideas for events for the club to do next year such as another trip to local car museums, another poker run, and maybe a dinner cruise, so if you have any ideas please let us know via email or at the next meeting so we can start getting things lined up. As of 9/21 Jack was moved into rehab and has been improving daily. He is starting to walk on his own with assistance now. Keep up the good work Jack and we look forward to seeing you soon!

**Vice President's Report:** Carl was present, still looking to sell his 1969 Falcon!

**Old Business:** Treasurer position available, see Cris for job description if interested

**New Business:** ideas for club events, possibly having a Christmas party

Next meeting: Carl and Maryann's house, 10/26/19, 1 PM

61 Muller Drive, Westbrook, CT 06498

Respectfully submitted, Stan & Bernadette



## Updates from Cris:

### September and October Meetings – Another Success!

Well we once again were treated to a delicious cookout at the home of John Kaechele. John always goes all out in what he prepares and this year was no exception. We had about 20 people attend. John raffled off some great Ford door prizes for those who attended. If you haven't attended a meeting at John's then you've really missed out. He and Kathy always make sure everyone feels welcome and that nobody goes home hungry. We made a few decisions about the future, one of which is to have our 2020 Regional Meet at the Crowne Plaza once again. It will be August 21 & 22, 2020. Mark your calendars.

Our October meeting was held at the home of Marianne and Carl Waters in Westbrook, CT. We had a good turnout of about 18 members. We discussed the possibility of having a Christmas party this year but, unfortunately, the couple of locations that we thought might work were not available. We have decided we will try for a Spring Dust-off instead. We will let you know the location when we get closer to the timeframe.

### Health Updates

One of our longtime members, Jack Ward, fell just before our Regional Meet in August. He had a serious injury to the discs in his neck. He currently in a nursing rehab facility near his home in Rockville, CT. They won't be able to be snow-birds this year as Jack still has some work to do to get stronger. Jack and Doreen are hoping that they will be able to be back in Florida next winter. If you would like to send cards and let Jack and Doreen know you're thinking of them, their address is 27 King Street, Rockville, CT 06066. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Our Treasurer, Bill Warburton, has also been having some health issues but Denise tells us he is making good progress and is on the mend. Please keep Bill in your thoughts and prayers also. If anyone would like to send a card to Bill, his address is 740 Tunk Hill Rd., Hope, RI 02831.

### PARTS FOR SALE:

Complete front end including V8 springs, steering gear, freshly turned 5 lug drums, new shoes, wheel cylinders and hoses. The control arms, spindles and backing plates are greasy and dirty but not rusty. I also have a complete 88000 mile 260 with new clutch and turned flywheel but the ring gear should be replaced. There is also an original 4 speed that needs 2nd gear synchronizer and the factory shifter. I have no idea of what this all this is worth. I don't want to make a killing on it nor do I want to give it away. Hopefully some club member could use this to upgrade his 6 cylinder or freshen up his car before I post this on Craigslist in a few weeks. My cell is 508-612-5657 and I'm in Clinton, CT.

THANKS! Dave Owen

## Audrain's Newport Concours Motor Week Event

Several of our Club members attended the Cars & Coffee event that Audrain's Museum held at the Inaugural Concours weekend at Fort Adams in Newport on October 5, 2019. All the cars that were participating in the Concours show that weekend on hand for the spectators to see, along with some special guests and celebrities on hand. Next year's event is scheduled for the weekend of October 1-4, 2020. See [www.audrainconcours.com](http://www.audrainconcours.com) for details about show dates, information about the Audrain Museum, lodging, and more!



## Out and About with Bob Walton:

Imagine being in a car going from zero to more than 70 mph in just over 3 seconds. Now imagine doing that in a PARKING LOT! I recently had another one of those, "This could never happen to me" experiences, but it did. I had the good fortune to be in the passenger seat on one VERY hot lap in a Ford GT (really a genuine 647hp race car) whose base price is just under \$500,000. It was an incredible ride. I also got to enjoy professionally driven hot laps in two of the new highest powered Mustangs. Thanks go out to three of my good friends with Media credentials for making these extraordinary rides possible at the Barrett-Jackson auction at Mohican Sun. Anyone have a spare \$500K so I can apply to be chosen as a future owner?



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Every Labor Day for the last few years TWO major car shows have been competing with each other. The older of the two, "Lead East, The World's Largest Fifties Party" takes place at the Hilton Hotel and surrounding office complex in Parsippany, NJ. Thirty miles North on I-287 brings you to "Dead Man's Curve" which takes place at the Sheraton Hotel in Mahwah, NJ, just south of the junction of I-287, NJ-17 and the NY Thruway.

Lead East focuses on older cars, especially customs and hot rods, and the music they play LOUDLY is any Rock and Roll up to but not including the Beatles. This year they claimed to have 35 bands and Doo Wop groups. Dead Man's Curve is a little more inclusive, permitting customs, hot rods, funny cars, antiques, dragsters, you name it. Here the music does include the Beatles and any Rock including the 70's and possibly 80's, so, predictably, the crowd here is somewhat younger than Lead East.

I spent some time at both shows and came across a few Falcons, but none so outrageous as "Economac," a completely custom made vehicle built to appear as a cab-over, tilt-front tractor trailer I spotted at Lead East.



It began life as a '67 Econoline van. It was cut just behind the more forward of the two right side cargo doors. Then just the last few inches of the back of the truck were re-installed onto the body. My estimate is that approximately 3 to 4 feet of body were removed. The chassis is completely custom fabricated. The engine is a 351W. Power is driven through a T5 manual 5-speed transmission. The differential is from a Mustang. It has twin rear axles.

Although it has a very real looking "fifth wheel" (the device made to connect to the trailer) it is NOT functional. The color is 2012 Jeep Gecko Green.

The owners, Dale and Judy Scully, of Bethel CT took 14 years to go from concept to prize-winning truck. I often ask myself, "Why do people do this type of thing?" The answer, of course, is that they CAN (and I can't). The workmanship is outstanding! This has to be about the coolest trucks I have ever seen.



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While traveling this summer I visited the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI. One item that caught my attention was a replica Ford Falcon with which children could play. The hood functioned, the air cleaner could be removed and the wheels and tires could be changed. When I spotted it two little girls were enjoying removing parts and replacing them. If you visit Michigan be sure to visit the Henry Ford and its next-door neighbor, Greenfield Village.

Travel somewhere fun with your Falcon? Need help with parts? Want to show off your rebuild? This is the place! Share your pictures, write-ups, and questions to [NEFCAEditor@yahoo.com](mailto:NEFCAEditor@yahoo.com) to be featured in future newsletters!