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1963 Falcon convertible
Owners: Donna Walker and Jake Testa

President's Message: Winter Work

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Hi Everyone,

My 63 wagon was a 6 cylinder and I have converted it to a 289. Because of this I'm converting the front end to a 5 lug V8 suspension. I purchased the 65 V8 front end kit from Falcon-parts.com. I'm using 65 Mustang spindles, they are the same as 65 Falcon. I figured this would be an easy conversion. For the most part it has been. The biggest problem I have had is installing the coil springs. I've done this several times and have never had this hard of a time. I have the real Ford spring compressor for this job. But it wasn't working. I actually broke down and went to YouTube and found a video to install the coils to see if there was something I was missing. I found the problem.

I ordered new spring perches that bolt to the upper control arm. I wrongly assumed they were for a Falcon. What I found out is they are for a 65 Mustang. They don't make them for the Falcon and they are different. The Falcon's stop for the end of the coil goes to the outside (near the ball joint). The Mustang stop goes to the inside. All you have to do is turn the perch to the inside and problem is solved. Would have been nice if there was a note included with the part! I will finish the rest of the front suspension later this week. Next project is converting to disc brakes. I will have pictures for the next newsletter.

How is your project going? Have you ordered the parts you need? Are you in the take-apart mode or are you starting to put things back together? Let us know how you are doing on your project. Send Mary Ellen pictures of your project and progress.

Keep warm and keep improving your Falcon!

Rick

About our cover picture:

Donna Walker and Jake Testa's beautifully restored 1963 Falcon convertible is our cover story! Please see pages 5-6 for an in-depth look into their restoration process, and learn more about "Sweetheart"!

Treasurer's Report:

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Statement
Date: 11/30/2019

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

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
	<i>Beginning Balance 10/31/2019</i>			
11/04/19	Add back lost check #1201	\$90.00		\$11,915.32
11/04/19	#1204 - FCA - new nat'l members 8-17-19		\$90.00	\$11,825.32
11/06/19	Deposit - New member dues	\$8.00		\$11,833.32
11/30/19	#1205 - Mary Ellen Molski - Staples for ink, printing and envelopes		\$151.75	\$11,681.57

December's Report: No Activity Current balance: \$11,681.57 -MEM

Secretary's Report:

Hi, Everybody!

Nothing new to report this month. Just want to wish everyone a
 Happy New Year! Stan Porter, Secretary, NEFCA

2020 Annual Regional Meet August 21–22, 2020
Crown Plaza Hotel & Conference Center
801 Greenwich Ave
Warwick, RI 02886

Book your stay now for the best rates and rooms!

\$129/night with Group Code FAL

Reserve directly through Crown Plaza:

401-732-6000

****See last page for registration form!****

Updates from our Members:

From Doreen and Jack Ward:

To Our Falcon Club Members,

Jack and I wish to thank all our Falcon friends for remembering us while Jack was in the hospital and rehab. He is home now and slowly making progress to learn to walk again. Hopefully we will be back to Falcon meetings next spring. The photo was taken at Thanksgiving with our son John, daughter Mariann, and the many cards on the bulletin board at the rehab center. Many thanks and much love, Doreen and Jack



2020 NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEET

Happy New Year!!

The 22nd Annual Northeast Regional Meet is scheduled for August 21st and 22nd, 2020 at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, RI again.

The hotel renovations will be complete, including new furniture in the rooms, and it should be a comfortable stay. The room rate did go up by \$10.00, now it is \$129.00/night. Our banquet price stayed the same at \$36.00 per meal, \$20.00 per child meal.

We are working on scheduling an excursion for those able to join us on Friday, August 21st. Plans haven't been finalized yet but we will let you know in the not too distant future. The registration form is in the newsletter. Please make your reservations as soon as you can. You can always cancel later if you find you won't be able to make it.

Also, please send your registration in to me. I have a new address, which is at the bottom of the registration form. Feel free to contact any of the officers if you have any questions. Thanks and have a safe and healthy winter.

Cris Bowes

Passages:

Please join us in offering our deepest condolences to Rick Bowes and family on the passing of his mother, Joan F. (Waldron) Bowes on Thanksgiving, and to the family of Nancy Snyder, wife of Ed Snyder (founder of the Keystone Chapter of the Falcon Club of America) who passed away on December 21 after a long illness. May you find peace in their memories.

Spotlight: Donna Walker and Jake Testa's '63 "Sweetheart"

The Falcon Times recently contacted Donna Walker and Jake Testa to share some of the background details on their 1963 Falcon convertible they brought to one of the meetings this past summer. Here's some of the story, courtesy of Donna:

I purchased the car in 2009 so Jake and I could do a project together. In the past I either sat at car shows and read or just didn't go at all.

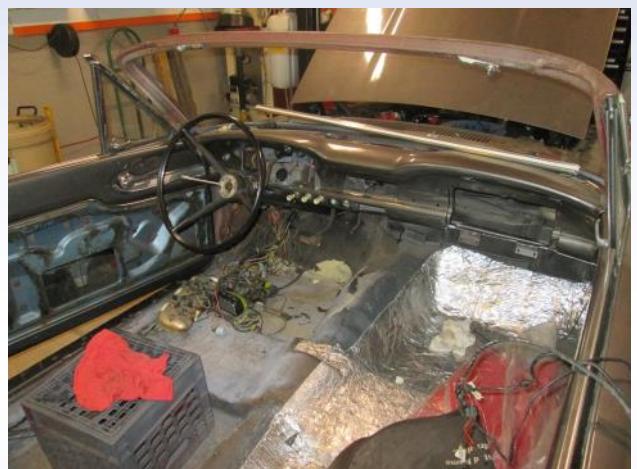
Needless to say my car sat dormant for many years (6 at least) before Jake started working on it. We stripped the car down, which didn't take much, removed the motor, and started the body work.

It was painted a pearl white by a friend of ours and there it stayed for another 4 years. I always called it my little sweetheart, hence the hearts. All I wanted was to get this finished so I could show and enjoy the car shows.

So at the 9 year point and with influence from Falcon Club friends (Stan, Rick, and Mike) it is to a point of being 80% complete. Not sure if it will be ready by this summer. We'll see!



original purchase, 2009



original floor, seats removed



fender and frame work



Jake supervising while Rick wires (above)



Sweetheart's power plant (left)

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More history on the rebuild:

- ◆ car purchased in 2009 from brother-in-law
- ◆ bartered for a junked 1963 Falcon for parts
- ◆ purchased an additional parts Falcon in Massachusetts
- ◆ purchased seats through another of Jake's friends
- ◆ ordered what could not be bartered or traded for
- ◆ body work and paint purchased from local craftsmen



paint and rear trim work



upholstery and bonnet



Looks great, Donna—
see you at the show!

Would you like to feature
your car in our newsletter?
Send your project pictures
and descriptions to us at

NEFCAEditor@yahoo.com



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**PRESENTS THE 22nd ANNUAL
REGIONAL FALCON MEET**

*August 21 & 22, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
801 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, RI 02886*

Meet and Banquet Registration Form

Name: _____ *Spouse/Guest:* _____

Address: _____ *City:* _____

State: _____ *Zip:* _____ *Phone:* (_____) _____

Falcon Registration Information

Vehicle Year: _____ *Model:* _____ *Body Style:* _____

Color: _____ *Engine:* _____ *Stock:* _____ *Lt. Mod.* _____ *Modified* _____

Falcon Registration Fee: \$20.00 *1 @* *\$* _____

or Special Daily Driver Class: \$15.00 *1 @* *\$* _____

Banquet: Saturday August 22, 2020 at 6:00 pm _____ *@ \$36.00* *\$* _____.

Stuffed Boneless Chicken Breast # _____ *Baked Scrod* # _____

VENDOR SPACE FEE: \$20.00 *1 @* *\$* _____

T-Shirts: Sm. _____ *Med.* _____ *Lg.* _____ *X-Lg.* _____ *XX-Lg.* _____

Sm., Med., Lg., X-Lg., \$15.00 each *XX-Lg. \$18.00 each* *\$* _____

Total Falcon Registration, T-shirts & Banquet Amount: *\$* _____

For Hotel registrations call the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 401-732-6000 Group Code FAL

Room rates are \$129.00 plus tax per night guaranteed until July 20, 2019

You must mention Falcon Club Show when making your reservations.

Send this form and remittance payable to: Northeast Chapter FCA,

c/o Cristine Bowes, 552 Franklin Road, Coventry, RI 02816

For more information, contact Cristine Bowes at (401) 529-2622 or falconsprint@aol.com

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

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

Print Name _____

Sign Name _____