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Hi Everyone,

Hopefully everyone is safe and sound. Unfortunately, Covid-19 has put a halt to any club activities for the foreseeable future. The RI governor has cancelled all summer events. Because of this we are cancelling this year's Regional show in August. We have re-scheduled for next year, same time and same place. When it is safe and allowed we will plan some type of meeting/cruise night. Cris's message will explain in more detail. The Keystone Show has been postponed until the Fall. Depending on how long the country is locked down will determine if the National is cancelled. John Howard is hoping to have the show as scheduled. If he does cancel he will let us know in plenty of time to cancel reservations.

I have quarantined myself to my garage over the past 6 weeks I have been working every day on my wagon. Mechanically the car is done. Motor and transmission are in and running. I've replaced the front and rear springs. Converted to front disc brakes. Replaced the front suspension with 65 V-8 front end. The past two weeks I have been cutting out all the rust and welding all new metal. One door I actually had to cut the whole bottom off. I had a rust free donor door to repair it. As of today all the rust repair and body work is done. I will be sanding everything to get it ready for primer. The plan is to paint the first week of May. Put the car back together in May. Test drive in June and drive it to Dayton, Ohio for the National.

What are you doing while being home? Let's give Mary Ellen plenty of material to put in the Newsletter. If you have been working on your car take pictures and send them to Mary Ellen.

Please stay safe and get those Falcons ready for when it is safe to drive them.

Rick

About our cover picture:

COVID-19 has fundamentally changed our lives, at least for the time being. We sincerely hope that you, your families, and your loved ones are well at this time and continue to be. Until we can be together again—at regionals, town car shows, or back road drives—our thoughts are with you. Be safe! ~Mary Ellen Molski, Editor

Treasurer's Report:

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Statement 4/30/2020

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

DATE				ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance</i> 3/31/2020	<i>Beginning Balance</i> 3/31/2020	<i>Beginning Balance</i> 3/31/2020	<i>Beginning Balance</i> 3/31/2020	\$11,497.05
04/22/20	Deposit - New member dues	\$20.00		\$11,517.05

Secretary's Report:

Hi, Everybody! I have confirmed with the owner of Helger Bros Speed Shop in RI that they would love to have us pay a visit some Saturday and check out all their vintage cars and speed equipment. I went up last year with the RI Ford club and it was a good time. He has asked that we let this whole virus thing blow over and then call and schedule something with him; hopefully we can get something planned for the club.

Stay safe, everyone!

Stan Porter, Secretary, NEFCA

From the Vice-President:

Hi, Hope everyone is well ! With the warmer weather and not connecting with others I have found myself spending some time with my '69 Falcon. Even with a new classic car in my garage I am taking the time to clean and drive my Falcon. My wife and I have been out in the Falcon twice now just riding around the shoreline and enjoying some free time. My hobbies keep me busy and away from the news.

Hope everyone stays safe and hope we can get together soon!

Carl Waters



Spotlight Restoration: Rick Bowes' 1963 Wagon



Current, ready for paint!

1963 Super Deluxe Squire Wagon

- * wood grain sides
- * factory equipped bucket seats
- * approximately 1200 made, only 5 currently registered with the Falcon Registry.

Conversions:

- * V8 289
- * C-4 Automatic
- * 65 V-8 front suspension
- * disc brakes



Getting started



Out with the old cargo floor...



...and in with the new!

Rick's Wagon: Fabrication and Conversions



New metal for quarter/wheel well



Smoothed and primed



Disc brake conversion



8" rear, 2:79 gears

*1963
Country Squire
Wagon*



Ford 289



Bob Walters: Around Town, Through Time



During the Covid-19 quarantine I spent some time going through many old photographs and I found this one from 2002. I was in the Detroit/Dearborn area for the Cadillac and LaSalle Club's Grand National celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Cadillac. One day I drove out to see Clara and Henry Ford's home, Fair Lane (yes, two words). Please pardon the Cadillac in Henry Ford's driveway. For those who may not be aware, however, Cadillac was founded

by Henry Leland, "The Master of Precision" who also founded Lincoln. Cadillac was created out of what was left when Ford's second auto manufacturing venture, the Henry Ford Company, failed. The more automotive history I read the more I realize that within the executive ranks, many individuals have had significant roles in multiple companies, changing companies whenever an opportunity for advancement presented itself, or when the culture of the company for whom they were working no longer fit their personal situation. Best example? Lee Iacocca.

New Member Spotlight: Kimberly Maine



1966 Ford Falcon Futura
2 door Club Coupe



Kimberly writes: the car has many original parts including the original straight 6 - 200 engine with just over 58,000 miles on it. We purchased it in January of this year and only needed brakes and front-end alignment to have it ready to cruise. We plan on restoring the interior over time but for the most part it's in good shape. Just needs a makeover.

Looks great, Kimberly! Hope to see you soon! ~Mary Ellen

Cris Bowes: Important 2020 Regional and National Updates

REGIONAL MEET IN RHODE ISLAND CANCELED FOR 2020

I hope everyone is surviving the COVID 19 pandemic. It has been such a difficult time for everyone. Hopefully we will be able to get together at some time in the near future. We're doing well. I spend most days sewing while Rick spends his days in his garage working on the Squire Wagon. He was hoping the wagon would be ready for the National and Regional Meets. At this point the timing isn't urgent any more. Hopefully the Coronavirus will run its course and be out of here before the summer is over.

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus, we had to make a difficult decision. The Regional was scheduled for Friday, August 21st and Saturday, August 22nd. With all of the restrictions in most states still in place, it will have to be postponed until **August 20th and 21st, 2021**. The Governor of Rhode Island has said the quarantine restrictions will not be lifted for large groups of people at least through the summer. She has also said that visitors from outside of the state will have to quarantine for 14 days when they arrive in Rhode Island. We also have not been able to order our T-shirts or plaques due to the companies being closed in Florida and Michigan.

I've already received several registrations. If you planned on joining us and made your hotel reservations, please call the hotel to cancel them soon. If you sent in your registrations, we will be returning your fee to you soon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at cbricris@aol.com or call me at 401-529-2622.

Take care and stay safe and healthy. Cris Bowes

NATIONAL MEET IN DAYTON, OHIO CANCELED FOR 2020

We received word from the Ohio Valley Chapter that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 National Meet has been canceled. If you have made reservations at one of the hotels, please be sure to cancel. If you have registered for the show, you will be receiving a refund within the next few weeks. Please be patient while they get things sorted out. We are all disappointed but for the safety of all of our members this was the best decision at this time.

LOCAL CAR SHOWS, MEETS, AND EVENTS

Please continue to monitor your local and state news for information concerning annual car shows and meets, as many of these have already been canceled. Please send updates on shows to NEFCAEditor@yahoo.com Also send pictures of your vehicles and rides! We'd love to feature you in an upcoming issue!

Stay safe, everyone!