



THE FALCON TIMES



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

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So, Why a Falcon?

When I first met Ray Chevalier a few years back (12!) he approached me about joining the Northeast Chapter, of the Falcon Club of America. My response was "I didn't think there were enough people interested in Falcons to have a club". Boy was I wrong. It still amazes me today at the interest in our Falcons. **So, Why a Falcon?** Well, I have been a Ford Motor Company man ever since my Father bought a 1949 Ford 4-door sedan in 1953. My first car was my brother's hand-me-down 1953 Mercury hardtop in 1961. One day my high school friend Ray (Not Chevalier but another Frenchman LaMothe) left the car in neutral after trying out my new floor shift. The '53 rolled down the hill in front of my parent's house and hit a telephone pole; it was time for another car.

I bought a 1954 Mercury convertible that needed lots of work. I bought a 54 Mercury four door that had a 35,000-miles and a standard transmission for \$50. I pulled the engine and transmission from the four door and dropped them in the convertible (I could use my floor shift again). After replacing the top, rear end, front end, and putting on a new coat of colonial white paint it was finished. So, what did I do, I traded it in of course on a 1958 Thunderbird in November of 1962. Unfortunately I passed up a 1960 Ford convertible with a standard transmission and 352-ci police interceptor engine, for the luxury T-bird (What a dope!) I figured the T-Bird would be a cool push car for my brother's D-Altered Model A Coupe that we raced at Connecticut Drag way.

Then in February of 1963, Ford introduced the new 1963-1/2 Falcon Sprint convertible and my life would change forever. (What a dull life!)

If you were a Ford fan, 1963 was a good year. The mid-sized Fairlane offered the 271 H.P., 289 Hi Performance, but no convertible. The Galaxy 427 was available in a convertible but too much money. However, there was the 260ci Falcon Sprint convertible with a four speed that was just right.

In August of 1963, I traded in my big black Luxury T-bird, which had an all black custom interior and dual "tear drop" spotlights, for my special order triple black Sprint convertible. The rest is history, 45 years worth.

And that is my answer to "So, why a Falcon?" I told you my story (and you will never get those 5 minutes back!) so let us hear your story about why you own a Falcon.

P.S.

On a personal note, I received some unhappy news this week from Washington St. my high school friend Ray LaMothe passed away from cancer, and I was unaware of his situation when I wrote this message.

Rest in peace my friend, God Bless.

OOPS...

LESSON NO. 1 - Proof read before going to printer, not after.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May's meeting was a great success. We had twenty-eight members in attendance at Johnny Rockets in Cranston RI., our meeting was in the parking lot. It was a free Falcon car show. There were several onlookers. We officially congratulated Ed and Patty Lindberg on their marriage. Ed Kernozeck was also recognized for winning the Best of Show at the Keystone Regional. It's about time someone from our club went down there and took home the top prize. Ed said the Keystone Club put on a real class show.

June's meeting is on June 14th at the All Ford Show at Tasca Ford in Seekonk, MA. We have an area reserved for just Falcons. You should try to arrive by ten thirty. We will have our meeting at one o'clock. It should be a great Ford turnout.

We need a place for the July meeting so if anyone knows of a good cruise or show being held on Saturday, July 19th or Sunday, July 20th, please let us know so we can publicize the place.

I would like to try a new topic for our meetings. If you have any tech. questions, bring them to the meeting or e-mail the question ahead of time so I can prepare an answer for you. If you want a demonstration on a problem you are having with your car, let me know and I will be prepared to answer your question or find someone who can at the meeting. We all have experience working on these cars lets share our expertise. If you have something you would like to demonstrate let us know and we will put you on the agenda. Show us how you did it.

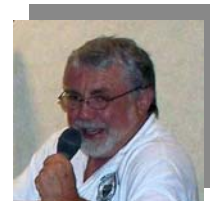
I know gas prices are ridiculous and even though the gas costs more than I paid for the car I'm still going to drive that Falcon. It's worth whatever it costs to enjoy our cars. It still brings a smile whenever we drive them. As the commercial says:

*"One thousand for the car
Five hundred for the tires
One thousand for the chrome
Two hundred for the three point seat belts
Watching the faces of your grandchildren on their first ride in a convertible PRICELESS!"*

We look forward to seeing you soon.

"Enjoy the ride."

Rick



WHATS NEW FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The first weekend in May, Bill Warburton and I traveled to Bethel, PA to attend the Keystone Chapter's Regional Meet. Hats off to Andy Brown, Bob Vaughn, and all the Keystone members for hosting a great event. Also in attendance were members Ed and Tracy Kernozeck and they took home all the marbles. Their 65 convertible won Ladies Choice and best of Show. Good job guys!

With the price of gas going up every day it looks like Ginny and I will not be attending the FCA national convention in July. This will be the first we have missed since 1999. It is only 13 months until the 2009 Convention in Dover, DE.

The Mason-Dixon President, Mike Garrett, gave a presentation at the Keystone Regional and I am sure he will do the same at our Regional as well. They have many activities planned.

All the design artwork for the Regional Meet has been sent to Daytona Trophy. We don't have a copy of the layout yet. There should be more in the next Issue of the Falcon News.

"See you in a Falcon".

Ray





MEETING NOTICES



- Next Chapter meeting is June 14th at the All Ford Show at Tasca Ford in Seekonk, MA.
- July meeting (pending)
- Falcon Club of America's 29th Annual Convention, July 10 – 12, Springfield, MO.
- Northeast Chapter 12th Annual Regional Falcon Meet, Aug 16th at **The Publick House** in Sturbridge, MA.
- John Force Day at Tasca Ford in September keep watching for date.

TREASURERS REPORT

Prepared By: Bill Warburton, Treasurer 740 Tunk Hill Rd., Hope, RI 02831 (401) 647-9266 billwarb@cox.net				Statement Date: 4/30/2008
Northeast Chapter Falcon Club of America Treasurer's Report				
DATE	DESCRIPTION	CREDITS	CHARGES	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 03/15/2008</i>				\$1,151.37
03/15/08	#148 Cris Bowes - post cards		\$28.73	\$1,122.64
03/15/08	#149 Tara Cotta - flowers for Robar		\$50.00	\$1,072.64
03/15/08	#150 - William Warburton - funds transfer		\$900.00	\$172.64
03/26/08	Deposit to open new treasurer's account	\$900.00		\$1,072.64
04/01/08	New checks ordered		\$12.54	\$1,060.10
04/22/08	Deposit Regional registration fees	\$680.00		\$1,740.10
04/23/08	#1001 Hospice of SE Ct. - for John Kaechele		\$25.00	
<i>Ending Balance 04/30/2008</i>				\$1,715.10

12TH ANNUAL NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEET
Welcome arrivals on August 15th and Show on August 16th, 2008

The Regional Meet this year is being held at Publick House in Sturbridge, MA. So far, we have 15 cars registered and we plan to have many more before August. I know of several that will be there but they haven't gotten their registration forms to me yet. The rooms are booking up so if you haven't made your reservation yet, please contact Publick House soon. Be sure to tell them you are with the Falcon Club. Those who register first will have one of the rooms facing the parking lot. This way you can keep an eye on your car.

I'm still looking for volunteers to help at the show with T-Shirt and raffle sales and with the hospitality room. We have heard we are receiving many donations for raffle items already and we haven't even gotten the donation letters out yet. In addition, if you would like to donate any items for the raffle or refreshments (foods or drinks) for the hospitality room, they would be greatly appreciated. We are checking on any cruise nights scheduled in the area for Friday night. We are also checking on a tour of the local Brewery. We hope to be able to actually tour the operations and not just sample the beers this year. If you have any questions you can reach me at falconsprint@aol.com (I know it's Rick's email but it's easier to remember than mine is) or by telephone, 401-823-1059 (let it ring and leave a message if no answer.)

Thanks,

Cris Bowes

See application in this issue of the Falcon Times



Northeast Chapter

Falcon Club of America

Minutes of General Meeting on May 18, 2008

A General Meeting & Cruise with the Northeast Chapter Falcon Club of America was held at Johnny Rockets, Cranston RI on May 18th at 1:00pm after burgers, shakes & fries were enjoyed! A Business meeting was held in the parking lot immediately following.

1. **Welcome and Introduction:** Rick Bowes, President, welcomed all in attendance. Around 12 Falcons came, and approximately 24 members.
2. **Secretary's Report:** Cindy Dudley –Rick asked if there were any changes to the minutes. No changes were made so the minutes were accepted as printed.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Bill Warburton: Bill reported a balance of \$1,715.10. He reported our current membership was (109) members.
4. **Newsletter Editor:** Gary Nenninger –Gary was not present. Rick asked that people please send Gary items for the newsletter. Everyone agreed that they love the new format. Email Gary at : gnenninger@snet.net
5. **President's Report: Rick Bowes**
 - a. June meeting is June 14th at Tasca Ford ALL Ford Show in Seekonk, MA at 1:00pm. Go early as the parking lot fills quickly, many suggested 10:30-11:00am arrival or earlier.
 - b. Looking for a Cruise day/night for the July meeting- needs to be the 3rd weekend of July. Email Rick with any ideas!
 - c. A thank you note was received from John Kaechle
6. **Vice President:** Ed Lindberg- Ed thanked everyone for the flowers sent to him while recovering from Hip Replacement surgery. Ed and Patty were married last month and look forward to contributing to the club office. Ed is looking into a cruise near our regional meet for attendees.
7. **Regional Director – Ray Chevalier**
 - a. Keystone Regional went well, was cold weather, but was a good show. Ed Kernozek's car took Best of Show.
 - b. National Show on July 10-12 in Springfield MO. Are you going?
 - c. Regional T-shirt design. Ray did a comparison price chart and the club voted to stay with Daytona Trophy.
 - d. If there is anything that a member would like brought to the attention of the National Committee, please send it to Ray for Submission.
8. **Old Business**
 - a. Detroit Regional August 29-30, 2008-this is their dry run for the Nationals (In Detroit in 2010)
 - b. John Force Day @ Tasca – September 6- the club will have reserved parking. Let Ginny & Ray Chevalier know if you are going. raysfalcon@cox.net. Arrive Early, this is a very well attended event.
9. **New Business**
 - a. Northeast regional report: August 15-16: Cris Bowes: There are 15 cars registered so far. 21 Registrations for dinner. Rooms are being booked. Ray is going to send out sponsorship letters. Members are asked to begin collecting items for raffle table (theme baskets, candles, items both men and women would like) Good bag items & items from your area vendors.
 - b. A suggestion was made to ask Publick House about security. Cris will check into it.
 - c. Email Cris if you want to help at the meet. CBRicris@aol.com
 - d. 2009 Nationals are already taking Hotel reservations! The 2009 National is in Dover, Delaware.

There being no further business, it was moved to adjourn at approximately 2:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Dudley, Secretary





The Northeast Chapter

Falcon CLUB OF AMERICA

PRESENTS THE 12TH ANNUAL
REGIONAL FALCON MEET

August 15 & 16, 2008 at The Publick House

On The Common, Rt. 131, Sturbridge, MA

Meet and Banquet Registration Form

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Falcon Registration Information:

Vehicle Year: _____ Model: _____ Body Style: _____

Color: _____ Engine: _____ Stock: _____ Modified _____

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

or Special Daily Driver Class: \$10.00 1 @ \$ _____

Banquet: Saturday August 16, 2007 at 6:00 pm - Adults: \$35.00

Turkey Dinner # _____ Yankee Pot Roast # _____ \$ _____

Children's Meal \$20.00: # _____ \$ _____

Total Falcon Registration & Banquet Amount: \$ _____

For Hotel registrations call the Publick House at 508-347-7323. Room rates are \$84.00 plus tax per night guaranteed until July 16, 2008

You must mention Falcon Club Show when making your reservations

Send this form and remittance payable to: Northeast Chapter FCA,
c/o Cristine Bowes, 245 South Main St., Coventry, RI 02816 (401) 823-1059
For more information contact Rick @ falconsprint@aol.com or Cris at cbricris@aol.com

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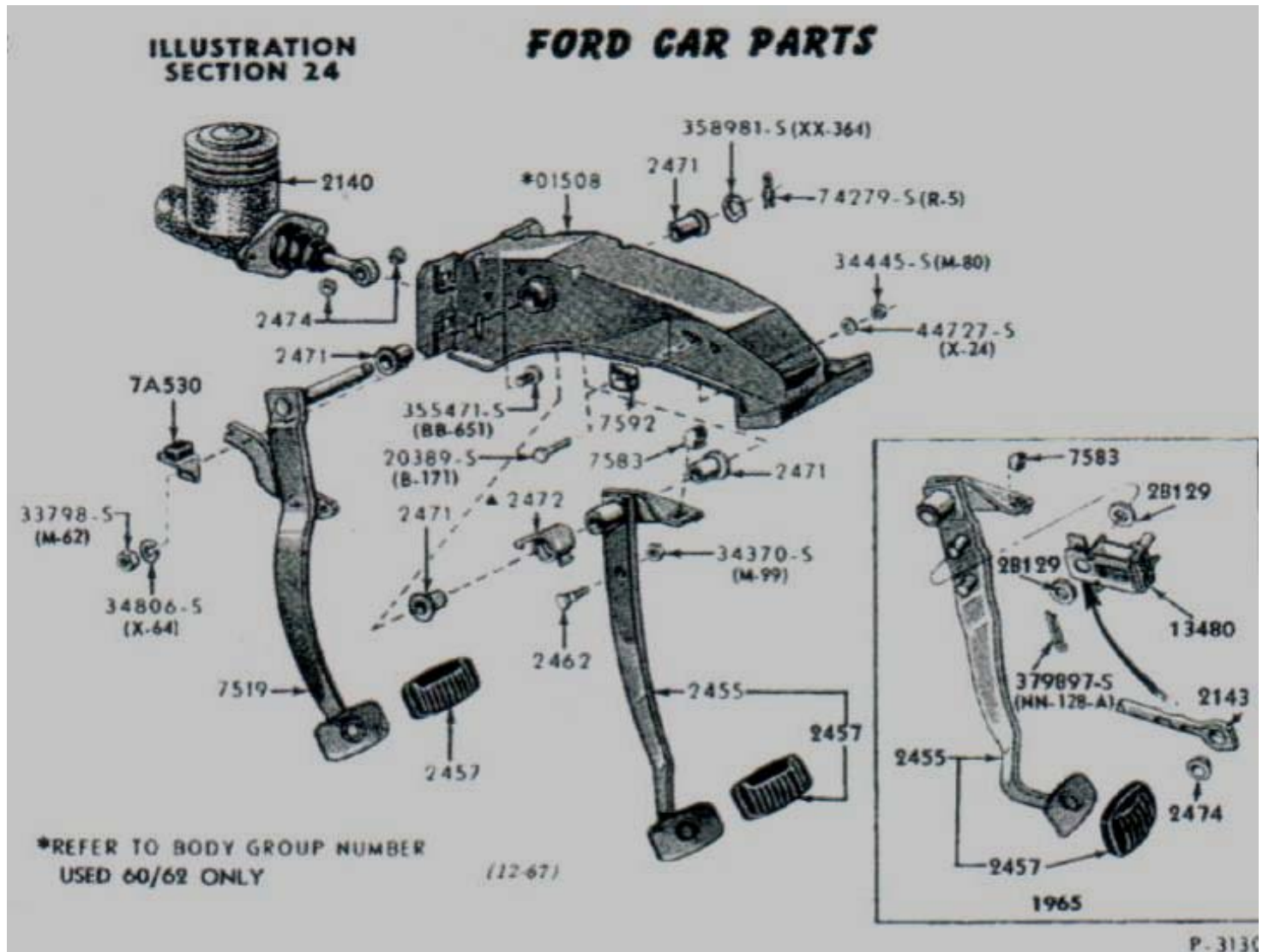
I agree not to hold the Northeast Chapter, the Falcon Club of America, or the Publick House Hotel responsible for losses, damages, or injuries while at this Convention.

_____ Print Name

_____ Sign Name



*In each issue of **The Falcon Times**, we will bring you a tech article or an illustration for your technical information. If you would like to be the technical editor or just submit a tech article let us know.*



1960/65 BRAKE & CLUTCH PEDAL & RELATED PARTS (MANUAL GEAR SHIFT) (FALCON)

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 grenninger@snet.net. It would save the club money (and the world trees) on printing and mailing costs. Doing this would be a greatly appreciated by all. **Please think about it!**





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 June 1st, Aug. 1st, Oct. 1st, or Dec. 1st to be in the Times for that month's issue.

Car For Sale & Parts For Sale

1963 Falcon 2 Dr. sedan. Under going V8 conversion. Straight solid car. Front suspension and rear been changed, 302-V8 4bbl with C4 auto installed, B&M floor shifter, Bucket seats, console and many parts. \$2500 or BO

1963 NOS Grille excellent condition \$950

1960 NOS Grille excellent condition \$400

1966 Grille. Very good Condition \$200

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

1965 Falcon right front fender. \$30

1965 Falcon 4-door sedan doors. \$75 takes all four

1964 Falcon Dash. \$40 each

1964 6-cyl motor block & damper assy. with good oil pan. \$35

1963 2-door sedan quarter panels & frame rail. \$125 each/BO

1964/1965 Falcon gas tank \$10

1963 Sprint 260-V8 motor complete with 4 speed Borg-Warner transmission and sifter. \$850/BO

Call Stanley @ 978-355-4086 or falcon277@Juno.com

1965 Ford Falcon Futura; 2-door hardtop, 302 with small cam, automatic with a stall converter. New front end, new brakes, new tires, new chrome dash, 80% of the car is DONE. Body has been totally sprayed with DP90 to protect against rust! This car has been registered and plenty of extra parts included! Priced to sell \$4,500.00 Call: (860) 681-8665

Wanted

*1964 Falcon Convertible Red promotional model.

*1965 Falcon Sprint model

*1964/1965 Falcon Tear Drop Hood

*1964 Falcon 2dr sedan black carpet

*1964 Falcon 2dr sedan red front bench seat

*1963 Falcon V-8 rear end

*Good running 4 barrel 390 V-8 Motor

*14" 5 lug Styled Steel Wheels (Chrome Rim)

Call Stanley @ 978-355-4086 or

falcon277@Juno.com

THE FALCON'S NEST

Baked (Falcon) Beans

1 can butter beans, drained


1 can kidney beans, drained

1 can pork and beans

¼ c. molasses

½ c. brown sugar

1 small 8 oz can tomato sauce

Mix all together and Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour uncovered. These beans are great for cookouts, barbeques, picnics or anytime you like. They are a sure winner and taste like the ones baked all day. This is a full-proof recipe that I got from my best friend. Hope you all enjoy it! 

Kathy Nenneringer



The Falcon's Nest is for all to submit remedies, recipes, tales, stories, arts & crafts, or anything you wish to share.



FORTY FIVE YEARS AND COUNTING

TEXT AND PHOTOGRAPHY
BY GARY NENNINGER

I ordered my Sprint convertible new in June of 1963 and took delivery in August. It was late in the model year for a *Special Order Triple Black Convertible* and the dealer was not eager to place an order this late for an 18-year-old kid. They said they could not order one but could get me a black convertible with red interior from another dealer. I said, "No thank you I'll go to another dealer". They then ordered the car the way I wanted it. The options list includes a 4-speed manual transmission, AM radio and heater, tinted glass all around, 2 speed electric wipers, windshield washer, backup lights, white wall tires, and front seat belts. About 5 weeks into the order they called and told me that the car was coming in this week with a red interior, I told them if it came in with a red interior, I would not take delivery.





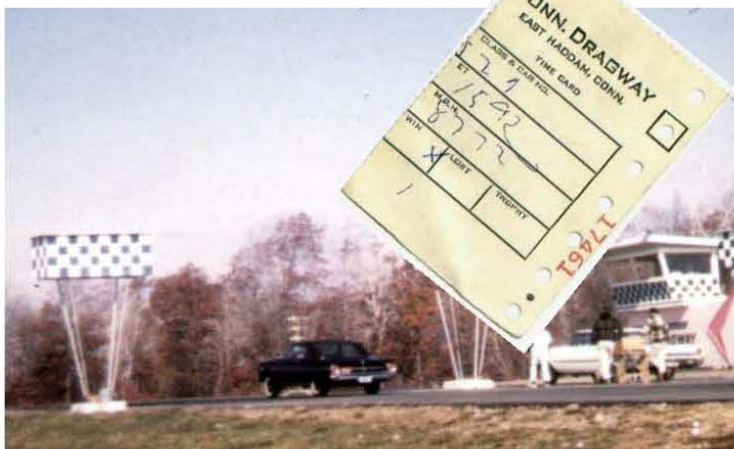
FEATHERED FRIENDS

Well in another couple of weeks, my triple black Sprint arrived the way I ordered it. To this day, I have never seen another triple black 63 Sprint. I'm sure it's not the only one out there, but I have yet to see one.

Today the Sprint has a little more than 29,000 original miles, the majority of those miles, about 24,000, were put on in the first two years. Since new it has been garaged and covered most of the time, and never driven in the rain or snow. The Raven Black paint, black pleated vinyl interior, vinyl 3-ply top and plastic rear window are factory original. Mechanically the engine, transmission, brakes, clutch and pressure plate are still the originals. **(Note: For safety reasons I will be replacing the complete braking system this month.)**



The modifications include 14" Cragar S/S wheels, dual exhaust dual point ignition, 4-barrel carburetor, 3.89 to 1 ratio rear end, Hurst shifter and a Sun tach. I added these modifications between August 1963 and September 1965. The car has virtually been unchanged since 1965, except for the chrome trim rings (added in the mid-seventies) and the P215/70 14" BF Goodrich Belted Radial T/A tires put on in 1981.




Going down the strip against a 352 powered 61 Galaxy in August of 64. A timing slip of my best time 15.92



The Sprint in September of 1963, notice the larger 14" tires in the rear, while the front maintains the original 13"

During the early to mid sixties, I raced the Sprint at Connecticut Dragway (best E.T. 15.9 sec., top speed 93.1 MPH). In 1965, it served as my wedding limo and honeymoon ride. Latter it was used to bring my newborn daughter home from the hospital. The early seventies brought parades and occasional Sunday drives for the Falcon. In the late seventies and early eighties, it was in semi-retirement. From 1985 until 1988, my daughter entered the Sprint in seven shows, winning 5 first and 2-second place trophies. The car was then semi-retired again until 1994 when my wife Kathy and I began to show it at local events. We have been showing it occasionally ever since taking our share of awards my favorite being the best of show in 1999 at the Northeast Chapter's 6th Annual Regional Meet in Farmington CT.

My falcon has been with me for 45 years and is part of my family and my life. My daughter, son, and grand children all had convertible rides very early in life. It is nice to know that my youth is just outside the family room door and through the breezeway in my *Ford Country Garage*. 



MODIFICATION FACTS

- 1965 14" Cragar SS rims with trim rings
- P215/70 B.F. Goodrich T/A radial tires
- A 1963 Autolite Hi-Po dual point distributor (with oil wick) and no vacuum advance,
- An early seventies Sun tack,
- A1965 Hi-Po four-barrel intake with an Autolite 4100 carburetor,
- Hurst 4 speed shifter (circa 1964)
- Aluminized custom dual exhaust
- A1963 Fairlane 3.89 to 1 ratio rear end
- Traction bars, welded to rear end housing
- Monroe coil-over rear shocks
- Cobra fender emblems, shift handle, and valve stem caps (Added 5 HP).



Inside Garage Door



Original black interior with Sun tack and Hurst shifter topped with a Cobra inlayed wood 'T' handle



The engine is the original with a 289 Hi-Po 4 barrel and dual point distributor



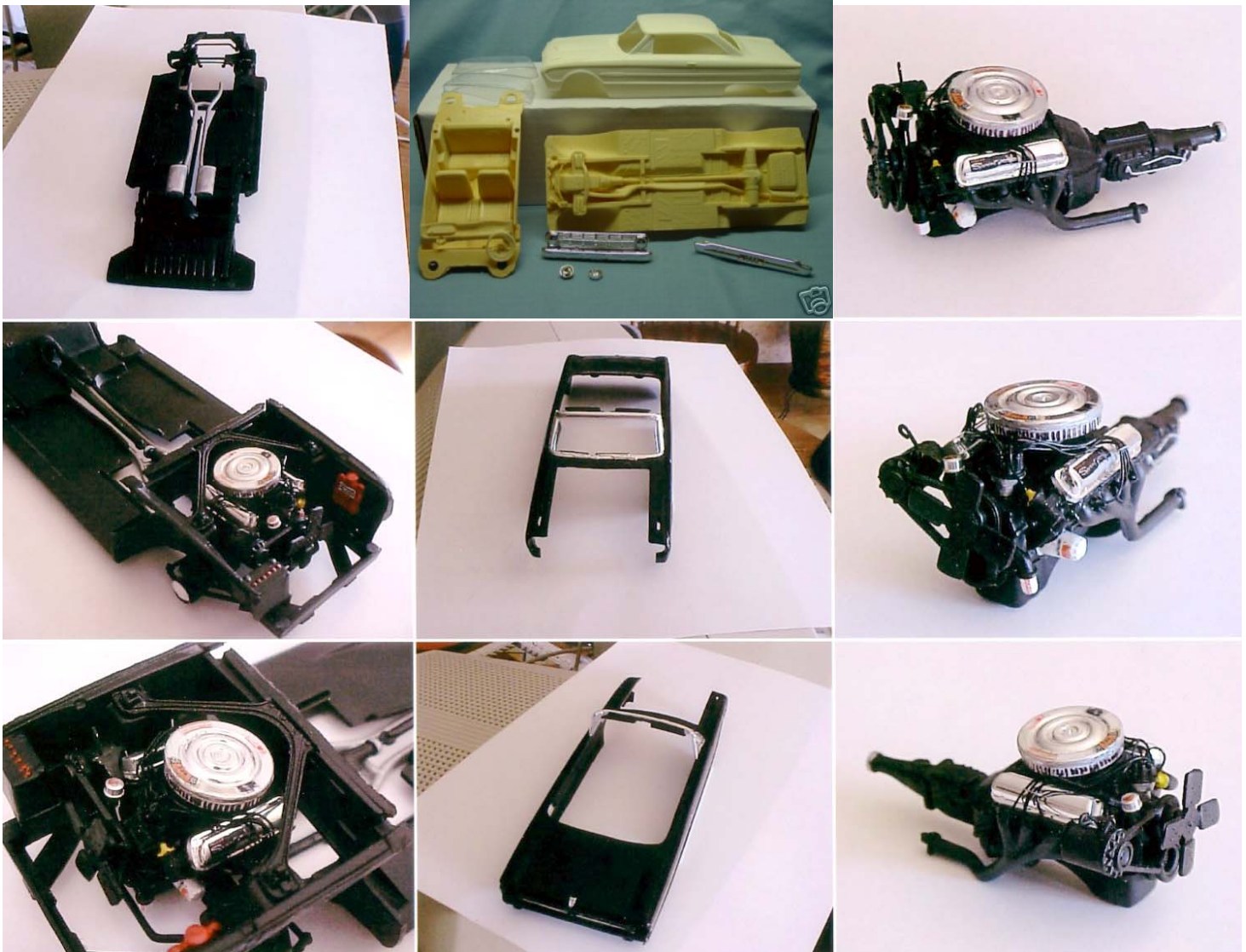
*Frank Maratta Auto Show New Haven Coliseum 1988
1st Place*

Feathered Friends will feature a Falcon every issue if we have the articles to put in. Let us know about your car, how you got it, the story of the restoration, what ever you want to tell us.

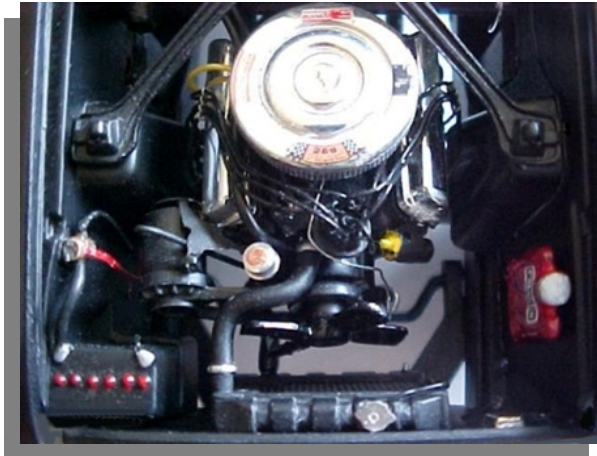


*Photo's and Text
By
Gary Nenninger*

In this issue of the Modelers Corner we are going to look at the only 1/25 scale 1963 Falcon Sprint convertible with an engine and detailed chassis (That I know of!). I used a Modelhaus resin 1963 Sprint hardtop kit as a starter. I cut off the hardtop and used a Modelhaus replacement convertible windshield frame. Next, I cut out the hood and used the engine and engine bay from a 1964 mustang convertible. The next step was to find a chassis with more realistic detail using a rear end housing and leaf springs. For this we modified a 67 mustang chassis. The convertible boot and interior are resin details again from Modelhaus. The engine decals were made from photos copied onto decal paper and the chrome was done using a combination of Bare Metal Foil and chrome duct tape. The paint is Ford Raven Black and the interior is Krylon semi-gloss flat black. Look at the photos to see the results.



The top row center picture shows the Sprint hardtop kit that we started with.



In the next issue, we will show the restoration of three promo Falcons a 1960, 61, and 62. All three were purchased on E-Bay cheap. Today they are fine examples of good promos for my collection. To check out some of my other models on line go to <http://community.webshots.com/user/TheSprint> the web site is just a portion of my collection. I will be adding to it on a regular basis. Until next issue boys and girls be good and keep on modeling (Those Fords of course).

The Sprint



ODDS & ENDS

Not all car people are this dumb.

I wonder if I could find something in the By-Laws

I should have said no when he volunteered.

He misspelled another word here too.



The May meeting was held at **Johnny Rockets** in Cranston RI on May 18th at 1:00pm. After burgers, shakes & fries were enjoyed a business meeting was held in the parking lot.

I thought he was kidding about "If you don't give me things to put in you will get tired of seeing my car."

The meeting went well. We had 2 new couples there. Robert & Carolyn Moore and Dick & Joyce Tupper. We had a good turnout - 26 people.



Ray had checked out a couple of local vendors for the T-shirts and plaques. It turns out that Daytona is about the same price averaged out. Tracy Kernozek is going to give us \$500 toward sponsorship of the T-shirts. The next meeting will be at the Tasca Ford show in Seekonk, MA on June 14th.



ODDS & ENDS



Thanks to Bill & Denise Warburton, Ray & Ginny Chevalier, and Rick & Cris Bowes for the pictures and comments.

Northeast REGIONAL Falcon MEET





25th ANNIVERSARY OF

THE NORTHEAST CHAPTER
Falcon CLUB OF AMERICA

August 15th & 16th, 2008 • STURBRIDGE, MA

HOLD THE PRESSES!

Just in, the artwork for the 25th Anniversary/Regional Meet. Looks good to me, best ever!

One parting note, I hope you enjoyed this issue, the next one will be better with news on new members and the break down on the membership by states and more information on the Regional.

Gary



Antique Auto Parts



'Believe me,
the new
Falcon
Sprint
Convertible
is the
greatest
thing since
horseshoes!'

With sleek, thoroughbred lines... a quick-reined V-8... and beautiful bucket seats, the new Falcon Sprint Convertible is the centaur of attraction everywhere. Enter the fun-shine state in style—in the new Falcon Sprint Convertible!

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