



## How Great It Is!

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ell another successful FCA National Convention took place in Dearborn on July 15 thru the 17<sup>th</sup>. Kathy and I were lucky enough to attend our second straight FCA event and it was fantastic. We had planned to drive the Sprint to Dearborn with Rick and Cris Bowes and there Sprint. The plan was to leave on the 10<sup>th</sup>, stop overnight in Cleveland, and visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame the next morning.

About a week and a half before we were to leave I decided that I did not want to drive the Sprint that far. Therefore, I bought a new enclosed Sunshine trailer and a 2006 F-150 to pull it. (See "Just the Facts" in the next issue) We left Saturday morning and met Cris and Rick on the road. We got to Cleveland as planned and stayed overnight. The next morning we were off to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, but that's another story. We arrived at the Hotel in Dearborn about 3:00 PM, parked the trailer with the Sprint all nice, and cozy inside. The next day we went to the Henry Ford Museum, if you have never been there, put it on your list of things to see.

Tuesday and Wednesday before the start of the official activities, we visited Green Field Village, The Henry Ford Estate, and Roush Racing. Then on Thursday, we went to the Rouge plant for a tour of the F-150 assembly line. On Friday, it was time to take the Sprint out of the trailer and get in line for the trip to the Development Center and the test track. After a spin around the test track, lead by a Ford GT, we went to the Development center and watched a couple of films hearing some entertaining stories from several Development employees including the senior driver. Edsel Ford, the son of Henry Ford II, was the Key speaker who talked about the past, present and future at Ford Motor Company. After Mr. Ford's talk, we went for a short spin on the test track again before leaving for the short trip back to the hotel.

Saturday morning was show time, and everyone was out cleaning their Falcons and getting in line to have them photographed for the convention issue of the FCA newsletter. It was a hot day but everything went well and we had plenty of water to drink and two canopies for shade. On Saturday afternoon during the members business meeting our own Rick Bowes was nominated and elected to the FCA Board of Directors for a term of 5 years. Congratulations to Rick and his lovely wife Cris. Later that night at the banquet we learned that the Northeast Chapter won the Chapter participation award. We also had our share of winners at the show, for a list see Ray Chevalier's "A Note from the Regional Directors Office" on the next page.

Well that is all I have time for now, but I hope to see you in Sturbridge on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August for the Northeast Regional Meet at the Publick House. Stop by and introduce yourself and we could talk about your car and take some pictures for a future Feathered Friends feature.

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



## The Falcon Times by e-mail

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

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



## <u>CLUB BUSINESS</u>

## A Note from the Regional Director's Desk

Just back from the 31<sup>st</sup> National Falcon Convention in Dearborn, MI., it was a blast! I did not hear one person say they were not having a great time. There were 300 plus Falcon and many things to see and do in the Dearborn area. Having a new Ford F-150 pickup, I was eager to visit the assembly plant that produces them.

There were some important items that came out of the annual business meeting; first news flash is that our own Rick Bowes was voted in as one of the five members of the FCA's Board of Directors. From someone that has been there it is a great honor to be one of the people that make the policies for our Club. The second is that FCA dues will be going up by \$5.00. I know that it was a painful decision by the Board, but the Treasury has been losing money for the last few years. As an explanation, I will give you the following: The cost of the Award Winning Magazine we receive is \$24.78 and we pay \$25.00. That does not leave anything for operating expenses. I believe the increase will take place in September of this year. The third tidbit of news is that the Northeast Chapter came away with the Best Chapter Participation Award. See picture in this issue. This is determined registrations. Thanks to Ed Kernozek for bringing two sons and two friends that may have put us over the top. This is the second time we have won this award. The first was in 1999 in Charlotte, NC. The forth bit of information is that one of our members Glenn Kuhn from Fayetteville, PA who is FCA #12 was awarded Life Time Membership in the Falcon Club of America. He is one of only four remaining of the original 25 that did not have that status. Glenn was not able to attend this year's convention due to some minor health problems. I believe it's only the second convention he has missed. Congratulations to Glenn.

The Chapter winners at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention in Dearborn were:

1<sup>st</sup> in Class 60 – 63 Sedans Jack and Doreen Ward
1<sup>st</sup> in Class Lite Modified Conv. Ed Kernozek
Masters Class Award Ray & Ginny Chevalier
Class Winners 63 Sprint Conv. Gary & Kathy Nenninger
Class Winner 63 Futura Conv. Jeff Yates
Class Winner 64 Futura Conv. Stan & Cathy Miknaitis
Class Winner Dailey Driver Conv. Charlie Smith & Christina Mayo
Cindy Dudley won the 50/50 drawing
Gary Nenninger won a fender from Matt Kenseth's racecar.

This year's Regional Meet may make it to the TV screen. I have been working with Cruisin New England Magazine to get them to film our event. They have a program on Saturday afternoon at 5:30 on NESN. We may also have a special guest attend the Regional this year. He has a beautiful 1976 Australian Falcon just like the one used in the film Mad Max and is an authority on the Australian Falcons, which are still being built today.

"See you in a Falcon"





**Breaking News!** FCA President, Chuck Beason, and wife Carolyn will be attending the Regional meet in Sturbridge on August 20 & 21.

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## <u>CLUB BUSINESS</u>

#### **Treasurer's Report**

#### Prepared By: Bill Warburton, Treasurer

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	JUNE 2010			
	113 MEMBERS			
DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
Beginning Balance 06/01/2010 \$662.35				
06/01/10	Deposit - new member dues	\$42.00		\$704.35
06/07/10	Deposit - new member dues	\$18.00		\$722.35
06/07/10	Deposit - regional meet registrations	\$270.00		\$992.35
06/07/10	Deposit - renewal dues	\$90.00		\$1,082.35
06/10/10	#1031 - Daytona Trophy - Pd. In full		\$724.16	\$358.19
06/14/10	Deposit - regional meet registrations	\$430.00		\$788.19
06/14/10	Deposit - renewal dues	\$358.00		\$1,146.19
06/21/10	Deposit - new member dues	\$28.00		\$1,174.19
06/21/10	Deposit - renewal dues	\$120.00		\$1,294.19
06/28/10	Deposit - renewal dues	\$30.00		\$1,324.19
06/28/10	Deposit - regional meet registrations	\$325.00		\$1,649.19
		Ending Balance	e 06/30/2010	\$1649.19

## JULY 2010

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07/06/10	Deposit - new member dues	\$10.00		\$1,715.19
07/12/10	Deposit - renewal dues	\$18.00		\$1,733.19
07/12/10	Deposit - new member dues	\$10.00		\$1,743.19
07/19/10	Deposit - renewal dues	\$46.00		\$1,789.19
07/19/10	Deposit - regional meet registrations	\$530.00		\$2,319.19
07/25/10	Deposit - new member dues	\$20.00		\$2,339.19
07/25/10	Deposit - renewal dues	\$56.00		\$2,395.19
07/25/10	Deposit - regional meet registrations	\$290.00		\$2,685.19
07/31/10	#1032 - Joe Cardoso - Refund meet registrat.		\$70.00	\$2,615.19
Ending Balance 06/30/2010 \$1649.19				

## MEETING NOTICES



2010 Regional Meet, August 21, 2010 in Sturbridge MA at the *Publick House* 13<sup>th</sup> Annual TASCA Show, Sept. 11, 2010, 1300 Pontiac Ave, Cranston RI
 Norwich Auto Show, September 19, 2010, Dodd Stadium Norwich, CT

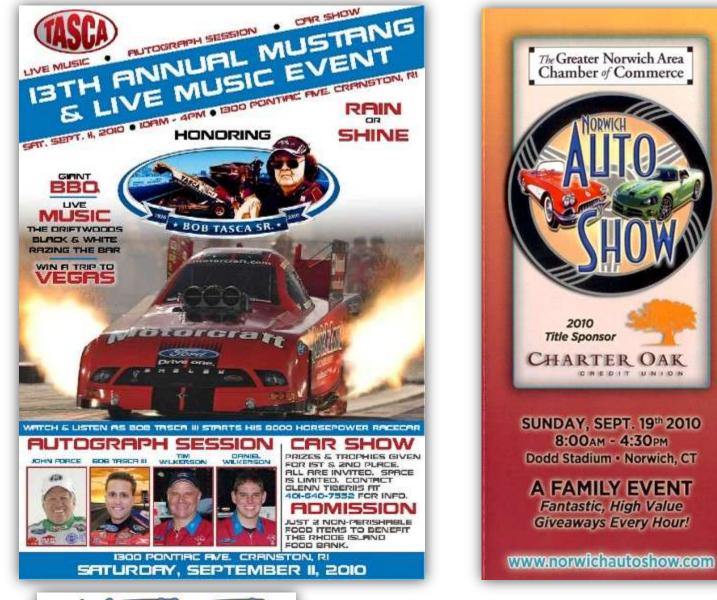


## CLUB BUSINESS

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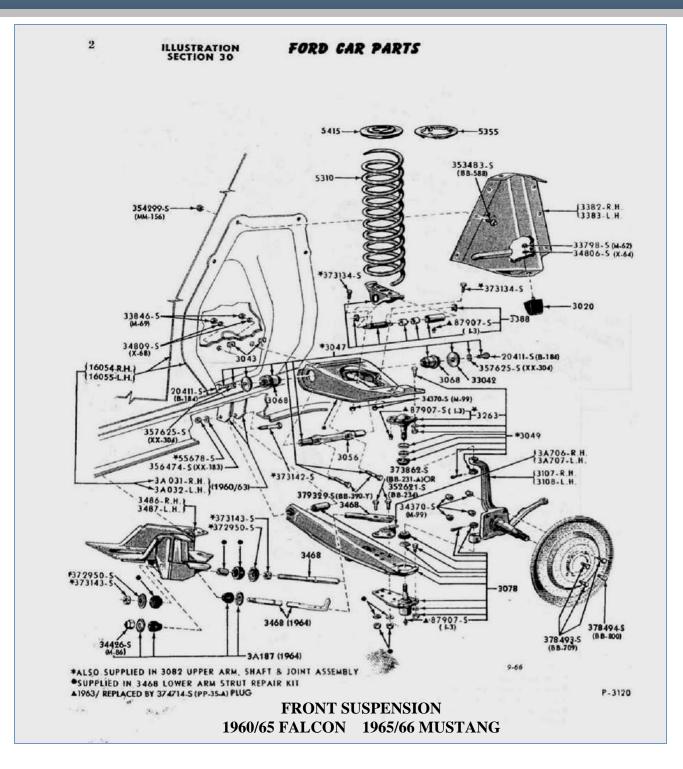






## <u>TECH STUFF</u>

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 see a specific illustration, drop us a line and we will dig it out for you. This issue looks at an exploded view of the 1960/65 Falcon front suspension



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## <u>FEATHERED FRIENDS</u>

**Feathered Friends** Let's take a look at our Feathered Friends from the FCA National Convention in Dearborn, MI held on July 15-17, 2010, at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Hotel.. We will be seeing more of the Dearborn experience in upcoming issues.



Text by Gary Nenninger Photos by Gary Nenninger and Art Dammers



The Dearborn Hyatt Regency Hotel



he 31<sup>st</sup> Falcon Club of America National Convention hosted by the Metro Detroit Chapter was truly FANTASTIC! The Dearborn Hyatt Regency Hotel was the perfect spot to hold the event of its because ability to accommodate the 312 or so Falcons with room to spare. It was also not far from the Ford Motor Company Campus. What was truly amazing was that our convention was not the only event-taking place at the hotel that weekend, but you would have thought it was. The show lot was blocked off starting on Wednesday with only show cars allowed to enter. Trailer Parking was in the back of the hotel with plenty of room.

The activities started at 3:00 on Wednesday with the opening of registration and kept on rolling until after the awards banquet on Saturday night. To keep up with all the activities the agenda was placed on the back of your name tag so all you had to do was flip your name tag over to see when the next event was taking place. For a list of the events see the side bar on the next page.

Some of the activities were a trip to The Henry Ford Museum a tour of the Ford Rouge Factory F-150 assembly line and a tour of the Jack Roush store and museum.

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The highlight of the activities was the two waves of 100 Falcons each making their way to the 43-acre Ford Development test track. What an awesome sight. Edsel Ford II the great grandson of Henry Ford made a brief appearance at the test track speaking to all in attendance about the past, present and future of Ford Motor Company. In the next issue of *The Falcon Times* well show more of the test track the Henry Ford Museum, the Roush Museum and our own visit to Greenfield Village.





## FEATHERED FRIENDS























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## ODDS AND ENDS

A Dream Fulfilled The conclusion of the story By Ray Chevalier

In an article published in June 2009 for *The Falcon Times*, I wrote the story titled "A Dream Fulfilled" and told how I set out to achieve a goal that I had wanted to do for 25 years. Maybe I should have called it "My Bucket List". The story was about my wanting to have a Falcon that could achieve AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) certification. At the time, I had achieved the third level, which is a Grand National Award. I had considered my goal complete to reach that level.

But, I guess that its just human nature to always want to achieve the next level. I had to try or I might spend the rest of my life wondering if I could have made it. So I set out to try for the top level which is a Senior Grand National Award. I knew this would not be an easy task. The vehicle has to score 390 plus out of 400 to qualify, and the event is only held on the east coast on even years. Therefore, in May of this year Ginny and I packed up

the Ranchero and traveled to New Bern, NC and was awarded a First Place Senior Grand National Award.

Many thanks to my loving wife who has supported this effort all the way and traveled the 5,000 miles it took to achieve my dream. I guess I can now say my Bucket List is shorter.





I hope the next time we meet I am wearing my new best T-shirt.

Ray



# Commuters: Exciting news about the Economy Run to Suburbia!



 $\mathbf{1}^{st}$  place won by shoe leather



2nd place won by Sears



3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> place won by Falcon!

When it comes to economy, the only thing that beats walking or pedaling is Falcon. Basically, the whole point of Falcon is to be economical. Low buying price, low maintenance, low gas costs. And these big savings are built into a car that 's easy to park, tough, reliable, a car that's roomier by actual measurement than any other compact. Good reasons why Falcon is saving money for more suburbanites than any other compact car in America.

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