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# The Falcon Times



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

## **Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays!**

As 2016 winds down, we hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season and looking forward to a happy and healthy 2017. This issue will be somewhat of a wrap-up and look back at 2016, and all the fun and interesting things that our Chapter took part in, including the Regional in August, chapter meetings and club get-togethers throughout the year. We hope you enjoy the stories and pictures that follow, and we'll see you in 2017!

(Clearly 2015 was a warmer Christmas than this year - Santa and his buddies were spotted hanging out in our convertible on Christmas Day 2015...)







# President's Message



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## **President's Message:**

Hi Everyone,

Hopefully everyone had a great Christmas and Santa brought you the Falcon part you wanted.



This month has been a busy one for me. The Rancho project is on hold for now. I need to get my convertible ready for California. After putting 140,000 miles on my car it is time for a new motor. Fellow club member Phil Molski, owner of PMR Performance, delivered the motor he rebuilt for me. Phil did an amazing job. Of course he performed his usual magic and created a very cool motor. It's an early 289. Phil machined the block to accept a roller cam. He also somehow managed to fit roller rockers under the stock sprint valve covers. While redoing the heads Phil machined them for bigger valves. He add to that 9.1 compression pistons. I decided to add headers. After much research I chose Doug's Headers. They are the Tri-Y style. They fit perfect. I now have a very torquey motor. It runs and sounds great. I'm not sure who was more excited me or Phil. He was right there with me the whole time. If you are thinking of having your motor rebuilt, talk to Phil. You will be glad you did. Thanks Phil! I also sent a C4 transmission out to be rebuilt. That went in with the motor. I can't wait for the winter to end and I can really give it a good drive. Next project is air conditioning. Twelve years ago we drove to California without air conditioning. That won't happen again.

We are looking for events or cruises to attend this year. If you have any ideas, please contact me. Of course we will be talking about the Cruise to California as I get more info.

Rick

## **2017 REGIONAL MEET**

August 18-19, 2017  
Sturbridge Host Hotel  
Sturbridge, MA  
(508) 347-7393

The 2017 Regional Meet will once again be held on the lake at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. We have reserved the rooms on the Lakeside on both the first and second floor. If you would like one of these rooms, please book early. This will keep the "dog show attendees" away from our cars and the noise level down. I will have the registration forms in the next issue of the newsletter as we have to decide on the meals we will be offering. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at [falconsprint@aol.com](mailto:falconsprint@aol.com) or by phone, 401-529-2622.

Rick & Cris



# Chapter Membership

## End of the year new membership report

By Ray Chevalier



The Chapter's membership roster has been growing at a great pace in 2016. Since July we have had 11 new members join the Chapter and 14 in 2016. Some of these new members I have recruited and some have joined on their own. The last Newsletter had some wrong information in it about new members that had joined. By mistake I sent the Newsletter Editors a list of people that I was working with to join, instead of the list that had joined.

So in this issue I will try to clear this up with the real list of all new members that have joined in 2016.

### January

#554 Michael Martinelli Pawtucket, RI

### May

#555 Rick Swanson Abington, MA

#556 Bill Bevan Holyoke, MA

### July

#557 Richard Patterson Ridgefield, CT

### August

#558 John Ferreira Methuen, MA

#559 Wayne Miller Wells, ME

#560 Kathy McCafferty Bedford, MA

### September

#561 Ed Michaud Temple, NH

### October

#562 Dan Sullivan Middletown, RI

### November

#563 John Barone Jewitt City, CT

#564 Jeff Wetmore Rutland, VT

#565 Jimmy Willard Oakham, MA

### December

#566 Sandra Balfe Wrentham, MA

#567 Dennis Baker Coventry, RI

Welcome to all the new Chapter new members. We hope to see you all at one of our activities in the near future. To all my Northeast members in the cold, Ginny and I wish you all a great Holiday season. Let's hope the New Year bring us together.

PS its 83 here today in SW Florida.



### Membership

Connecticut	34	New Jersey	2
Florida	3	New York	8
Massachusetts	44	Pennsylvania	2
Maine	6	Rhode Island	16
New Hampshire	6	Vermont	3



# 2016 Regional

## 2016 NORTHEAST REGIONAL WINNERS

**CLASS A 60-63 SEDANS**

Bill Mullaney

**CLASS B 63 HARDTOPS**

Bill & Denise Warburton

**CLASS C 63 FUTURA CONVERTIBLES**

Kevin & Lauren Gabel

**CLASS D 63 SPRINT CONVERTIBLES**

Gary & Renee White

**CLASS E 64-65 SEDANS**

Michael Dourth

**CLASS F 64-65 HARDTOPS**

Louis (Jake) Testa

**CLASS G 64-65 CONVERTIBLES V8**

Cathy Miknaitis

**CLASS H 64-65 CONVERTIBLES 6 CYL**

Andre & Lisa Auger

**CLASS I RANCHEROS/WAGONS/UTILITIES**

Darren Elwell

**CLASS K LITE MODIFIED SEDANS**

Keith & Mike Kennedy

**CLASS L LITE MODIFIED HARDTOPS**

Dick & Carolyn Campbell

**CLASS M LITE MODIFIED CONVERTIBLES**

Ronald & Duane Johnson

**CLASS N LITE MODIFIED RANCHEROS/WAGONS/UTILITIES**

Rick & Cris Bowes

**CLASS O MODIFIED SEDANS**

Jimmy & Bev Willard

**CLASS P MODIFIED HARDTOPS**

Jack Jensen

**CLASS S MODIFIED PRO-STREET/CUSTOM**

Mark Granger

**CLASS T DAILY DRIVERS**

Brett Parker

**BEST OF SHOW - STOCK**

Bill Mullaney

**BEST OF SHOW - MODIFIED**

Jimmy & Bev Willard

**LADIES CHOICE**

Rick & Cris Bowes

**LONGEST DISTANCE**

MIKE AND PILAR GARRETT



Photo By: Stan Porter



Photo By: Kevin Gabel





# 2016 Regional in Photos







# The Day That Changed Everything

## **MISSING OUR FALCON FRIENDS**

*By Ray Chevalier*

Today is Saturday August 20, 2016, the day of the 18<sup>th</sup> Northeast Regional Meet. We are here in SW Florida and the temperature just climbed over 90 as it does most days this time of the year. Ginny and I have been here permanently for a year now, and there have been a couple of occasions when we wished we were back in the northeast, and today is one of them.

We decided to leave RI because kids and grandchildren were spread out across the country and we do not get to see them often. To leave neighbors and friends would be rough, but we could live through it. What I did not realize was that leaving our Northeast Chapter Falcon friends would be something we would miss as much as we do. Pres. Rick and Frist Lady Cris do keep us posted as to what goes on at the meetings, so we are not completely in the dark. But today all hit bottom.

This is the first Regional that we have not attended, and if we had not just returned from a 3 week trip I think we may have looked at a flight to Hartford this weekend.

As I was thinking about all the Regionals we have had, I keep going back to the very first meet in 1994. Our Chapter had been involved in running meets headed up by Chris Scioscia which involved 2 other Chapters in the northeast area of the country. They were all held in the NJ and PA area. After some long talks with Art Dammers, Karl Clark and Chris Scioscia we decided that maybe there was enough interest in the New England area to hold one. So, in the winter of 1993 I presented the idea to the Chapter and only got a lukewarm reception at best. The first question was 'what was the cost going to be?' and the second was 'how do you plan to pay for it?' I think the treasury may have had \$200.00 in it at the time.

Figuring I would get the above questions, I had a plan in place. I planned to run an All Ford Show at the same location on Sunday to pay for the regional meet on Saturday. I made a deal with the Chapter that if they would pay the \$100.00 insurance cost, I would pay for the rest out of my pocket and hopefully get it back at the end. All the time I was thinking, if this is a bust or if we get 2 days of rain, I would have lots of t-shirts and plaques that I would own.

As the date grew near I was not overly optimistic that the regional meet would be much of a success. Art, Karl and I peddled flyers to every Falcon we saw for months. The Friday afternoon as I drove to the Ramada Inn in Auburn, MA, I had 19 registrations and a promise of another 20 that said they would show up if it did not rain. We even invited the local Comet Club to help fill up the parking lot. The end result was we had 45 Falcons that day and it was a success.

That day in the fall of 1994 I got to meet two gentlemen. I use that term to describe them because they both impressed me and I remember them to this day. It was mid-morning of the Regional meet when I saw a Champagne 63 Sprint convertible with black top and wide white walls drive in to the parking lot. We got the owner parked and registered and introduced myself to him and looked over his Falcon. This may have been the nicest restoration that I have ever seen. Of course, I thought my Old Blue 63 was pretty nice, but I knew that I was not in the same league as this 63 convertible.

The owner of this convertible was Gus Dessaulles. He was a soft spoken gentleman that had done all the restoration on the Falcon himself. The car won Best of Show hands down that day. When he received the award we asked him to talk about his Falcon. I can't remember if he said it took him 5 years and parts from 7 other Falcons or 7 years and 5 Falcon to complete. The workmanship was unbelievable. ***Continued on page 7***



# Chapter Business

*MISSING OUR FALCON FRIENDS...*  
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The second gentleman that I met that day was Dan Corcoran. Dan showed up early that Saturday morning and came up to me and said "Ray I don't know anything about car shows but I am here to help in any way I can". Dan was a retired school Principal that drove his 66 4 door Falcon every day. It was not a show car, but he did love it. Dan had belonged to the Falcon Club of America since the beginning. I believe his FCA number was #147. Dan proceeded to sell 50/50 tickets. In the process Dan had a conversation every Falcon person that was in attendance that day. As we have done from the very first meet every Falcon gets an award. When

Dan received his he couldn't believe we would give him one.

I could go on for pages about Dan and all the wonderful things he did to help me and the Chapter to produce successful regional meets. Gus is still with us but Dan passed in 2000. They both left impressions on me that caused me to continue with more Regional meets.

The Chapter's 18<sup>th</sup> Regional Meet was a success, as I am told. Thanks to Pres. Rick and First Lady Cris, for all the others that pitched in to created another great event. Somehow I will be at the next meet if I have to walk there. Thanks also to Cris, Jenn, Karl and Carl for posting pictures on Facebook. It was really appreciated.

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<i>Beginning Balance 9/30/16</i>				\$11,315.37
10/11/16	Deposit - New member dues	\$18.00		\$11,333.37

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<i>Beginning Balance 10/31/16</i>				\$11,333.37
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