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2014 REVIEW



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"Life is Like a Box of Chocolates"

The summer of 2014 was filled with many unexpected surprises for me unfortunately the bad outnumbered the good, but all things worked out well or will work out well. I apologize for not being able to keep up with the newsletter but I was physically unable to continue. By the time you read this newsletter I will have completed 576 hours of Chemotherapy 96 straight hours every three weeks. That means one week in the hospital and two weeks at home for 6 sessions, if everything goes as planned I will be cancer free at my next Pet Scan. I feel good and know I will beat this with the help of God and all the people praying for me.

Although I was unable to attend this year's Regional (the first time in 18 years), I have coverage from Cris and Rick Bowes, and pictures from Carl Waters of the 17th Annual Northeast Chapter Regional Meet in "Feathered Friends" starting on page 7. Coverage of the Migration starts on page 9 and the FCA 2014 Nationals coverage in Kansas City starts on page 11.

Well it's time to say thank you to all for your well wishes thoughts and prayers, I will see you all at our 2015 Nationals or sooner at our next meeting (See page 4 for info). Remember the real thrill of any FCA Regional or National event is not taking home "The Gold" but the friends you will make and the ones you have made in the past.

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

Gary

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Old Cars

Golden Quill Awards

The editors of Old Cars Weekly honor
The Falcon Times
as a 2013 recipient in the
Regional/Compact Category

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Rick's Car All Fixed!



CLUB BUSINESS

MEETING/SHOW NOTICES



- Next Club meeting- Saturday, March 21st at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, dinner at the Oxhead Tavern at 4:30, meeting in the hotel in the Dudley Room at approximately 6:00-6:30 after dinner.
- FCA 36th Annual 2015 National Falcon Club of America Convention' Warwick, Rhode Island at the Crowne Plaza on July 9, 10 & 11, 2015

Treasurer's Report



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Members by State			TOTAL
MA - 45	NY - 10	ME - 6	USA - 121
CT - 33	NH - 6	NJ - 2	
RI - 16	PA - 2	VT - 3	

DECEMBER 2014

118 MEMBERS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 12/01/2014</i>				\$2,021.15
12/01/14	Deposit - New member dues	\$8.00		\$3,353.00
12/22/14	Deposit - New member dues	\$26.00		\$3,379.00
12/29/14	#1113 - US Postmaster - stamps		\$49.00	\$3,330.00
12/29/14	Deposit - New member dues	\$30.00		\$3,360.00
<i>Ending Balance 12/31/2014</i>				\$3,360.00

JANUARY 2015

121 MEMBERS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 01/01/2015</i>				\$3,360.00
01/12/15	Deposit - new member dues	\$44.00		\$3,404.00
<i>Ending Balance 01/31/2015</i>				\$3,404.00

FEBRUARY 2015

121 MEMBERS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 02/01/2015</i>				\$3,404.00
	NO ACTIVITY			
<i>Ending Balance 02/28/2015</i>				\$3,404.00



CLUB BUSINESS

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

We are looking for the sunshine we are hoping it will be here in time for our March meeting. It will be held on Saturday, March 21st at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. We will meet for dinner at the Oxhead Tavern at 4:30 and have the meeting in the hotel in the Dudley Room at approximately 6:00-6:30, as soon as we finish dinner. We would like to have as many people join us as possible as we need to go over items for the National Meet. Please email or call me to let me know if you will be able to make the meeting. Cris has to give the Oxhead Tavern a count by Monday, March 16th so they know how many people to plan for call 401-823-1059 or e-mail cbricris@aol.com.

Our 2015 National Falcon Club of America Convention is already shaping up to be a fun filled event. We have set up a cruise to the beach as well as visits to Factory Five Racing and Tasca Automotive, The Breakers Mansion in Newport, and Jonathan Edwards Winery in nearby North Stonington, CT. We have gotten a few phone calls from people offering to help with the National Show. Even if we have not gotten back to you, we definitely got your message and need your help. Be sure to check out our website www.northeastchapter.com with a link to the 2015 Nationals in the coming weeks for more updates.

Rick



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 address to gvenninger@comcast.net it would save the club money on printing and mailing costs (and the world trees) and greatly appreciated by all. **Please think about it!**





CLUB BUSINESS

CRUISE TO THE OCEAN STATE

Well, we are still overloaded with snow and it does not seem like it is going to let up any time soon. Spring should be here in a couple of weeks and you would never know it by looking outside. We need sunshine and warm temperatures. I do not know when we will be able to get into our carport to get to the cars. They may be locked in there until May!

While we wait for better weather, we have been busy with reservations for the show as well as the tours. We have received nearly 75 reservations as of the end of February with more coming in every week. The Ladies Tea on Thursday, July 9th is filling up nicely. We already have nearly 30 ladies' signed up. The Newport and Mansion tour on Friday morning July 10th has nearly 30 people also and is limited to 50 people. The winery tour on Friday afternoon July 10th still has some space available but is limited to 30 people. Checks for these events may be included with your registration. Please put a note letting us know for what the extra payment is. If you have already sent in your registration and would like to sign up for a tour, please send payment (\$20.00) for the Ladies' Tea, to Cristine Bowes, 245 South Main St., Coventry, RI 02816. If you would like to sign up for the Newport tour (\$30/adults \$20/children) or the Winery tour (\$25.00), please send payment to Denise Warburton, 740 Tunk Hill Rd., Hope, RI 02831. All checks should be made payable to Northeast Chapter FCA.

We also have a tour of Factory Five Racing scheduled for Thursday morning, July 9th and a visit to Tasca Ford on Thursday afternoon. These are self-driving tours. I know it will be impressive to see so many beautiful Falcons drive in to either of these great locations.

Donations have been coming in for our raffles. Watch the FCA Newsletter for a full list of vendors who have made donations. We will try to update it but be sure to check out the raffles at the show! We have been sent some items from individual club members as well as being told others would be coming in at the show. If there is something, you would like to donate, please let us know. We are also looking for donations for the daily door prize drawings. If you have something, you would like to contribute to the door prizes that would be greatly appreciated also.

Remember, when making your hotel reservations be sure to mention the Falcon Club and our group code, FBF. The hotel is already about 2/3 filled. If you have not made your reservations yet, what are you waiting for?

If you have any questions about the National Meet, please feel free to contact us and we will try our best to get answers for you. You can always reach us at Falconsprint@aol.com or contact any of our officers. All of our information is on our website: www.northeastchapter.com.

Stay warm and look for the sunshine!

Thanks,
Cris Bowes





CLUB BUSINESS



Cardone & Daughter Automotive Presents:

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FEATHERED FRIENDS

17TH Northeast Chapter Regional Meet

*Text by: Rick Bowes
Photos by: Carl Waters*

Well, another Regional Meet is in the books and I have to say we had a very successful Falcon Show this year! On Saturday we had 53 Falcons in attendance. We had a few other members that joined us but were not able to bring their cars. We have been assured they will be at the National Meet in July 2015. The weather could not have been better and our day by the lake was beautiful! When you put the cars, the weather, the location, and the wonderful friends that join us every year together, we had a perfect weekend.





FEATHERED FRIENDS



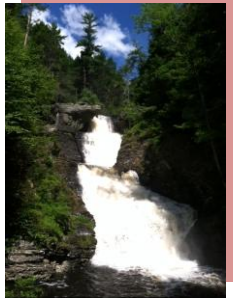


ODDS AND ENDS

To Kansas City and Home Again

Text By: *Cris and Rick Bowes*– Photos By: *Gary Nenninger/Cris and Rick Bowes*

Well another National Falcon Show has come and gone. We left home on Saturday, July 5th, and headed off to Jim Thorpe, PA. A friend told us about what a nice, quaint little town it was. You have to see it, walk around, and enjoy the place he said. Well, we had a two-mile backup trying to get into the town and we knew it was not going to go well. As we got into town there was no place to park and, even if we found a spot, there was no place to walk to without being shoulder to shoulder with other people. It turns out, being July 4th weekend brought lots of people who were thinking the same thing, along with the town having a celebration and fireworks. We kept going and it was not a total loss. We stopped at a state park with waterfalls in the Delaware Water Gap area. It was beautiful and just what we needed after driving all day.



We were going to be traveling on Rt. 50 to get to Kansas and were meeting with the Mason Dixon Chapter Migrators on Sunday in West Virginia. We decided to stop at Gettysburg, PA in the morning since we knew we had time to kill before they would meet us. It took a little while but we found the Monument to the Rhode Island 2nd Division Battalion. We missed it the first time around. With so many monuments to the different Companies, it was easy to miss until we realized it was right out in the open area.

We decided the time was right to meet the Migrators on Rt. 50 since they were beginning that morning in Ocean City, MD. I don't know if you've ever driven Rt. 50 in West Virginia before but it feels like you're on a roller coaster. There are 9% - 11 % grades and many switchbacks along the way. With speed limits in the 15 mph range, you had better be doing the speed limit. We called one of the Migrators to see where they were, behind us, ahead of us, when we would be catching up with each other. It turned out they did not like the 'roller coaster' and stayed on the highway the whole way. They were already at the hotel. The good part was we were the last to arrive and the welcoming committee with a "welcome to West Virginia banner" by new FCA members John and Karen McClung from Winfield West Virginia met us. They are trying to start up a West Virginia chapter and knew The Migration was going to be staying overnight. They lived one and a half hours away but wanted to make sure we felt welcome. What a great surprise!



The next day brought everyone to Ohio and, thankfully, an uneventful day. Tuesday, unfortunately, was not a great day. As we were going through St Louis, MO, we were stopped at a red light behind a couple of other cars. The light turned green but the other cars took their time going through the light. The young man behind us wasn't so patient. He looked at the green light and hit the gas. So much for our nice back end of the car. He hit us right in the center of the bumper, denting the back panel and making the bumper into a "U" shape. The positive side was nobody was hurt and we could still drive the car. Fellow migrators stopped to be sure we were ok and others began making plans to come get us if we were not. That is always the benefit of traveling with the migration. If you need help of any kind, there is always someone you can count on. The insurance company will take care of everything from that point. We made it to our hotel in one piece and were happy to finally relax, share a meal with our friends, and put our feet up after a very long day.





ODDS AND ENDS

Wednesday we had the pleasure of visiting R&A Motorsports, Inc, located in Lees Summit, MO for a shop tour and a BBQ lunch. Those of you who subscribe to Mustang Magazine will recognize R&A Motorsport as the business of Jeff Yergovich, who does the "Fix My Mustang" column in the magazine. They were so nice and had pulled their shop "out into the open air" so we could see the cars they were working on and also be able to sit inside for a delicious lunch in their air conditioned building. We headed out to our final destination, Kansas City, Kansas. Kathy & Gary Nenninger met us at the hotel that afternoon. They traveled with Gary's daughter and her family, who drove Gary's Truck and trailer with the Falcon safely tucked away inside.



What a great experience it is to attend a National Meet. We got to see some beautiful cars and visited with friends we have met over the years, set up a "Tent City" consisting of about five or six tents filled with chairs and friends, one of which was Kathy & Gary's tent. You did not need to find a place to sit in the shade. You just bring a chair. In tent city you sat where you saw an open chair. If your chair is open and empty then you never know who will sit down. If you see people sitting down talking and there is an empty chair, you sit down to visit. It really is a great experience.

Rick visited the World War I Museum, while I attended the Ladies' Tea with Kathy Nenninger, Gary's daughter Suzanne and Granddaughter Caitlyn, and fellow Northeast Chapter member Liz Ottone. The theme of the Tea was "A Little Tea on the Prairie". We all had a great time.



Friday took us to a Winery up the road from the hotel, Stone Pillar Winery. We were treated to a great hors d'oeuvres setup of fruits, cheeses, dips, etc. Everything was delicious, including the wines. We had to be careful that we didn't take advantage of too much of that delicious taste. We still had to drive back to the hotel.

On Saturday, we set up in the registration room to provide information for the 2015 National Meet in Rhode Island. We had 18 people register with more applications given out to people who wanted to register once they got home. The banquet and awards on Saturday night produced some surprising results and some not so surprising results. You just have to remember with any of our shows, the voting is a popular vote and anyone can win at any time. Both the Bowes car and the Nenninger car took home awards. We also took home the Longest Distance Award again. We traveled 1,624 miles to get to the show.



We left for home on Sunday morning with Kathy and Gary Nenninger and thankfully had a good ride, and got to visit a friend in Pennsylvania, Joan Cornelius. Some of you will remember Rick and Joan from our shows in the past. Unfortunately, Rick wasn't there to visit with us. One of the problems with traveling the way we do is we never know when or where we will be until that day and we didn't give them much notice. We should get to see them at our National next summer. The next page is a quick look at some of the Falcons at the show.



ODDS AND ENDS

35th Annual FCA National Convention

Photos by: Gary Nenninger





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