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

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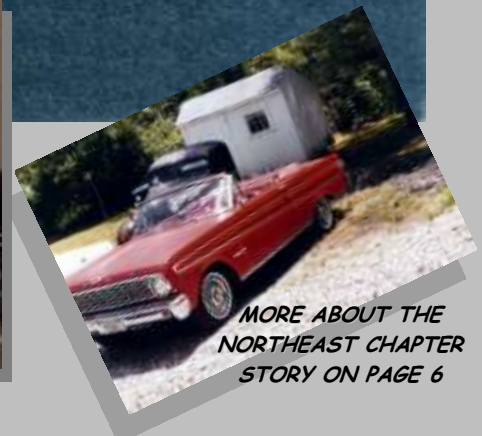


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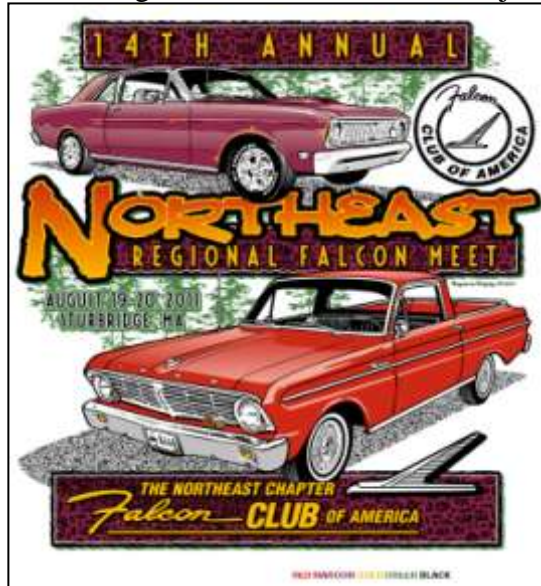
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Chris Scioscia	13
Karl Clark	19
Jim Heusinger	23

Summer is here and as usual, I have not had the time I would like to play with my cars or trailer. Well the good news is that we are coming up fast on The Northeast Chapters 14th Regional Meet in August. In this issue, we have our first look at the plaque and t-shirt design. This year the design is unique with



two Falcons for the first time, Carl Waters for Best of Show in modified and Ray Chevalier for Best of Show in stock.

Congratulations to our new chapter officers, Rick Bowes President, Andre Auger Vice President and returning officers Kathy Nenninger Secretary and Bill Warburton Treasurer. I would like to take a moment to thank Ed Lindberg and his wife Patty for the good job they did during his term as President.

I am pleased to say that after my plea for Falcons to feature in Feathered Friends that I have received to responses. Speaking of featured Falcons I am looking for someone to be a reporter for **The Falcon Times**. It would consist of taking pictures and notes of Falcons at the regional meet in August to use in future issues of Feathered Friends. I will supply

the camera and copies of the Feathered Friends Information Sheet for notes. If you are interested let me know. Or just come up to me at

the show and say, "Here I am". It would be nice to have a real staff to do all the work (Just kidding).

In this issue, we have Part Two of "The Trailer Story" and more pictures from the early days of the chapter. That's if for now, see you at the Regional Meet on August 19 and 20th in Sturbridge.

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

Gary

The Falcon Times by e-mail

If you would like to have, your copy of **The Falcon Times** e-mailed to you rather than mailed, please send an e-mail to gnenninger@comcast.net.

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



MEETING NOTICES



- Next Chapter Meeting is on Sat. July 16th at the Putnam Cruise Night held in the Stop & Shop/Sears parking lot at 6:30 PM
- 32nd Annual FCA Nationals, July 14-16, 2011, Steamboat Springs Colorado.
- 14th Annual Northeast Chapter Regional Meet August 19-20, 2011 at the *Publick House*, Sturbridge, MA

Treasurer's Report

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Members by State

MA - 38	NY - 15	ME - 2
CT - 33	NH - 5	NJ - 2
RI - 16	PA - 3	VT - 1

APRIL 2011

115 MEMBERS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 04/01/2011</i>				\$4,158.61
04/18/11	#1041 - Mile-Hi Chapter FCA - Nat'l Sponsor		\$150.00	\$4,008.61
04/18/11	#1042 - FCA - Insur. 2011 Regional Meet		\$100.00	\$3,908.61
<i>Ending Balance 04/30/2011</i>				\$3,908.61

MAY 2011

115 MEMBERS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 05/01/2011</i>				\$3,908.61
05/27/11	#1043 - State of RI - corporate filing fee		\$20.00	\$3,888.61
<i>Ending Balance 05/31/2011</i>				\$3,888.61

JUNE 2011

115 MEMBERS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 06/01/2011</i>				\$3,888.61
06/06/11	#1044 - William Warburton - Mailing supplies		\$8.26	\$3,880.35
06/06/11	Deposit - Renewal dues	\$28.00		\$3,908.35
06/13/11	Deposit - Renewal dues	\$182.00		\$4,090.35
06/13/11	Deposit - regional meet registrations	\$450.00		\$4,540.35
06/13/11	#1045 - Daytona Trophy - t shirts & plaques		\$2,756.88	\$1,783.47
06/20/11	Deposit - Renewal dues	\$136.00		\$1,919.47
06/27/11	Deposit - New member dues	\$10.00		\$1,929.47
06/27/11	Deposit - Renewal dues	\$146.00		\$2,075.47
<i>Ending Balance 06/30/2011</i>				\$2,075.47



Northeast Chapter Falcon Club of America
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2011 – 6:30 pm - Putnam Cruise Night, Putnam, CT

President – Ed Lindberg welcomed everyone and announced he has to step down as President due to health issues. Ed brought the 2010 Regional Show binder he received from Sherry McGhghy and gave it to Cris Bowes.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Warburton was not present. He sent his report. Balance in checking account is now \$3,888.61. Membership is at 115 members. Membership renewal notices have been sent out for all memberships expiring in 2011.

Secretary's Report – Kathy Nenninger was not present

New Business: Election of Officers was held, Rick Bowes volunteered and was elected President, Andre Auger volunteered to be Vice President and was elected. Kathy Nenninger was re-elected Secretary and Bill Warburton was re-elected as Treasurer. If anyone is interested in taking a position in the Chapter, please let Rick Bowes know.

Regional Director – Ray Chevalier will not be attending the National Show in Colorado. If anyone has any concerns regarding the Chapter, please let Ray know ASAP since he has to submit his report prior to the Show. Rick and Cris will be flying to Colorado with two grandchildren rather than driving this year to be able to extend their vacation to two weeks. As of today, they are the only members from our chapter planning to attend the National Show this year. The National Show in 2012 will be in Kentucky.

Regional Meet Co-Chairman, Cris Bowes – Cindy Dudley sent out letters to all members and any businesses that have donated items in the past as well as new vendors. Cindy donated the postage and mailing materials to the Chapter for this mailing as her contribution to the Meet. She and Leon will not be able to attend the Meet due to family obligations. Thank you for your help Cindy. Daytona Trophy has started the design for the T- shirts. It will be in portrait layout with Ray's Rancho and Carl's car each off-center. We should have a proof soon so the order can be processed and received in plenty of time for the Regional. We will once again order 144 shirts and 75 plaques.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 16th at the Putnam Cruise Night in the Stop & Shop/Sears parking area again at 6:30 PM. There are many cars and the members arriving first saved space so we could park together. Members are encouraged to attend.

Old Business: None
Motion to Adjourn: 7:15 PM



Respectfully submitted,
Cris Bowes for Kathy Nenninger, Secretary

From the Regional Director's Desk

Well it is time for the Falcon Club of America to hold their National Convention. This year it is being held in Steamboat Springs, CO. The only members I know that will be attending are Cris and Rick Bowes. Ginny and I will miss this one. First one we have not attended in 12 years. We just have too many things going on that weekend. On the 4th of July weekend Ed Kernozek and myself were featured cars in the Mohegan Sun Casino's Convention Center as part of Cruisin' New England Magazine's Elite Dream Machines Show. We both won awards and I took home the Best Display honors for a working gas station display.



As always, we need people to help at the Regional Meet next month. Please find a couple of hours to help and give the members that have been doing the work a break. This is a good time to remind members to pay their dues if they are due this year and to remind members to make sure they are paid up FCA members as well. The Mason Dixon Chapter will be holding their Regional Meet the weekend before our Meet. Ginny and I are planning to attend.

That is it for now. Hope to see you at the next meeting and at the regional Meet.

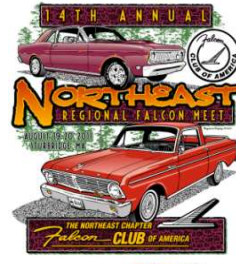
"See you in a Falcon"

Ray





**Northeast Chapter
Falcon CLUB OF AMERICA
PRESENTS THE 14TH ANNUAL
REGIONAL FALCON MEET**



*August 19 & 20, 2011 at the Publick House Historic Inn
On the Common, 277 Main St., Rt. 131, Sturbridge, MA 01566*

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 20, 2011 at 6:00 pm @ \$35.00 \$ _____

_____ Turkey Dinner _____ Pot Roast Dinner

Total Falcon Registration & Banquet Amount: \$ _____

*For Hotel registrations call the Publick House Historic Inn at 508-347-3313
Room rates are \$92.00 plus tax per night guaranteed until August 7, 2011
You must mention Falcon Club Show when making your reservations.*

*Send this form and remittance payable to: Northeast Chapter FCA,
c/o Kathy Nenninger, 66 Willowbrook Rd., Cromwell, CT 06416
For more information contact Kathy at (860) 632-0451 or Cris Bowes at (401) 823-1059*

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

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

Print Name _____

Sign Name _____

For more information please visit our website – www.northeastfalconchapter.com



The Northeast Chapter Story

Part Two

The following is an excerpt from Ray Chevalier's 25th Anniversary article in **The Falcon Times**, August/September 2008:

The Chapter's area was huge. From what I understand it covered just what the name implied, all of the Northeast United States. I believe the area was all of New England, as far south as Virginia and as far west as Ohio and included Lower Canada. Since that time, many Chapters have formed within this area such as the Keystone that covers most of the eastern half of PA and lower NJ. The Erie Canal took over the western part of NY, the Ontario Chapter Lower Canada, and the Ohio Valley formed in the Ohio area. I can remember that about 1991 when a group for northern New England met with our Chapter and wanted to form a Chapter in the states of VT, NH & ME. They formed what was called the Yankee Chapter and lasted about 10 years before being declared inactive and that area was given back to our Chapter.

The Chapters first President was #1 Milt Robar and #2 Vinny Delucia was the VP. Milt served as President for a couple of years then Vinny was elected he served for a couple more years and then Howie Wheeler was elected the Chapter's third president. Howie served until 1994 when we elected Art Dammers President and I became the VP. Art served for a couple of years then Karl Clark became President and I remained as V.P. In 1996, I was elected the Chapter's sixth President, I held that position until 2006 when I stepped down, and we elected Gary Nenninger the seventh President. In 2007 Rick Bowes became our eight President followed by Ed Lindberg.

Here is a look into the past to see what was happening during the New Hampshire Meet - 1982.



Howard Stearns on left one of the driving forces.



Tom Massarelli facing Milt Robar in red.



Howie Wheeler's Father's 1965 Ranchero



Howie Wheeler in white with Milt & Phyllis Robar



Milt & Phyllis Robar with Howie's 63 convertible



Milt Robar's 1963 Sprint convertible at Joe Bassett's 1982



Vin Delucia left and Matt Scioscia with Vin's 63 Sprint



Howie Wheeler in white with his 63 convertible



BACK HOME AGAIN!



Text by Tony Doyon
Photos by Tony Doyon and Gary Nenninger

My Falcon Story

My love of the Falcon started with my father's purchase of a new 1964 wagon when I was in High School. After graduating from technical college, I joined the Air Force and was stationed in Cape Cod Massachusetts. I had sold my 1965 Galaxie prior to enlisting thinking I would be shipped overseas. Finding myself stationed close to home, I set out looking for transportation. Being on a tight budget, I started looking for a fixer upper and found

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a 1963 Futura hardtop for 100.00. It needed some engine work and a rear fender bender repaired. It was a little old lady car with a lot of potential to make it like new. That car took my new bride and me to Minot North Dakota for my next assignment. While stationed there I found a 1931 Chevy coupe to restore in my spare time. At the end of my enlistment, I needed to a larger more powerful car to tow the Chevy to Maine. Sadly, we left the Futura behind.



Once we were settled back home, I decided that I would look for another Falcon to enjoy as a hobby and this time it would be a convertible. After asking around, I got a lead on a 1963 Sprint Convertible that was in a barn 20 miles away. Ironically, it was located in Minot Maine. It was not in a barn however but had been sitting in a field for a few years. It had a fair amount of rust issues. The good news was that it only had 70k miles and mechanically it was in excellent condition. It even had the convertible top boot that I still use today.

Over the course of 1 year, I completed what I would characterize as a back yard restoration. Since I did not have much for tools, I repaired most of the undercarriage outside jacking the car up in the yard and welding repair panels with oxy acetylene. The body prep work I completed in the garage and painted it in a borrowed paint room.



One day a man (we will call him Mr. B) stopped by after seeing the car in my driveway. He heard about the car and wanted to see it. He told me he bought the car brand new. You could see the excitement, as he looked it over in detail. It was like being reunited with an old friend. He told me of the fond memories and the enjoyment he had owning it. He had apparently traded it in on a newer model. That was the first of many visits he made over the years that I owned it.

After owning the Falcon for 25 years, I decided one day to sell it. The paint was starting to fade



and rust was starting to rear its ugly head. When Mr. B saw it for sale, he wanted it but would have to get his wife's approval. That same evening they both showed up and laid cash on the table. I was taken back at how they were willing to buy it without even trying it out. Since this was not the new car, they once owned I suggested they drive it first. After a brief drive, they returned smiling I knew it was a done deal.

Two years later, Mrs. B returned with the car and asked if I wanted to buy it back. Sadly, her husband had passed away and she said she could not keep it now that he was gone. In what I will describe as a weak moment in time, I agreed to repurchase it. I knew that I would have to restore it again, but I did miss owning it. They must have really enjoyed having it again; they drove the car over 25k miles in the two years they owned it. I was pleased knowing that I may have played a part in reuniting them with an enjoyable part of their past.





FEATHERED FRIENDS

I started the second restoration with two modifications in mind, one to install a 4-speed transmission and to change the color from yellow to my favorite, vintage burgundy. I tackled the floor and structural repairs, but I left most of the finish work to a professional.



I always thought this car had a unique history considering two of the three owners bought the car a second time. I am the third and fifth owner of this jewel and do not intend to let it go. ***This time it is here to stay!***



A look at some restoration pictures by Tony.



"THE TRAILER STORY"

PART TWO

Disclaimer: *The story you are about to read is true, the names and places may have been changed to protect the ONE who did no research but relied on his 67 year old memory for things.*

Text and Photos by: Gary Nenninger

It was Saturday, July 10th, 2010, the place, Cromwell, CT, the time 7:00 AM, it was cloudy. The boss was Captain Kathy. We were working the "get ready to leave" watch; the Captain said we had to leave by 8:00 to meet the Bowes at a rest stop, somewhere on the east coast for our trip to Dearborn. I said "No problem".

Saturday July 10th, time 9:30 A.M., the place, Cromwell, CT, we are on our way to meet Cris and Rick. The captain called Cris told her we were on our way, made new plans to meet at some rest stop on the NY Throughway. About an hour into our trip, it started to rain, and hard. I say, "This is why", the captain says "What?" I say "The Falcon" The captain says "The Falcon?" I say, "This is why we spent the money on a White 06 F150 Lariat and a White 20' by 8½' 2011 *Sunshine* enclosed trailer. The Falcon is nice and dry!" I get the look, it is time to shut up and continue to learn how to tow a White 20' by 8½' 2011 *Sunshine* enclosed trailer with a 06 White F150 Lariat.

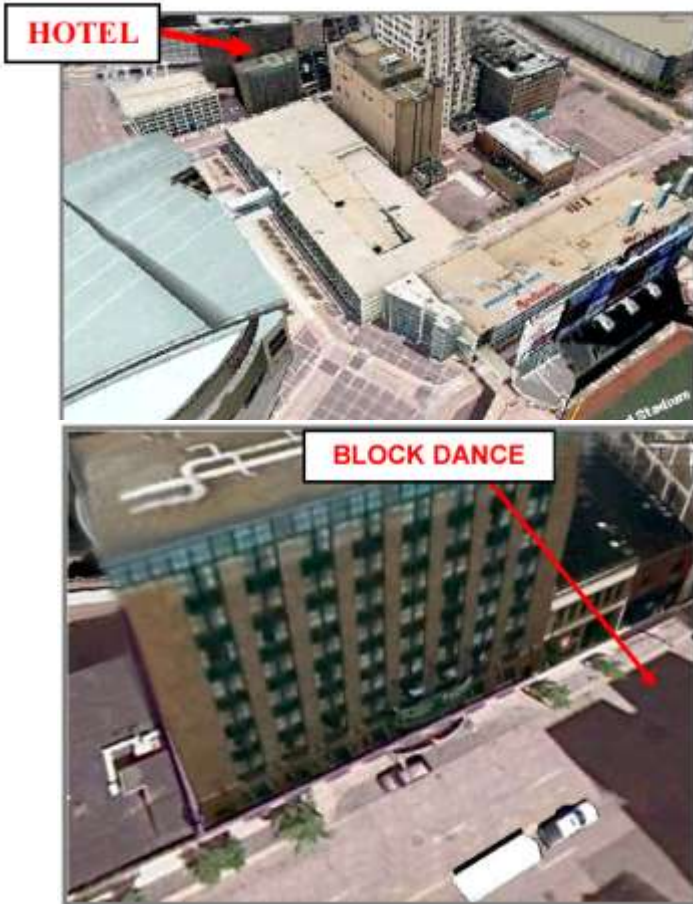
Saturday, July 10th, the time is about 2:00 P.M.; the place, somewhere on the NY Throughway, we arrive at the rest stop were Cris and Rick have been waiting for us patiently, (I think) Rick is in the parking lot in a lounge chair. Cris is coming to greet us. After exchanging pleasantries' we make a quick pit stop and then proceed to the gas pumps for the first of many visits. If you recall, I said in part one "Remember the gas station". You might say why remember

the gas station? Everybody makes many stops at the gas pumps on long trips. Well for two reasons, One – I just started pumping my own gas, because as I said many times before, pumping your own gas is an oil company ploy that I refused to fall for until the only 2 gas stations that pumped your gas in my world closed. And B – The White 06 F150 Lariat towing a White 20' by 8½' 2011 *Sunshine* enclosed trailer gets about 9.5 miles per gallon. Therefore, after many stops I figured out how to pay and start the pumps. By the time I completed the trip I pumped more of my own gas than I have in the past twenty years! However, I digress, back to the trailer story.

Saturday, July 10th, the time is about 6:00 P.M., the place, Cleveland, OH, the destination for our overnight stay. We take the exit off the highway, I begin to wonder where the Motel is, and will there be parking for the 20' by 8½' 2011 *Sunshine* enclosed trailer. We start to go into the city, I start to cry, and Captain Kathy slaps me back to reality. Ok, it will be Ok; we are probably just driving to the other side of town to the motel right. We go deeper into the city, the streets are getting narrower, I now become calm and relaxed, I am driving a White 06 F150 Lariat towing a White 20' by 8½' 2011 *Sunshine* enclosed trailer through downtown Cleveland and I have yet to have a problem. I'm doing good. Spoke too soon, we come to the motel, only it is not a motel but a Radisson Hotel in the heart of downtown Cleveland.



But, wait! The road is blocked off; we come to a stop in front of the Hotel. Apparently there is a block dance going on, thus the blocked off street. I look around for a parking lot. Parking lot, Parking lot? You are in the city there are no Parking Lots, only Parking Garages! (See pictures of Hotel Location)



Saturday, July 10th, the time 7:00 P.M.; the place, Cleveland, OH, we walk from the hotel to a restaurant and I have my first ever bison burger. It was good. 9:32 P.M. we are back in the hotel and getting ready for bed, we have an early start in the morning, we are going to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Sunday, July 11th, time 9:37 A.M. the place, still Cleveland, OH; we are on our way to the Hall of Fame. I follow Rick; I notice I am running low on gas in my White 06 F150 Lariat pulling a White 20' by 8½' 2011 *Sunshine* enclosed trailer. We finally arrive at our destination and find that the entire population of Ohio and 17 nearby states have come to see "The Tall Ships in Port". That means no place to park the White 06 F150 Lariat and White 20' by 8½' 2011 *Sunshine* enclosed trailer.

Rick comes to the rescue, he says "We can't stay here there is no place to park the White 20' by 8½' 2011 *Sunshine* enclosed trailer". I agree. Captain Kathy suggested that Cris and Rick stay and we look for somewhere that has a place to park the White 20' by 8½' 2011 *Sunshine* enclosed trailer. The valet parking attendant heard the conversation and said he could move his car and we could park the White 06 F150 Lariat and White 20' by 8½' 2011 *Sunshine* enclosed trailer in front of the Hotel. The manager said they would let the Police Department know that we were guest of the Hotel.





We stop and talk about what to do. Rick has parked in a lot across the street from the Hall of Fame, he asks about the White 06 F150 Lariat and White 20' by 8½' 2011 *Sunshine* enclosed trailer. The answer is yes but we will have to pay for 5 or 6 spaces at \$15 a pop. I say there has to be a place to park the trailer so I go around the block and down the side streets about 28 times and still no parking places or gas. Now I have to abandon my search for parking and start a new search for gas.


Sunday, July 11th, the place, somewhere in Cleveland, the time “who cares” I need a %&\$#@#* gas station! Finally a gas station, now how do you work this thing and how do I pay? Cris and Rick meet us at the gas station we all decide to abandon our plan about going to the “Rock and Roll Hall of Fame” and head for Dearborn. After getting gas, we were on the road again.

Sunday July 11, the time, 3:22 P.M., we are in Dearborn, headed for the Hotel, The White 06 F150 Lariat towing a White 20' by 8½' 2011 *Sunshine* enclosed trailer is now leading the *Little Yellow Sprint Convertible* of Cris and Rick Bowes. Why? Who knows! We approach some sort of a road transition the Captain says, “Bear left on Old Mill Rd.” I say “Where, I don't see a left to bear too!” By this time we are past the left at which I was suppose to bear too. Then out of nowhere, **RED LIGHT**, **I SLAM ON THE BRAKES!** Trailer brakes, what trailer brakes? At this point, I am sure the brakes on the truck are pretty-good. The Little Yellow Sprint Convertible takes the lead again and life is as it should be.

Sunday July 11, the time, 3:46 P.M., we arrive at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, check-in and park the trailer in the rear parking lot. Well, it's over, I have a week to recover from the drive, and all the gas pumping before we go home. “Was it worth it?” Mam? “Was it worth all the trouble?” You bet it was, I did not have to worry about my un-restored, triple black 1963½ Falcon Sprint

convertible with 30,000 original miles that I bought brand new 48 years ago!



We had a great time at the FCA convention we meet many friends, both old and new and the trailer was parked for a week. I wondered if I would have any problems on the way home but ever thing went well as we made the trip in one day. But, this was not the end of my trailer story, I still had to store it for the winter and take it out in the spring. You won't believe what happen to me then. Stay tuned for PART THREE of the trailer story, same time same station. This has been a Mark VII production. 





Feathered Friends will feature a Falcon every issue if we have the information to put in. Let us know about your car, how you came by it, where you got it, the story of the restoration, or whatever you want to tell us. Since we have no car to feature we are putting in this form in hopes that it will inspire readers to fill it out and send it in with pictures of your pride and joy.

FEATHERED FRIENDS INFORMATION FORM

Fill out as much of the form as applies, if you need more space you can write on the back or use a separate sheet. Send the form with pictures to me by e-mail: genninger@comcast.net or mail it to me at 66 Willowbrook Rd. Cromwell, CT 06416

Name:		Chapter Membership Number:	
Address:			FCA Membership Number:
Year:	Model:	Body style:	
When and how was the car acquired:			
History of car if known:			
Exterior color:		Interior color:	
Paint By:		Interior By:	
Body By:			
Engine:		Engine By:	
Engine Mods:			
Tires:		Wheels:	
Did anyone in you Family or friends own a Falcon?			
Any other interesting facts about your Falcon that you want to tell us:			



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