



# THE FALCON TIMES



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

## Snow Birds!

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Happy New Year!

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The new year is here already and it's time to start thinking of warm weather and our cars. Yea, as I sit here writing this article, we have about two feet of snow on the ground with another storm on the way and my snow blower broke. (See page 8 for what might be my new snow blower!) The Sprint is tucked away in the garage and my Mustang is tucked away in the trailer. Next year I think the Falcon will winter in the trailer since it has a heater that keeps it at about 50°F on the low setting.



For now let us forget about the snow, and ice, and wind, and shoveling, and think about the upcoming car season and the warm summer day for our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Regional Meet. At our **next meeting on February 26** in Sturbridge at the Publick House, we will be discussing the regional and some proposed changes such as where should it be held. Should we hold a one-day show with no banquet? Should we keep it the same? Who will take charge as chairperson and make what we decide at this meeting happen? This will be a very important meeting and it will be your chance to make your opinion count.

Many of our members have never attended a meeting and there is nothing wrong with that, but you miss out on a good dinner and reminiscing with your friends that you can't wait to see at the regional meet. Every meeting is like a mini meet. At 5:00, we have dinner and then at 7:00 we have our meeting and talk about old business and new business and finally just talk about anything that we want to. If you cannot make it for dinner, come to the meeting at 7:00 anyway, you do not have to eat to take part in the meeting. So, let's see if we can have the biggest turnout for a monthly meeting ever, and have a good time with our friends.

In this issue, we have a new feature called "Weathered Friends", since no body has sent pictures of their pride and joy to share with the club, I decided to honor the forgotten and neglected members of our feathered friends. I have many more photos of the poor souls that I would rather not publish. So stop shoveling snow, and send me your pictures and story and help me avoid the shame of our "Weathered Friends". Thank you and see you on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

*Gary*

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**MEETING NOTICES**



- Next Chapter Meeting is on February 26, 2011 at the *Publick House*, Sturbridge, MA , Dinner at 5:00, Meeting at 7:00
- 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual FCA Nationals, July 14-16, 2011, Steamboat Springs Colorado.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Chapter Regional Meet TBA

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**Members by State**

|                |                |               |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>MA – 38</b> | <b>NY - 15</b> | <b>ME – 2</b> |
| <b>CT – 32</b> | <b>NH – 5</b>  | <b>NJ – 2</b> |
| <b>RI - 15</b> | <b>PA – 3</b>  | <b>VT – 1</b> |

**NOVEMBER 2010**

**114 MEMBERS**

| DATE                                | DESCRIPTION               | DEPOSITS | CHECKS | ACCOUNT BALANCE |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------|-----------------|
| <i>Beginning Balance 11/01/2010</i> |                           |          |        | \$4,132.31      |
| 11/14/10                            | Deposit - New member dues | 15.00    |        | \$4,147.31      |
| 11/22/10                            | Deposit - New member dues | 15.00    |        | \$4,162.31      |
| 11/23/10                            | Deposit - T Shirt sales   | 18.00    |        | \$4,180.31      |
| <i>Ending Balance 11/30/2010</i>    |                           |          |        | \$4,180.31      |

**DECEMBER 2010**

**114 MEMBERS**

| DATE                                | DESCRIPTION | DEPOSITS | CHECKS | ACCOUNT BALANCE |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------|--------|-----------------|
| <i>Beginning Balance 12/01/2010</i> |             |          |        | \$4,180.31      |
|                                     | No activity |          |        |                 |
| <i>Ending Balance 12/31/2010</i>    |             |          |        | \$4,180.31      |

**FEBRUARY MEETING**

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA. We will meet for dinner at 5:00 and have our meeting at approximately 7:00. This is a very important meeting, as we need to decide on a date and place for our Regional meet for the summer of 2011. We have a couple of ideas, having in at the Publick House again for approximately the same cost or moving it to a location in Rhode Island at a lower cost. We need your input into this decision. **PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.** Please let us know if you will be attending, as we have to give the restaurant a count by February 20th. If you have any questions, please contact either Ed Lindberg at 508-792-1639 or email at [elindberg@ccworc.org](mailto:elindberg@ccworc.org) or Rick Bowes at 401-823-1059 or email at [falconsprint@aol.com](mailto:falconsprint@aol.com).

See you soon.

Rick Bowes  
FCA Board of Directors





*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 how to pinpoint the cause of a shimmy.*

## What causes my car to shimmy?

### A Story from Cyber Space

After having her car towed to her dealer's garage, a woman complained that the vehicle had a "shimmy" when driving at high speeds. She said it "thumped" at low speeds so she drove faster to avoid the thumping and then after a while the car stopped.

Apparently, the woman ran over a mattress/box spring and decided to keep going anyway. By doing this, it got caught in the cars under belly, wrapped around the driveshaft and finally whipped around enough to put a tear in the gas tank, causing a leak. She still managed to drive the car for thirty more miles, with a sixty pound tangled mess wrapped around the driveshaft. The subsequent lack of fuel is what finally brought her vehicle to its knees.

Look at what the dealership found!





*Look at the mechanics faces; they just can't believe what they are looking at.*

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**FEATHERED FRIENDS**

**Feathered Friends** *Let's take a look at some of our poor neglected Weathered Friends from around the country. We are all use to seeing bright shinny Falcons in The Times, here is the other side of the picture.*

# Weathered Friends!

It is not easy to look at these poor neglected Feathered Friends, but I have received nothing to feature this issue or next, so I figured why not give them a chance to have their time in the spotlight. If you do not want to see any more poor souls like these, send me some pictures of your pride and joy. We would all like to hear the story about your Falcon.

You do not have to write an article if you wish just send me the pictures, and some information like, how you found your car, what you did to it, if anything. If it is a modified, tell us what neat things your Falcon has had done to it, like running gear, tires, wheels, interior, paint, sound system, or anything else you could think of. We will take the information we receive from you and put a feature together for everyone to enjoy. Remember, I can always run another feature on my car!



*Maybe your car started out like this one, tell us about it.*





**FEATHERED FRIENDS**





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



←painting of *The Betsey Mills Dining Room* by Ralph Creager

*The Betsey Mills Dining Room* Kathryn B. Gibbs is the manager of this popular restaurant at Fourth and Putnam streets, opposite the Marietta College campus, in Marietta, Ohio. Lunch and dinner served daily; Sunday dinner served noon to 3:00 p.m. Closed Monday and first two weeks of August. Reservations advisable.

**FRESH APPLE FRITTERS**

- 1 cup fresh apples, chopped
- ¼ cup flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- Deep fat for frying

Combine dry ingredients and sift together. Add egg yolk beaten until thick. Fold in stiffly beaten egg white. Drop by spoonfuls into 370° deep fat.

Drain on paper, then roll in powdered sugar. Serve with maple syrup. Serves 6.

**BUILT UP SANDWICH**

For each sandwich have 1 piece of buttered toast. Place sliced chicken on each piece, criss-crossed carrot strips and 2 cooked broccoli spears. (Other vegetables may be used in season). Over each sandwich pour a liberal amount of smooth cheese sauce. Top with 2 crisp pieces of bacon.

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**The Importance of Walking**

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$12,000 per month.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently, you have to go there.

Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with doughnuts.

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, 'Well, he looks good doesn't he....'

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years ... just getting over the hill...

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

P.S.

You could run this over to your friends but just e-mail it to them!



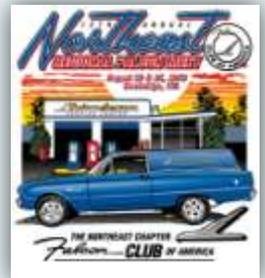
**A Thing of Beauty!**

I am tired of anemic, one-lung snow blowers with their slipping drive belts, I think a Kai Grundt V8 powered snow blower is the way to go. This raises the bar on the traditional snow blower in every respect. With electric start, electric block heater, antifreeze heater, and eight cylinders, it has no drive belts to freeze up and you'll never get bored with the job as the 454 cubic inch big block V8 produces 412 horsepower, 430-foot pounds of torque and can throw snow 50 feet at just 3500 rpm. Nor will you get cold as the machine has been ingeniously designed to route the engine coolant through the handle bars, with the rear mounted, enclosed radiator keeping the operator nice and cozy.



**2010 Regional Meet T-shirts**

We still have some T-shirts left over from the Regional Meet. If interested call Ray at 401-934-2105 or email at [RaysFalcon@cox.net](mailto:RaysFalcon@cox.net) We have sizes Large, X-Large and a couple of XX-large \$12.00 includes shipping



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Since the weather has been so, well the best way to describe it is snowy; I thought it would be fun to see what our feathered friends would look like in the snow. I went on line to find some pictures of Falcons in the snow and found only one. The rest of the pictures were created by *The Falcon Times* staff can you guess which one is the original? 

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See the answer on page 11.



*Could this be the new Falcon from Ford?*

***The Australian Falcon GT 40***



The answer to the Snow Bird question is number 8.



“Daddy thinks I’m asleep. That’s why he’s making like our new ‘64 **Falcon Squire**. Real quiet, smooth and sure. But he doesn’t have a new wider tread...or new longer springs...or a smoother ride or even a new ‘260’ cu. in. V-8 power option. Actually he’s not a very good **Falcon Squire**. But he’s an awful good daddy.”



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