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Don't Worry Be Happy

The holidays are over; it's a new year and time to think about the upcoming car season. Its funny how we are never satisfied with our Falcons, it's always, if I fixed this, or added that, or painted or this or that, and on and on. Maybe we should just sit back and be happy that we are lucky enough to have a vintage car in our garage! I am not suggesting we do nothing to our rides, just be happy with them and enjoy them.

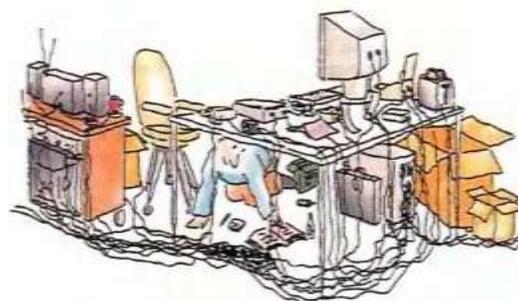
What brings this to mind is the conversation I had with Ed Kernozek at our September meeting last year. After admiring his beautiful 64, I told him that it was probably time to restore my Sprint. I thought about the flaws in the 46 year old paint and interior and how nice it would be to have a fresh paint job and interior. Then, "**WHAMO**", I win at the show! It just goes to show you that what you think is a problem other people would love to deal with. So maybe I should just shut up, sit down and enjoy my car for what it is and not what it was.

We got a new computer for Christmas. Now things will just fly together in no time, no more staying up until 3:00 AM to get the "Times" out. Wrong! First with the new Windows 7, my 3 printers and

Scanner would not work, I was able to download drivers to get one printer to work but I needed a scanner. So I went to staples to buy a wireless Office Jet printer with scanner, copier, and fax. Now everything will truly fly together that is once I get use to the new "Word 2007". For an idea of how things were, see below.

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

Gary



"Now, if you can find the power switch, flip it on."

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 genneninger@comcast.net.

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

Please think about it!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a great holiday and a safe and happy New Year. Once again our Christmas carried over to New Year's weekend since our daughter and her family came home after Christmas. We have to wait to see them because we all know, "if the grandkids come to Rhode Island for Christmas, how will Santa know where they are?"

Cris gave me a great Christmas present - my cars at Mel's Drive-In on posters and T-shirts. They really look great! Now I have new posters to put up on the walls in my garage.

Well it's been snowing again today. That's it!! We've had enough! It was nice to have snow so we could have a white Christmas but this is overkill. I've been busy in my garage working on my 1941 Ford Pickup. It's finally close to being done, although not without a few curse words now and then.

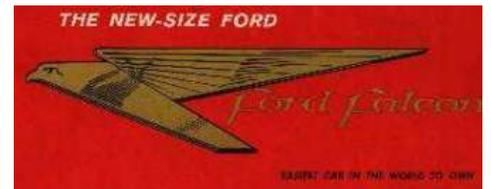
Soon I can get back to my Falcon. I think this may be the year that I repaint it. Now I have to decide on a color. I'm leaning toward a color other than yellow. Yes, I know, if it isn't yellow, nobody will know it's my car. In looking at pictures of the Falcon, it's looking like off white rather than yellow so it's time for something new.

We will be having a meeting on Saturday, March 20th at the Publick House in Sturbridge. This is an important meeting because we have to get together to discuss the Regional Show being held in August. We need input on the T-Shirt design, the jobs that need volunteers, as well as discussing the upcoming election of officers. These are all very important matters and we really need the input of our members. We can't keep going with the same handful of members always having to do all the work.

I know we do get volunteers on the day of the show but there is work that needs to be done throughout the year too. As for the elections, I have been President for several years now and it's time for others to think about stepping up to help out. Please make an effort to attend this meeting and don't be afraid to volunteer your time.

"Enjoy the ride."

Rick



A Note from the Regional Director's Desk

While the cold weather has brought the Falcon activities to a crawl this might be a good time to remind members about some things that are important to remember.

It is important that all Chapter members also be a Paid-up member of the Falcon Club of America. The Falcon Club of America's By-laws Article 3 Membership Section 5.3 states that "All members in the Chapter **must** be members in good standing with the FCA". This is the responsibility of each member. The job of tracking all members of each Chapter is not easy. Each Chapter President receives a copy of the latest FCA roster every quarter. To go through the complete roster of a Chapter is a time consuming process.

So, do your part and keep your dues paid-up. I get lots of emails and calls from members wanting to know why they are not receiving their Newsletters, only to find out that they did not pay their dues the last time they were due. If you are not receiving your FCA Newsletter email or phone me and I will check your dues status.

On the local scene I have been working on the new class structure for our up-coming Regional Meet. We will, for the first time, have a new category of classes called "Lite Modified". This class will be for Falcons that are not pure stock but also not modified enough to compete with highly modified Falcons. The next Newsletter should have a list of classes and they will also be posted on our web site.

We will also for the first time have two "Best of" awards. "Best Stock" and "Best Modified". These changes are being made to comply with the changes to the FCA's by-laws.

Work is also being done on the layout of the shirts and plaques for our up-coming Regional. We should have something put together soon. Looking forward to see you all soon.

"See You in a Falcon"

Ray





CLUB BUSINESS

MEETING NOTICES



- Next meeting is in Sturbridge at the *Publick House* on March 20, 2010, Dinner at 5:00, the meeting at 7:00.
- 2010 FCA National Convention, July 15 thru 17 in Detroit MI at the Hyatt Regency
- 2010 Regional Meet, August 21, 2010 in Sturbridge MA at the *Publick House*

Northeast Chapter Falcon Club of America

Treasurer's Report

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September Treasurer's Report

110 Members

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 08/31/2009</i>				\$2,634.70
09/21/09	Deposit - Renewal Dues	\$36.00		\$2,670.70
<i>Ending Balance 09/30/09</i>				\$2,670.70

October Treasurer's Report

110 Members

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 09/30/2009</i>				\$2,670.70
	No Activity			
<i>Ending Balance 10/31/09</i>				\$2,670.70

November Treasurer's Report

98 Members

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 10/01/2009</i>				\$2,670.70
	No Activity			
<i>Ending Balance 11/30/09</i>				\$2,670.70

December Treasurer's Report

98 Members

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
<i>Beginning Balance 09/30/2009</i>				\$2,670.70
	No Activity			
<i>Ending Balance 10/31/09</i>				\$2,670.70



**Northeast Chapter
Falcon Club of America
Minutes of General Meeting on January 23, 2010
Publick House, Sturbridge, MA**

The business meeting started after dinner, at 6:55 pm. Twenty-two members were in attendance.

1. **Rick Bowes, President:** Welcomed everyone.
2. **Secretary's Report:** Kathy Nenninger – No Report
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Bill Warburton - reported a balance of \$2,648.95; He reported our current membership was (99) members. Treasurers Report was accepted.
4. **Newsletter Editor:** Gary Nenninger – Please send him information for the newsletter especially a featured car.
5. **President's Report: Rick Bowes**
 - a. Rick talked about the "Regional Meet". The date is August 20, 21, 2010.
 - b. Sherry McGhghy has agreed to be the Chairman. She will need lots of volunteers to help. Cris Bowes has contacted the Hotel and the Room Rate will be \$89.00/night plus tax. Ray is working on the T-Shirt and Plaque costs.
6. **Vice President:** Ed Lindberg – No report.
7. **Regional Director – Ray Chevalier**
 - a. Ray is on a committee to overhaul the car categories at the National Meets. They came up with a draft that included a "Lite Modified Class". More to follow on this. It will be on the website and newsletter soon.
 - b. The National Meet is July 15 – 17, 2010 in Detroit, Michigan. Eighty-four have registered so far and six are from the Northeast Chapter.
 - c. Ray reminded everyone to make sure you notify Wendy, the National Newsletter Editor, if you have a change of address. The newsletter gets mailed 4th class and takes longer to get to you.
8. **The Regional Meet** – Bruce Ahlquist has been working on the T-Shirt design (his car). There was a short discussion on the price of Shirts & Dash Plaques and Falcon Trophy.
9. **The National Meet** – Rick suggested we sponsor a class and donate \$250.00 toward the National. Stan made a motion and everyone was in agreement. Rick & Cris Bowes are leaving to go to Detroit the Saturday before (7/10) to arrive on Sunday so they can tour Greenfield Village and the other sites. There is a lot to see in so little time. The Hotel is across from the Ford International Headquarters. On Friday, they have scheduled a drive on the Ford Test Track.
10. **Election of Officers** – at the March meeting. Rick Bowes is tired and wants to step down as President; someone needs to step-up!
11. **New Business**
 - a. Next meeting – March 20, 2010 (Saturday) Dinner at 5 pm; meeting at 7 pm

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

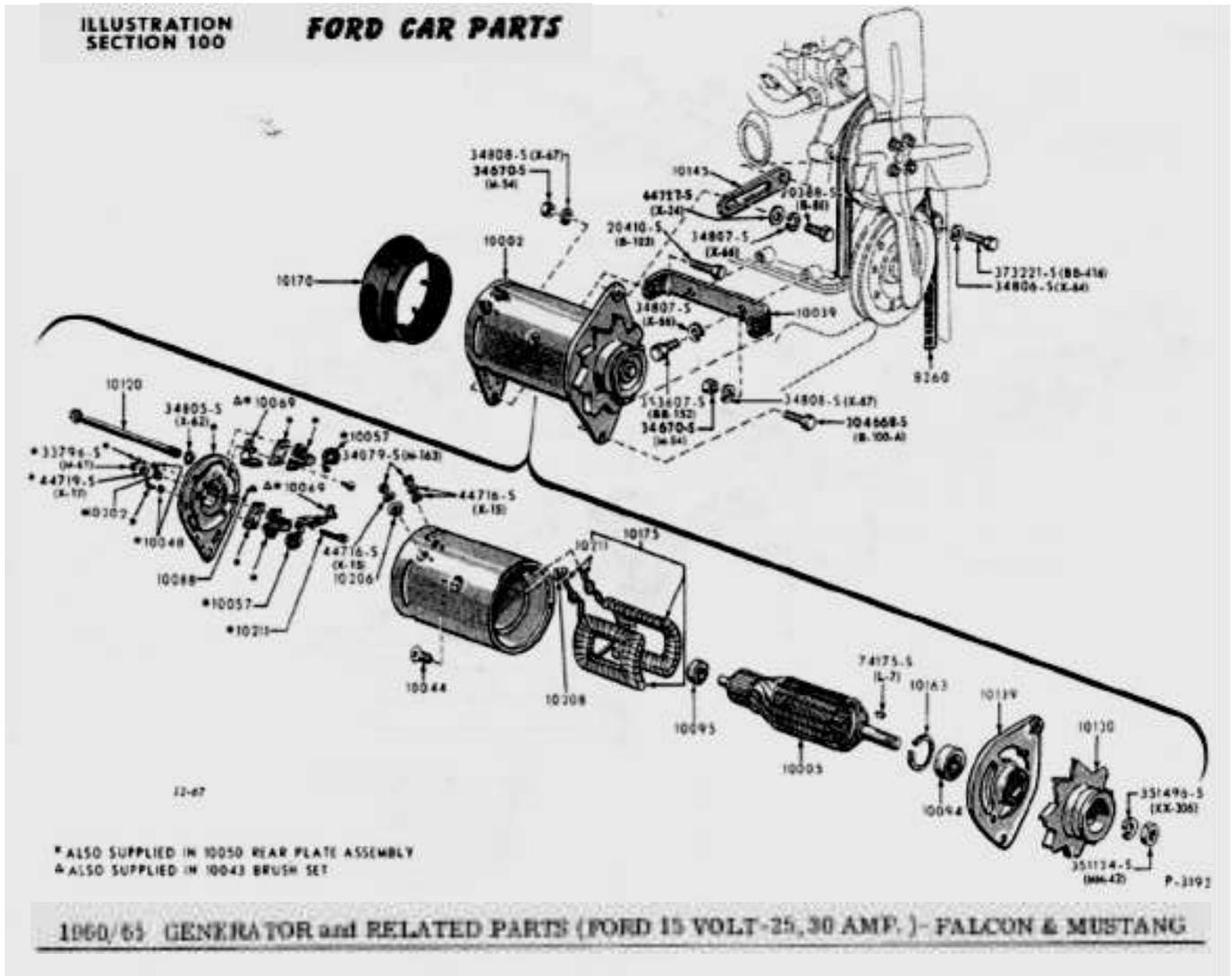


Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nenninger
Secretary



*In each issue of **The Falcon Times**, we will bring you a tech article or an illustration for your technical information. In this issue we have the illustrated diagram of a 60-65 generator used in Falcons and Mustangs.*



A Special Note From The President:

If you have any tech. questions, bring them to the meeting or e-mail the question ahead of time so I can prepare an answer for you. If you want a demonstration on a problem you are having with your car, let me know and I will be prepared to answer your question or find someone who can at the meeting. We all have experience working on these cars lets share our expertise. If you have something you would like to demonstrate let us know and we will put you on the agenda.

Rick



CLASSIFIED ADS

The Falcon Times will list your classified ad free (including one picture). We will run the ad for one issue. If the item does not sell, you can re-submit it for the following issue. Ads must be sent to the editor by Jan 1st, March 1st, May 1st, July 1st, Sept 1st, or Nov 1st, to be in the Times for that month's issue. The Northeast Chapter is not responsible for any items sold from advertising on this page.

For Sale: Falcon literature; 60 Four door Standard postcard, red car, mailed but clean' 62 Falcon Squire Postcard, white car, not used, 66 Sports Coupe postcard, yellow car, like new, 68 Sports Coupe postcard, red, not used, 69 Sports Coupe postcard, red, not used, 64 Falcon postcards 2 views of Romy Hammes car 'Musclecars' cards were used by dealers for new car introductions. \$5.00 each including postage (\$5 for both Hammes cards) 64 Dealer showroom upholstery & colors catalog. Binding split on left side, missing overlays. \$245. Have several different Falcon sales brochures, other Ford product postcards and brochures - call with wants. Howie Wheeler, 860-749-0587 (howardwheeler@sbcglobal.net)

For Sale: 1965 Ford Falcon Futura Convertible. 57,000 original miles. Rebuilt automatic trans. All dents and scratches removed before new paint job. (Dark red) Front and rear bumpers banged out and re-chromed. Found and installed a Falcon trunk plate in very good condition. Numerous small replacements of interior parts. Owner has more than \$12,000 invested in car. Owner must sell because of serious health problems. Car is in Fairhaven, MA. Call Brad at 508-994-3170 or email at ebw1500@comcast.net.

For Sale: 1965 Ford Falcon Futura; 2 door hardtop, 302 with small cam, automatic with a stall converter. New front end; new brakes, new tires, new chrome dash, 80% of the car is done. Body has been totally sprayed with DP90 to protect against rust! This car has been registered and plenty of extra parts included! Priced to sell: \$4,500.00 Call: (860) 681-8665

For Sale: MIS. 63-64 Falcon parts, dag 4-speed trans and linkages, bell housings for 6 and 8 cyl, four barrel intake 289-302. NOS 64 Falcon convertible inter. front and rear with buckets (turquoise). I have 66 falcon bucket seats (light blue) I have more; please call--- VIN DeLucia 203-7536534---Waterbury CT or email --v.lucia@sbcglobal.net

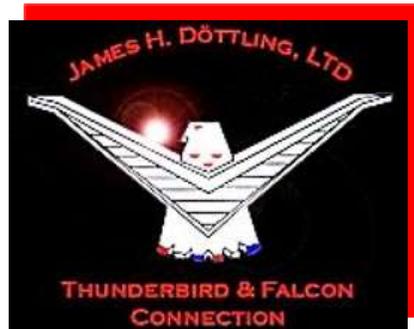
For Sale: 1963 falcon ranchero California car no rust, 170 6 cyl 2-speed trans. Sandshell beige. 83,xxx miles \$6,500. e-mail snglbrl@yahoo.com



For Sale: 1967 Ford Futura Sports Coupe in very good condition inside and out. This all original car has a 6 cylinder 200 engine with 62k original miles on it. It is forest green with a black interior. Seats, trunk, dash are all in excellent condition. The carpet has some fading and one spot of wear on it. Body and paint are in good condition. Must see to believe. Price \$5,250. email for pictures at shalibra@comcast.net and phone Chuck Leonard at 508-958-5171 for a time that works for you and me to see it in person We live in South Easton, MA 02375.

Parts for Sale: Falcon parts <http://fabtospec.topcities.com/falconparts.html> Contact Doug at tequalsfr@comcast.net

Parts for Sale: Parting out a 1969 Falcon Sport Coupe. Let me know what you are looking for. E-mail me at elizabethswan@comcast.net. Please put "Falcon Parts" in subject line and I will get back to you.



CHECK OUT HAGERTY'S COOL CLUB WEB-SITE @
<http://www.hagerty.com/carclubcentral>
OR GO TO THE NE CHAPTER WEB-SITE FOR A DIRECT LINK



Feathered Friends will feature a Falcon every issue if we have the articles to do so. Let us know about your car, How you came by it, where you got it, the story of the restoration, whatever you want to tell us. This issue we look back at our Feathered Friends from 2009.

The Year That Was 2009



Mark MacEachern Jan/Feb



Joanne Wcislo Mar/April



Ray Chevalier May/June



Howard Spargo Sept/Oct



**Text and Photos
by G. Nenninger**

In this issue of the Modelers Corner, we are going to look at a model of the first car I bought and paid for myself while a junior in high school. It was a 1954 Mercury convertible. The model you see in this article is an exact replica of my car. I have included the only picture I have of the real car. I will also show some of the extensive reworking that had to be done to the resin body and interior and frame.



This picture was taken on my high school graduation night. I had just painted the car the day before and had not put the headlight rims or chrome back on the hood. You can see some overspray of the Colonial White on the bumper and grille.

This is the resin kit that I started with, as you can see it came with no engine, wheels, convertible boot or head lights. I removed the fender skirts and windshield film then the body had to be sanded and prepared for painting.





MODELERS CORNER

The dashboard needed extensive rework by building the gage pod bigger and adding a gage panel. The clock and radio control pods, speaker and heater/air levers were added as well.



The original dash with no detailing



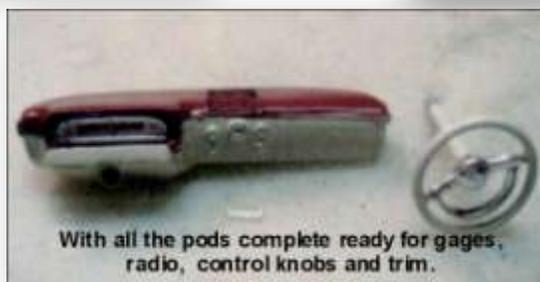
Added putty to extend dash pod



Forming pod and installing speaker grille



Adding the pods for the radio knobs



With all the pods complete ready for gages, radio, control knobs and trim.



The interior and body were finished like my original car. The engine is an old Y block I had in my parts store. The chassis was reworked to include a new front end. I had more pictures of the build but I lost them when I had computer trouble a couple of years ago.



Since I have no more pictures of the build here is the finished car and it is as close to the original as can be including the license plate.



I was lucky to find a set of head lights and windshield wipers that worked out perfect. The license plate is a photo copy of the original plate. This is the same plate number that is on my Sprint today. The internet is a valuable resource for pictures of cars that you are modeling to get the details right, and I used it to find plenty of pictures of 54 Mercury's.



The 57 Caddy hubcaps came from “The Modelhaus” makers of hand crafted automotive restoration parts. They make a ton of parts that can be used to repair or add to your modeling project. The antenna and base were handmade as well as the side emblems on the front fenders. The rear bumper was too wide and did not look right so I sectioned about a quarter inch out of the center sanded and smoothed it over and covered it with aluminum duct tape.





In the two pictures above you can get a good idea of what the finished dashboard looks like. I added the power window switches after removing the window cranks. The floor shift mirrors and seat belts came from my spare parts supply. The interior trim was done using Bare Metal Foil. The carpeting is black flocking material.



Everything in the engine compartment came from my spare parts supply or fabricated from scratch. The starter solenoid, dip stick, master cylinder, battery cables and windshield washer bag are all handmade. The battery, heater motor, engine and radiator are from several 1950 ford cars.



IN MY HUMBLE OPINION

By Gary Nenninger

A while back I saw a list on a website of what they considered to be the future collectable cars. I don't remember all the cars but I do remember a few; the Mini Cooper, Toyota Scion, Celica, Viper, The Smart Car, and some Honda's. I was really annoyed with their thinking and for the first time in my life I responded to an appeal to comment on the article. This is what I wrote, and I think I was not the only one to answer in this manner as that article disappeared far sooner than most.

"In my humble opinion it is a sad state of affairs when this is what our younger generation has to look forward too for their collectable cars. Yes they were brought up with these cars, but that does not make a Mini Cooper or a Toyota Scion a collectable. I cannot compare these cars with American Classics like Mustang, GTO, Camaro, etc. You cannot even compare them to the compact cars of the 60's, like Falcons, and Comets, and the like. If any cars of today are going to be collectables, the Shelby Mustangs will lead the way and you do not have to be an expert to figure that out. Yes, I am a fan of American cars; they have come a long way since the late 70's. The cars you mention other than the Viper are transportation and will never be true collectables. It really makes me sad to think my great grandson will be forced to restore a Smart Car. This car has a purpose, but it isn't as a future collectable."

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DAILY THOUGHT:

SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SLINKIES – NOT REALLY GOOD FOR ANYTHING BUT THEY BRING A SMILE TO YOUR FACE WHEN PUSHED DOWN THE STAIRS!





DID YOU KNOW

R.I. auto legend Bob Tasca Sr. dead at 83

Bob Tasca Sr., the patriarch of the Tasca Ford dealership family of Cranston, died early Friday morning January 8th at Rhode Island Hospital. He had been hospitalized following a fall soon after Christmas, according to his grandson, Bob Tasca III. "He loved life and he fought as hard as he could," Tasca said, adding that his grandfather, who was 83, had suffered from a number of health-related issues in recent years. Tasca started working at a Ford dealership in 1943 acquired his first dealership in Bristol in 1953 and went on to establish the family-run Cranston-based Tasca Auto Group.

Over the years, Bob Sr., who was renowned for his mechanical skills and salesmanship, developed a close relationship with Henry "Hank the Deuce" Ford II, who took over Ford after World War II following the untimely death of his father, Edsel. Indeed, Ford II confided in Tasca to such an extent that he offered him a senior position at Ford in the early 1960s. But he said that while he was happy to help Ford in any way he could, what he really wanted to do was build a family dealership. "My grandfather had three loves," said Tasca III. "His family, his friends and the Ford Motor Company. Those were his marching orders."



Providence Journal file photo
Bob Tasca Sr. in April 2008, at the company's Cranston headquarters.

Ford President and CEO Alan Mulally said in a statement Friday:

"All of us at Ford are extremely saddened by the passing of Bob Tasca Sr. Bob was both a wonderful person and a true visionary in how he approached selling cars and trucks. Bob always put the customer first and had an intuitive sense of what the car buyers want. Bob truly loved the auto industry, was a valued contributor and partner to Ford and had a legendary passion for racing. "He will be sorely missed. Bob's passion for serving with the very best cars and trucks will always be with us. We extend our condolences to the extended Tasca family."

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REMEMBER WHEN

LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

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- * Memory was something that you lost with age
- * An application was for employment
- * A program was a TV show
- * A cursor was someone who used profanity
- * A keyboard was a piano
- * A web was a spider's home
- * A virus was the flu
- * A CD was a bank account
- * A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- * A mouse pad was where a mouse lived

WHEN WE WERE KIDS

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We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's, X-boxes, no video games at all, no 150 channels on cable, no video movies or DVDs, no surround-sound or CDs, no cell phones, no personal computers! No Internet or chat rooms.....

WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!

New Falcon Sports Futura!

Here's a hot new number from the compact leader. The tempo starts fast with bucket seats, a console in between, carpeting and an optional 4-speed stick shift ... hits a new high note with a stylish new Thunderbird roof (vinyl-covered if you want) ... then goes into the lively melody of an optional 170 Special Six. Economy with a flair is the Sports Futura idea more gas savings ... and a price below many standard compacts. For those who won't take "dull" for an answer.

