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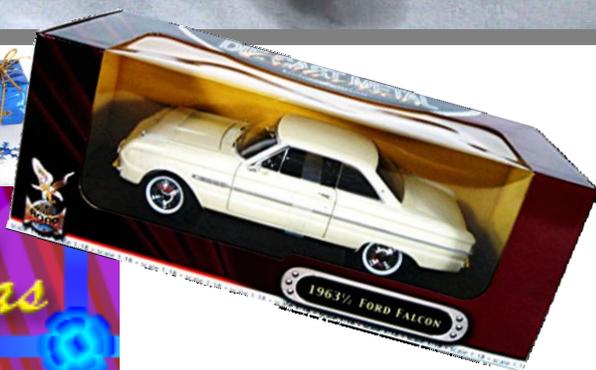
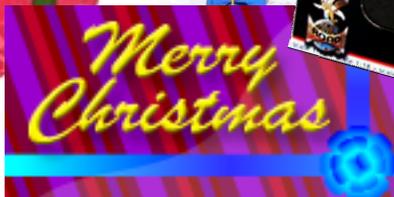


THE FALCON TIMES

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

Merry Christmas

*Have a Happy
New Year!*





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GOOD BY 2012!

It's hard to believe that the year has come to an end already. By the time, you read this it will be 2013, and I missed another self-imposed deadline for getting this publication out. It was suppose to be a Christmas issue so we will maintain the Holiday theme.

Well, I want to wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the staff of **The Falcon Times**. We had a good year in 2012 with a successful Regional Meet in Mystic and several fun get-togethers at our monthly meetings at the Tri-State Cruisers cruise nights in Pomfret, CT.

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

Gary



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From Your Past Regional Director's Desk

I am sure that many of you are not aware that I am no longer the North Eastern Regional Director for the Falcon Club of America. The FCA has appointed me the new Chapter Coordination for the Falcon Club. I went from having seven Chapters to worry about to having 46. The past six years as Regional Director were a real pleasure for me to serve the regional Chapters. I got to work closely with my Chapters and hopefully got a couple through some tough times.

I am looking forward to the challenge of this new position. My predecessor, Mary Wagner, who is now the FCA's Vice-President, had set the standard very high and I am looking forward to equaling that challenge.

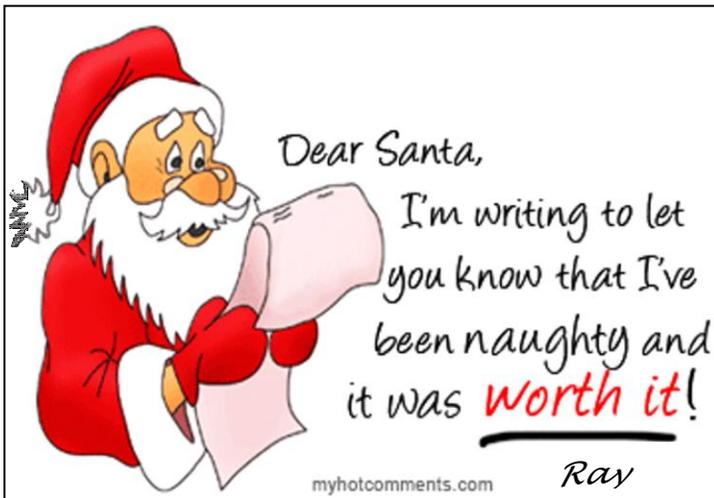
The new North Eastern Regional Director is John Howard from the Ohio Valley Chapter. Over the last 6 years, I got to know John and know he will continue to serve the Chapters needs well.

You will still be hearing from me from time to time. Between President Rick's Board of Directors position and mine, we will keep the Chapter members up to speed on what is happening on the national front.

For those of you back in the New England area where the temperature is around 40 degrees today, here is southwest Florida it's a warm 82 degrees and we have the windows open and the wife is out on the porch reading a book.

Happy Falcon New Year

Ray Chevalier





CLUB BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

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Members by State

MA - 34	NY - 13	ME - 2
CT - 27	NH - 6	NJ - 2
RI - 14	PA - 2	VT - 1
		CANADA -1

OCTOBER 2012

102 MEMBERS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
		<i>Beginning Balance 10/01/12</i>		\$2,769.34
	NO ACTIVITY			
		<i>Ending Balance 10/31/12</i>		\$2,769.34

NOVEMBER 2012

102 MEMBERS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
		<i>Beginning Balance 11/01/12</i>		\$2,769.34
	NO ACTIVITY			
		<i>Ending Balance 11/30/12</i>		\$2,769.34

DECEMBER 2012

102 MEMBERS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	CHECKS	ACCOUNT BALANCE
		<i>Beginning Balance 12/01/12</i>		\$2,769.34
12/30/12	#1075 - Ray Chevalier - website fees		\$29.70	\$2,739.64
		<i>Ending Balance 12/31/12</i>		\$2,739.64

MEETING/SHOW NOTICES



- Next meeting will be March 16, 2013 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel; Dinner at 5:30 pm. at the Oxhead Tavern and meeting at the Hotel at 7:00 pm.
- 34th FCA National Convention, July 11-13, 2013, Marriott Tulsa Southern Hills Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 16th Annual Northeast Chapter Regional Meet TBA

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 gnenninger@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!**



MEETING MINUTES

Northeast Chapter Falcon Club of America
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2012 – Sturbridge, Mass.

We met at the Oxhead Tavern at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and then went to the Sturbridge Host Hotel for the meeting held at 7:15 p.m. Approximately 20 members attended.

President – Rick Bowes welcomed everyone.

Vice President – Andre Auger – No report.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Warburton indicated our Balance in checking account is now \$2,769.34. Membership is at 102 members.

Secretary's Report – Kathy Nenninger – No report.

President's Report – Rick Bowes – The Regional Meet was a success at the Mystic Aquarium. We had (50) Falcons; (2) Comets; (65) Banquet Dinners. Rick tried calling Mystic Aquarium about the 2013 Regional several times with no return calls. He had a friend call them also but they would not talk about 2013 at this time. The Sturbridge Host Hotel contacted Rick & Cris about the 2013 Regional Meet.

2013 Regional Meet

It was mentioned that people are getting tired of a formal banquet. A suggestion to try a barbeque on Saturday afternoon was made. Rick & Cris got prices from the Sturbridge Host for a Banquet dinner - \$35.00; and a barbeque price - \$23.00. Stan Miknaitis made a motion to have our 2013 Regional on August 23/24th at the Sturbridge Host, Bill Warburton seconded the motion. A vote by the members approved the motion. Then we discussed the Banquet versus the Barbeque, then voted and approved the Barbeque on Saturday afternoon. We can try this to see how it works; and if we don't like it we can change back to the Banquet. The Sturbridge Host Hotel room rate would be \$96.00/night.

T-shirts – Everyone felt the prices were too high. We had quite a few left over. If we charge less, maybe we will sell more. We are going to check another vendor for the plaques for next year.

President - Rick Bowes

The 2013 Nationals will be in Tulsa, Oklahoma on July 11 – 13, 2013. They are organizing a migration to Tulsa. Everyone will meet in Chicago, pick up Route 66 and travel to Tulsa (about 250 mi/day). The 2014 National will be in Kansas City. Falcon Club of America has a new President as of Sept 1. Cliff McKay, who was VP, will be President; and Mary Wagner, who as National Chapter Coordinator, is now the VP. Ray Chevalier has stepped down from Northeast Regional Director and will now be National Chapter Coordinator. Our new Northeastern Regional Director is John Howard.

Newsletter - Gary Nenninger – He is going to check with Ray Chevalier about putting the newsletter on the Web site with password access only. This is a possibility because some people are complaining they cannot print the newsletter or other problems. We can also supply people with a color copy in book form for the price of \$3.50 (\$3.00 for printing and \$.50 for shipping). He will try to get the December newsletter out before Christmas.

New Business: Next meeting will be March 16, 2013 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel; Dinner at 5:30 pm. at the Oxhead Tavern and meeting at the Hotel at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Kathy Nenninger



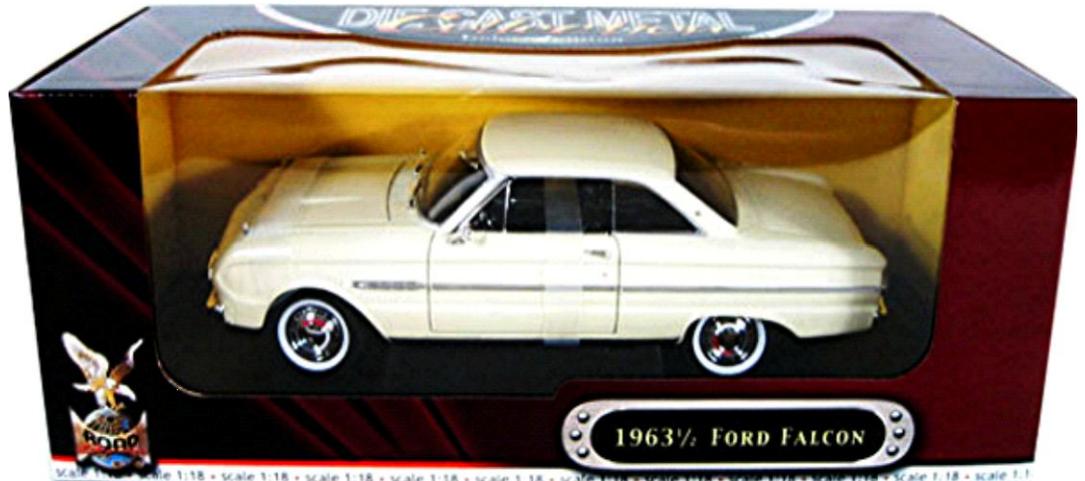
The Creation of the Yat Ming 1963 Falcon Die-Cast Model

By Ray Chevalier

This story begins in about 2005. I received a call from John Adams, now that's a name you will not soon forget. John was the northeast United States representative for the Yat Ming Die Cast Co. located in Hong Kong. John had asked around for someone that knew about Falcons and of course, my name came up. John said that he was looking for a stock 64 Hardtop for the development of a 1/18 scale model. The Yat Ming Company had bought the license from Ford to produce that model. I told him that I knew of a couple that would fit that description.

As we talked I asked him why they decided to do a 64 Hardtop and not a 63 or 65. He did not know the answer and asked why I thought the 64 would not be a big seller. I said I thought it would be a good seller but also felt that the 63 model year might be more popular. I referred to the FCA's Membership Directory listing of the model years as my proof. There were about two 63 models listed for every 64. John said he would pass the information on to Yat Ming. He also asked if I knew of a 63 Hardtop that would make a good car to use. I informed him that I had a 63 Hardtop that was not too shabby and proceeded to tell him of all the awards it had received. I also sent him some pictures.

About 6 month passed and I received another call from John informing me that Yat Ming had taken my advise, and had bought the license to produce a 63 Falcon Hardtop and would like to use mine for the development of the model. About two weeks later, he called and said that the Chief



Engineer for the company was coming from Hong Kong on a certain date and if I could have the car ready. The Engineer flew in that morning filmed a 62 Olds belonging to a friend of mine and was at my garage just after lunch. I had the car in the middle of my three-car garage that was well lighted and warm. This was in the middle of a New England winter. The Engineer proceeded to take pictures. I would guess he took 450 to 500 and had a hard time keeping the camera batteries charged. He was in the back seat taking pictures of the headliner and the dash. He took picture of the inside of the trunk as well as the engine compartment. I got a six-foot stepladder for him to take pictures of the roof. After the pictures, I answered some questions about the Falcons and he asked me what I thought the most popular colors were for the 63 sporty models. I told him that I thought Rangoon Red and Raven Black were. Therefore, what colors did they make the finished models: cream and brown.

Another year goes by and I do not hear anything. I email John and he said that they were working on the model and that he would keep me posted on the progress. About 6 months later, I received some pictures of the prototype model. It had very little colors and was in a light brown plastic color. This prototype went to Ford for their approval.



Ford sent back a letter stating that they approved the model but requested a small change. They said that the spark plug wires were not in the distributor cap to match the firing order. By this time, we are into mid-2007.

About another 6 months go by and I receive some pictures of the finished product. They told me that I would receive a dozen of the first product run from the company as my gift for letting them use my car. The 63 model was such a big seller that they contacted me about the 64 and they went forward with that model as well. The Yat Ming Company was also interested in producing a model of the 65 Falcon Squire Wagon and I sent them to Chapter member,

Frank Servas. I believe Frank's Wagon may be the one best ever restored. Frank said they had contacted him but never went forward with the project. I get a lot of satisfaction in knowing that a replica of my little blue 63 Hardtop sits on the shelves in many Falcon Lovers homes and that I was able to get the 64 Hardtop produced as well.

A fellow Northeast Chapter member, Gary Nenninger, who makes model cars, took one of the models and made it into an exact replica of mine complete with the fender skirts and blue paint. (See pictures below)

So, that's the story of how the Yat Ming 63 Falcon Model was developed. I hope you enjoyed the story.



Real 1:1 Car



Custom 1/18 Scale Model Car



Brown 1/18 Scale Model Car





What's the Weather?

It was already late fall and the Indians on a remote reservation In South Dakota asked their new chief if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild.

Since he was a chief in a modern 21st century society he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like. Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that members of the village should collect firewood to be prepared.

But being a practical leader, after several days he got an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is the coming winter going to be cold?" "It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold," the meteorologist at the Weather Service responded. So the chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared.

A week later he called the National Weather Service again. "Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?" "Yes," the man at National Weather Service again replied, "It's going to be a very cold winter." The chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find.

Two weeks later the chief called the National Weather Service again. "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?" "Absolutely," the man replied. "It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters we've ever seen." "How can you be so sure?" the chief asked. The weatherman replied, "*Because the Indians are collecting firewood like crazy!*"





FENDER SKIRTS?

What the heck is a fender skirt? I heard this phrase the other day, a term I haven't heard in a long time and thinking about "Fender Skirts" started me thinking about other words that quietly disappear from our vocabulary. Like "Curb Feelers, Steering or Suicide Knobs, Spot Lights, Mud Flaps, Windshield Sun Visors, and all the little do-dads put around or over the head lights."

Since I'd been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction first. Any kids will probably have to find some elderly person over 50 to explain some of these terms to them.

Remember "Continental Kits?" They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.

When did we quit calling them "Emergency Brakes?" At some point, "parking brake" became the proper term. I miss the hint of drama that went with "Emergency Brake!"

It's sad too, that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the "Foot Feed".

How about, waiting up the street for your dad to come home, so you could ride the "Running Board" to the house.

Here's a phrase I heard all the time in my youth but never anymore - "Store-Bought." Of course, just about everything is store-bought these days. Once it was bragging material to have store-bought cloths or a store-bought bag of candy.

"Coast to Coast" is a phrase that once held all sorts of excitement and now means almost nothing. Now we take the term "World Wide" for granted.

On a smaller scale, "Wall-to-Wall" carpet was once a magical term in our homes. In the '50s, everyone covered his or her hardwood floors with, wow, wall-to-wall carpeting! Today, everyone replaces wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood floors. Go figure.

We liked going to the "Picture Show" at the Theater," but now we go to a "Movie at the Cineplex".

Most of these words go back to the '50s, but here's a pure-'60s word I came across the other day - "Rat Fink." What a nasty put-down!

Here's a word I miss, "Percolator." That was just a fun word to say. Moreover, what was it replaced with? "Coffee Maker." How dull. Mr. Coffee, I blame you for this.

I miss those made-up marketing words that were to sound so modern and now sound so retro. Words like "Dyna-Flow" and "Electrolux." How about, "Introducing the 1963 Admiral TV, now with "Spectra-Vision!"

Food for thought, was there a telethon that wiped out "Lumbago"? Nobody complains of that anymore. Maybe that's what castor oil cured, because I never hear mothers threatening kids with castor oil anymore.

Some words aren't gone, but are definitely on the endangered list, like "Supper". Now, everybody says "Dinner". Save a great word. Invite someone to "Supper". Discuss "Fender Skirts".

Someone forwarded this to me. I thought some of us of a "Certain Age" would remember most of these.

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