



The Southeast Times

By The Falcon Club of America Southeast Chapter

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2008 CLUB MEETINGS

January 6th
Cracker Barrel
3:00pm

February 3rd
Old Hickory House (Tucker)
3:00pm

Southeast Family News

Birthdays

Jan 8thSandra Tallant
Feb 15th.....Betty Goddard

Anniversaries

Feb 3rd.....Bobby & Kathy Chester
March 4th.....Sheila & James Cole

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, we just completed another year and what a year it has been. Our Club's business is done for the year 2007 and now 2008 is here.

***** A very Happy New Year in 2008, filled with Fun, Falcons, Friends, Family, Fellowship, Food, and Good Health *****

Let's have a look back and see what we've accomplished.

- Ö Regular monthly meetings – no exceptions, although 1 meeting was postponed due to a family death of the host.
- Ö Pigeon Forge twice
- Ö 2007 Silver Springs, again planned for 2008, January 12-13, 2008
- Ö Chapter representation, participation, and several Club cars at the
- Ö National Car Show and annual meeting. Minneapolis (Bloomington), Minnesota, 2007 FCA Nationals
- Ö For those of us who attend the Nationals, it's always a delight to see old friends, make new ones, and see all the beautiful Falcons.
- Ö Many, many local shows attended. Jeff says the Moonshine Festival in one not to miss. He had a really good time. Terry and James bragged on the show up in Tennessee.
- Ö 'Nother great Stone Mountain picnic and great food
 - Wally got ousted from his hamburger/hot dog cook job. He lost to Conrad Lavender for the cooking rights.
 - Les learned how to slice tomatoes.
 - Jeff watched all of us with awe and envy.
 - Fred Hartley picked up some additional hot dogs on an emergency basis so that we would not run out.
 - Man, you Guys and Gals can eat. I thought I had bought way more than enough food. Y'all ate it all!!
- Ö Another great Christmas Party at Fire Mountain in Dawsonville
- Ö More ground-breaking, pace-setting, nationally-acclaimed newsletters from our Editor, Jeff Thomas. A big THANKS to Jeff for agreeing to serve again in 2008.
- Ö Member(s) of the Year Award – congratulations to ??? (to be announced and presented at the January 2008 meeting)
- Ö Cool Website, lots of hits and interest – Thanks Jeff
- Ö A number of new Club Members
- Ö We implemented and practiced our new New Member welcoming procedures.
- Ö Lots of Food, Fun, Falcons, Friends, and Fellowship.
- Ö ...And the list goes on
- Ö A very deeply heartfelt Thank You for the 2007 officers and their service to the Club. Want to feel needed, important, and totally involved in the business and spirit of our Club? Serve in a leadership position as a Club officer. It's a real trip. Take it from one who knows.
- Ö "Election of Officers" in November for Club year 2008

- Ed Sanders – President
- Les Triggs – Vice President
- Betty Goddard – Secretary
- Leon Goddard – Treasurer
- Editor – Jeff Thomas
- Make sure that you thank our officers personally for their efforts and leadership. While it's a fun job, it takes time and personal commitment.

ö ...And the list goes on...

A hearty thanks to our officers and members who provided leadership and effort for our Club. All of us appreciate your efforts and YOU.

We'll have another great year in 2008. After all, that's who we are.

Wally Till

Past President
Southeast Chapter
January 2, 2008

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone got what they wanted for Christmas. I was hoping to wake up to find a '63 black Sprint under my tree but that didn't happen. I guess I'm stuck with a new pair of socks and a bottle of after shave (...again). Oh well, maybe next year.

I like to take this time to thank Wally, Mildred and Sara for all the work and time they put into the Club this past year. Your time and expertise was well appreciated.

As always, I'm looking for things to put in the News Letter. If you know of anything to share or something to add I would really appreciate it. You can send it to me by email at 1bad6t@bellsouth.net

...or mail me at

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Jeff

DUES are DUE

The 2008 dues are now due \$15.00

Inside this Newsletter is a self addressed envelope for your convenience.

Accomplishments and Projects

Les Triggs has recently installed Rack and Pinion steering in his 63



For Sale:

1965 Falcon 4-door Futura
170 Engine, Automatic
All Original, 38,000 Miles, Always Garaged.
Papers, \$8000 / OBO, Needs a Good Home

Call Afternoon 770-516-2886 Raymond Riemland

Parts For Sale:

James Cole..... 404-427-8998
Gary Goddard..... 770-560-3964

Let's Don't Talk About Computers

By Wally Till

Talking about personal computers in any setting is a waste of time and energy. Let's don't do it. You believe I said that?

However, having and using a PC in pursuing your interests in Ford Falcons is an irreplaceable asset and resource at your disposal. So it's not the PC that's important to us as an Information Technology appliance, but rather it is an unbelievable way to get to access to an almost unlimited wealth of information about your interests, be it the weather, boats, babies, recipes, stamps, pets, people, and on and on.....and in our case, cars, the Ford Falcon.

This article offers some useful observations and Club member experiences in using the Internet as a resource to pursue interests in the cars that we love so much.

First I'll present how several of our members use the Internet for Falcon purposes. Then I'll discuss search engines. Finally, I'll give you some helpful hints in searching the Internet using the most popular search engine, Google.

First some member experiences

James Cole uses the Internet to find parts, cars for parting out, parts, and just looking at some fine looking Falcons. He recently bought 2 Falcons over the Internet for disassembly for parting out.

Some of James' favorite sites are:

craigslist.com [parts and cars, no fees, no charges, very eBay-like]

eBay: It's often said, if you can't buy or sell it on eBay, you don't need to.

More information can be gotten from James via Email address:

http://falconmanjames@yahoo.com

Thank you, James, for your input to this article.

Jeff Thomas uses the Internet for everything related to Falcons. Several of his favorite sites are tffn.net [The Ford Falcon News]. Also he likes fordmuscle.com. Jeff, at my request, lists some more of his favorite sites and the information they provide. Here they are:

24/7 hobbyists around the world use forums to talk to thousands of their peers. Forums give readers a chance to interact, to share knowledge, and to discuss and learn from others. Anything from finding out how to replace a fuse to how to swap to rear disc brakes using Ford parts can be found. Below, in no particular order, are a few Falcon related website I ran across:

<http://tffn.net>

TFFN (The Ford Falcon News) is a forum base site where members can discuss information about Falcons. Mercury Comets and Ford Econoline Pickups and Vans are also covered.

<http://www.falconearlybirds.com>

Falcon Early birds is a forum base site dedicated to the 60-63 1/2 round body Falcon.

<http://www.falconregistry.com>

A Ford Falcon Registry and Reference Site for 1960 thru 1970 1/2 Ford Falcon.

<http://members.boardhost.com/Falcons66/>

Dedicated for the “Forgotten” late model birds 66-70 1/2 Falcon and for looking for those hard to find parts.

<http://fordsix.com>

This site is for enthusiasts who want to update or modify their “small block” 144, 170, 200, or 250 or the “big block” 240 / 300.

<http://www.fordmuscle.com>

Mostly, but not limited to, the performance mind when being factory stock is not your cup of tea.

Thank you very much, Jeff, for this input for the article.

Wally Till For work, I use the Internet to research and learn. I recently wrote a course on a subject I knew nothing about. I found all the information I needed on the Internet, learned the subjects, and wrote the course. There is no way I could have accomplished this without the Internet.

Have you ever wondered about how things like telephones, DSL, cable modems, wireless telephones, work? You can learn about things on one of my favorite sites:

<http://www.howstuffworks.com>. Here are the categories this site has:

- Auto
- Business & Money
- Communication
- Computer
- Electronics
- Entertainment
- Food & Recipes
- Health
- Home & Garden
- People
- Science
- Travel

Another one of my favorites is <http://www.whatis.com>. It has an explanation for about every acronym you can think of: like: ZIP, like in ZIP code, TIP, DSL, HDTV, modem, and many, many others. This site is well worth visiting and playing around with. The list of subjects available is far too long to present here, but you will really enjoy this site.

Another very good site for finding what stuff means is the Wikipedia dictionary:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page.

And now onto cars. Recently I decided to paint the air cleaner and valve covers on my 1962. After completing the air cleaner, I went on to the valve cover. I discovered however that I was almost out of spray paint. So I went to NAPA, nope; AutoZone,

nope; O'Reillys, nope. I was at the end of my thinking about where I might have bought the original can I used on the air cleaner.

So where does one turn at the end of one's rope? Of course, the Internet. I did a Google search for the paint manufacturer, Plasti-Kote: found. I then entered the color code I needed: Ford blue, #422. BAM! I found it. Additionally, this site listed local stores that carry this paint in this color. I found 2 cans available in a parts store in downtown McDonough, Main Auto Parts. I'm back in business.

A number of other sites that I use: (all preceded by http://)
mustangsunlimited.com
NPD.com [the sponsors of the Silver Springs All Ford Show]
eBay.com
dearborn.com
cliffordperformance.com
melvinsclassicfordparts.com

A wealth of information is at your fingertips, although you don't know where on the Internet it is. Well how do I find it? Welcome to the world of Search Engines, the most popular of which is Google. I've often heard people say after I asked how they found a particular Web Site, "I just Googled it".

As is true with any Windows operating system, there are several, if not many, ways to accomplish a task. Such is true with Google. You can:

Type in <http://www.google.com> to bring up their search engine, or
Once there, you can add it to your **favorites** by using the Favorites tab on Internet Explorer (IE), Add to favorites button, and its right there for the next time you want to use it.



How about a 427 FE in a '63

Classic Car Insurance

By Wally Till

What could be less exciting than the subject of insurance?

We are bombarded by real, perceived, and/or “sold” insurance needs:

1. Life – Whole Life/Term
2. Home Owners/Home Contents
3. Renters
4. Automobile
5. Marine
6. Motorcycle/Scooter
7. Health
8. Point of Service (POS: Health)
9. Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO: Health)
10. Prescription Drugs
11. Dental
12. Vision
13. Disability
14. Personal Liability
15. Business/Professional Liability
16. Workman’s Compensation
17. Medicare, Medicaid

Viewing that list, it’s a wonder we can’t buy insurance to insure our insurance!

Most of us decide what insurance from this buffet available we need. Then we assess what coverage is provided by our employer (if applicable) and its adequacy. Then we go shopping according to our individual needs.

We search for the best agent, the best carrier/underwriter, and the best value for the price. Often, however, when it comes to our Classic cars, we simply add it/them to our existing auto insurance policy. This generally is more expensive than specialty carriers who deal exclusively with Classics. Two that I have recently run across are: J. C. Taylor and Grundy Worldwide. This article will provide you with information about these 2 specialty carriers and what I know about them. Please know that as you read this information that insurance is not my line of work [Thank Goodness!] and that I am no expert. Please take this information with that perspective.

J. C. Taylor

J. C. Taylor usually runs a full page ad in our FCA National newsletter and has all the contact information you need to check them out. Telephone: 1.888.268.4783 and Web Site URL: <http://www.jctaylor.com>.

Grundy Worldwide

In connection with my business I recently was dealing with the agent who carries my home and auto insurance (my Explorer and 2 Falcons covered). The agent and I got to talking about old cars and he said his father is working on a 65. I observed to him that I thought that his coverage on these old cars was really high and did he know about any alternatives. I told him I know about J. C. Taylor.

Several years ago he's shopped around for insurance for his Dad's car and found the best to be Grundy. I took this with a lot of weight from one who works in the insurance business.

I priced both Grundy and Taylor. Grundy is \$7 cheaper/year so I went with them. I did all the filing and application over the internet and never talked with any agent. My savings over previous insurance: 57% per year. Ain't pocket change. Not bad for a day's work.



SEC Member's Ed Danes' Pickup and Doug Sosbee's Bronco

