The Southeast Times

By The Falcon Club of America Southeast Chapter

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2008 CLUB MEETINGS

May 4th
Old Hickory House (Tucker)
3:00pm

June 1st
Old Hickory House (Tucker)
3:00pm

Southeast Family News

Birthdays

April 25th ……...Ricky Kerbow

Anniversaries

March 4th.....Sheila & James Cole

Les' sister, Karen, is recovering from brain surgery. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Trigg's Family

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

The March meeting we had 18 members and 5 Falcons. The April meeting we had 12 members and 5 Falcons

Last issue I mentioned that Les and his brother, Reggie, were talking about getting Ford car clubs to go in together and put on show. A plan has been made for "All Ford Show & Shine" Saturday July 19th.

Summit Racing has agreed to provide a place to hold the event (approximately 239 spots), goodie bags, vehicle information sheet, in-store turntable display, electricity, water and restroom facilities. Also Summit will promote this car show with mass email, in-store flyers, in-store big screen TV's and on the digital sign in from of the Retail store. Our Club will be in charge of Registration, Trophies, food Vendors, DJ, running the Show and clean up. Help spread the word to the Galaxie, Fairlane, Maverick and other Ford car or truck owners.

Summit Racing Retail store and warehouse is located at I75 and Hwy 155 in McDonough exit 216.

Thanks to James and Shelia you will find an article about the "Strip Teaser II" an A/FX '65 Falcon from Ellijay that terrified the drag strips back in the day.

I'm always looking for material for the Newsletter. If you know of anything let me know.

See you July 10th-12th in Springfield, Missouri at the Nationals!!!

Jeff

Upcoming Events

May Meeting Location

Old Hickory House
Tucker, GA

June Meeting Location

Old Hickory House
Tucker, GA

July 10th – 12th

FCA Nationals
Springfield, MO

The "Strip Teaser" legacy started when Mr. Bob Thomas of Ellijay, GA took delivery of one of Ford's 100 Thunderbolts at Dearborn Steel and Tubing on March, 1964. The car was later "delivered" to Bob through Gilmer Ford of Ellijay, GA.

The car was originally driven by Mr. Thomas, until he had an unforeseen "event" and dented the dashboard with his head. After this, he passed driving duties to his close friend Mr. Howard Neal.

After his success with the Thunderbolt in 1964, Bob Thomas was awarded on of (we believe) four (4) 1965 Falcon "Dollar Cars" by Jac Passino of Ford Special Vehicles. The car was "purchased" through Gilmer Ford and once again sold by Harold Simmons. Bob took the car apart and lightened it and took the 427 "hi riser" motor from the Thunderbolt and placed it in the Falcon. Bob later worked directly and over the phone with hand drawings with Gene Adams from Hilborn, and created the first fuel injected Ford ever. The "Strip Teaser II" A/FX Falcon was the biggest money maker for Thomas and Neal. They match raced across the South and lost very few events.

They were extremely savvy in setting up the car as a complete system, fully understanding the integration of engine, transmission and rear end gears. They were also on of the firsts to "tinker" with the crude electronics to continue to get the most out of the "hi riser" power plants throughout the RPM range. They also used a little nitro methane in the fuel when needed.

Greg Sullivan had been in the process of having the car restored for over three years. Finally, in the summer of 2006 he took delivery of the car. Not long after he purchased the car, "Strip Teaser II" headed home to Ellijay, GA to visit its roots.

Bob Thomas, Harold Simmons and the original tuner/engineer Larry Davis eyes watered as the car was pulled off the trailer by NHRA Funny Car driver Cory Lee. The car had been changed several times since it ran as "Strip Teaser II".

The car was authenticated by Bob Thomas and Larry Davis. Towards the end of the visit, Bob gave the Greg Sullivan a gift of the original "Certificate of Origin" of the car. The car was fired up by Cory and Larry Davis and grins were seen from ear-to-ear by everyone. "Just like it used to sound when I used tuned it", stated Davis.

Pictures at the March Meeting

Jackson Cole Harris

Wally's Grandson

-Old Man vs. Young Man –

The strong young man at the construction site was bragging that he could outdo anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of one of the older workmen.

After several minutes, the older worker had enough. "Why don't you put your money where your mouth is," he said. "I will bet a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that outbuilding that you won't be able to wheel back.

"You're on, old man," the braggart replied. "Let's see what you got."

The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then, nodding to the young man, he said, "All right, dummy! Get in."

The C-130 and the F-16 –

A C-130 was lumbering along when a cocky F-16 flashed by. The jet jockey decided to show off.

The fighter jock told the C-130 pilot, 'watch this!' and promptly went into a barrel roll followed by a steep climb. He then finished with a sonic boom as he broke the sound barrier. The F-16 pilot asked the C-130 pilot what he thought of that?

The C-130 pilot said, 'That was impressive, but watch this!'

The C-130 droned along for about 5 minutes and then the C-130 pilot came back on and said: 'What did you think of that?'

Puzzled, the F-16 pilot asked, 'What the heck did you do?'

The C-130 pilot chuckled. 'I stood up, stretched my legs, walked to the back, went to the bathroom, then got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon bun.'