



# *The Southeast Times*

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### **2008 CLUB MEETINGS**

September 7<sup>th</sup>  
Doug's House (Dacula)  
2:00pm  
October 5th  
Club Picnic Stone Mountain

### **Birthdays / Anniversaries**

September 20<sup>th</sup> Alvin Roberson  
September 29<sup>th</sup> Noah Chester  
Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Roberson  
October 19<sup>th</sup> Anlee Chester

October 16<sup>th</sup> Les and Doris Triggs

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

The Car Show was a complete success we had close to 100 cars attended. The July meeting they were 15 members and 8 Falcons. After the meeting we cruised down to Fresh Air BBQ in Jackson, GA

Wally is putting a report together about the Jacky Jones trip to send Wendy for the National Newsletter

The annual Stone Mountain Park picnic is October 5<sup>th</sup>. If you only attend one meeting this year this is the one to attend. Come early and kick some tires and we will eat at 1:00. Most of the time we are located at the picnic tables across from the Antique Auto Museum. The Club will furnish the hotdogs and hamburgers. Bring a cover dish and drink.

As always, I'm looking for things to put in the Newsletter. 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

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### Upcoming Events:

Shades of the Past: Pigeon Forge Sept 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
8<sup>th</sup> Regional Falcon Meet, Charlotte Sept 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

### 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

# **The 29<sup>th</sup> National Convention and Show Falcon Club of America**

**Springfield, Missouri  
July 10-12, 2008**

## **Trip Report**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This trip report summarizes our experience at this year's FCA National show. The report reflects the activities as experienced by our Southeast Chapter members, Wally Till and Jeff Thomas.

Overall, this show was exceptional, with a showing of exceptional Falcons. Informal quotes from Dave Wagner (TVFC -TN) and Joe Wall (MCFC-TN) summed up the show: this is not the biggest show I've been to, but it surely has the best quality Falcons I've even seen collected. They (the Falcons) keep getting better and better.

Jeff and I attended the show and represented our chapter. Jeff arrived via Indianapolis, along with Rick and Mel Devito and Bill and Paula Knabe. Wally arrived after 2 days and nights in Memphis, TN, after eating a bunch of Memphis BBQ, doing Beale Street, and watching the "Duck March" at the world-famous Peabody Hotel.

Jeff and I came back home together on a very long Sunday. Between us we drove 3634 miles and burned 164 gallons of gas.

Jeff's 1bad6t was a Class Winner in the Diamonds in the Rough class.

### **THE HOTEL**

The Oasis Hotel was well-suited for a national show for the cars, trailers, and vendors. There were plenty of spaces for all the cars to be parked in every other space. The hotel provided a hot breakfast every morning and the awards banquet was extremely well served by the hotel staff. The awards banquet, complete with all of the speeches, awards, and prizes ended right at 9:00 PM. You believe that?

All that good stuff said, this is the goofiest hotel I've ever stayed at, and I've stayed at a lot of them. The floors were "half floors". I'm not sure I can accurately describe the rooms' layout. An example might help. I was on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor, which was actually on the first "half floor". Jeff was on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor, which was on floor 1 ½. To get to some floors you exit the elevator from the front door; the other floors were accessed out of the rear elevator door. Worse yet, there were no stairs between the half floors. Everybody got lost!

Even worse yet, while the hotel touted "high speed Internet", the connections in the room were spotty at best – sometimes on, sometimes off. When the wireless connection was in the on state, it was very slow at best. Jeff and I went into the hotel Business Center, expecting that the connection would be much better. No such luck – only slightly better

than the connections in the rooms. This hotel major flaw made it difficult –if not impossible- for us to send you show pictures back home. Sorry.

## **THE BUSINESS MEETING**

All of the past officers were re-elected to serve another term. Dave Wagner, Internet Director was elected by acclaim to fill a Board of Directors position.

The BOD proposed and the Club passed a motion to split the “Best of Show or People’s Choice” award into 2 separate ones: 1. Stock and 2. Modified. This action was aimed at the long-standing disgruntlement with the question of what constitutes “Modified”.

So now the classes are:

1. Best of Show-Stock
2. Best of Show-Modified
3. Ladies’ Choice
4. Oldest Falcon
5. Longest Driven

Further on the subject of classes, our president, Chuck Beason, appointed a committee to revisit all of the classes for National and Regional shows. The committee is really a blue ribbon one: Dave Wagner, James Baxter, and Steve Springer.

Also regarding the classes, the BOD proposed, and the Club passed a motion for a new **optional** class for use if needed or desired. The new class might be called “RestoMod” and will accommodate “lightly modified” cars –not truly Stock, but not heavily Modified. Sorta’ an in between class. Again this proposal attempts to provide a home for cars about which questions arise, “What constitutes truly Stock”?

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Other activities included a cruise to Dick Clarks’ 57 Heaven Museum in the entertainment capitol of the world, Branson, MO. Pictures of this trip are available on our (Jeff’s and Wally’s) web sites. All in all a great experience. Every heard of a Chevrolet El Morocco?

Shuttle busses were providing for those wanting to shop at the Battlefield Shopping Mall. Jeff and I and many others took advantage of a cruise and tour of the Carlisle (formerly Dayco) drive belt manufacturing plant, in Springfield. This was a truly amazing experience to see how drive belts are made. Everyone enjoyed the tour.

Other activities included the traditional Valve Cover Races and a trip to the Drag Strip. Jeff and I attended neither of these events because were busy trying to get show pictures back to you over a very pesky Internet connection, as previously described.

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## **Facts about WD-40**

I had a neighbor who had bought a new pickup. I got up very early one Sunday morning and saw that someone had spray painted red all around the sides of this beige truck (for some unknown reason). I went over, woke him up, and told him the bad news. He was very upset and was trying to figure out what to do probably nothing until Monday morning, since nothing was open. Another neighbor came out and told him to get his WD-40 and clean it off. It removed the unwanted paint beautifully and did not harm his paint job that was on the truck - I'm impressed!

### **Water Displacement Project #40**

The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a "water displacement" compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40. The Corvair Company bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts.

Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you.

When you read the "shower door" part, try it. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as glass. It's a miracle!

Then try it on your stovetop... Voila! It's now shinier than it's ever been. You'll be amazed.

Here are some of the uses:

- 01) Protects silver from tarnishing.
- 02) Removes road tar and grime from cars.
- 03) Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
- 04) Give floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making it slippery.
- 05) Keeps flies off cows.
- 06) Restores and cleans chalkboards.
- 07) Removes lipstick stains.
- 08) Loosens stubborn zippers.
- 09) Untangles jewelry chains.
- 10) Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
- 11) Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
- 12) Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.
- 13) Removes tomato stains from clothing.
- 14) Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
- 15) Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
- 16) Keeps scissors working smoothly.
- 17) Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.
- 18) It removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor!  
Use WD-40 for those nasty tar and scuff marks on flooring.  
It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off. Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.
- 19) Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly!  
Use WD-40! To remove them and protect the finish.

- 20) Gives a child's play gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.
- 21) Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers.
- 22) Rids kids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises.
- 23) Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
- 24) Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
- 25) Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
- 26) Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
- 27) Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
- 28) Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
- 29) Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
- 30) Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
- 31) Removes splattered grease on stove.
- 32) Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
- 33) Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
- 34) Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
- 35) Removes all traces of duct tape.
- 36) Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
- 37) Florida's favorite use is: "cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers."
- 38) The favorite use in the state of New York WD-40 protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.
- 39) WD-40 attracts fish.. Spray a LITTLE on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not allowed in some states.
- 40) Use it for fire ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately  
And it stops the itch.
- 41) WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls.  
Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.
- 42) Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and re- wash. Presto! Lipstick is gone!
- 43) If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start.
- 44) If you are working on a car and your hands are greasy, spray hands liberally with WD-40 and work it in well and then use a rag to wipe away the grease – works great every time!

P.S. The basic ingredient is FISH OIL.

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