



Virginia Falcons News

October 2010

OCTOBER MEETING REMINDER

The October meeting will be held on October 10, 2010, at **12:00 PM** at Robert Southard's home.

The business meeting will include:

- Lunch
- A chance to visit with your fellow (lady) Virginia Falcons
- Treasurer's Report
- Report from the CCCC
- Report from Carolina Chapter's Regional Meet in Kannapolis
- Other Business

Be sure to check out the "Upcoming Meetings and Events" section for the location of our next meeting...our meetings aren't the same without you.

NOTE THE TIME FOR THE START OF THE MEETING. THIS EARLY START GIVES US A CHANCE TO ENJOY THE RIVER AT ROBERT'S BEFORE WE START EATING AND THE MEETING. TO GIVE EVERYBODY A CHANCE TO GET THERE, WE'LL PLAN TO EAT ABOUT 2 PM.

ROBERT WILL HAVE BRUNSWICK STEW, STEAMED CRABS, HOT DOGS AND DRINKS. WE CAN BRING DESSERTS, CHIPS AND SALADS.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Summer is over and fall is here. We've finally gotten some rain, and the leaves have begun to fall in our yard. It looks like we'll soon be putting our Falcons to bed for the winter. Then it will be time to start on our list of improvements before spring gets here.

Hopefully, this winter I can finish the trunk in our '65. I plan to remove all the extra bracing a prior owner put in so he could drag race the car and also figure out a way to remove the fuel cell and install a stock type gas tank. Then I want to get the trunk upholstered to match the interior of the car. That should allow us to put our folding chairs and maybe an overnight bag in the trunk.

The other main winter project for me is removing the old single reservoir master cylinder and installing a safer dual reservoir MC. That is not usually a hard project, but the 65 has a hydraulic clutch and the clutch MC is just to the right of the brake MC. I can make the job easier by pulling the hood off but things will still be pretty tight.

The Carolina's Regional meet was dry (for a change) and, as usual, we had a great time there. Eight of us (Becky and Lee, Fran and Richard, Barbara and Mac, and Karen and Bill) took 4 cars (only one of which traveled under its own power). About 60 cars came from 14 states. A nice Econoline wagon was trailered in from Texas. I think the longest distance driven in a Falcon was about 1100 miles from Kansas. The Southeast Chapter (Georgia) took the

Chapter participation award with 11 cars in attendance. Our club took 4 awards, but you're going to have to wait till the October meeting to get the official results.

We've got one more big show coming up this fall...the East Coast Drag Times Show, Shine, Shag and Dine in Henderson, NC on October 15th to the 17th. Henderson is only about 115 miles from Richmond and 165 miles from Virginia Beach so it's an easy trip for most of us. If you like drag racing, you need to be there. There will be the annual induction into the East Coast Drag Times Hall of Fame on Sunday. Many restored 60's era drag racing cars will be there, and Dennis Gage will be filming at the show on Saturday...SprintDan and Carolyn need to bring their Rancho there to impress him again! Karen and I and Robert are taking our cars and hopefully others can join us. If nothing else, come on down on Saturday and sit with us for awhile and then check out the 400 cars on display. The winner of the Small Ford category the past 2 years has been a Falcon...let's keep that tradition alive this year.

July - - Bert Fox
 Aug - -Matt Schultz
 Sept. - Lee Harrison
 Dan Mathews
 Bill Poole

that it is time to renew your membership in the Virginia Falcons. A check for \$15 can be made payable to the "Virginia Falcons" and sent to our treasurer: Barbara McCray



**NEWS (AND NEEDS)
 FROM OUR MEMBERS**

From Bruce Martin . . . Hey guys, I need a passenger side door for a 1963 Falcon convertible. If you know where I can get one, call me @ 540-871-3711 or e-mail me @ bruno77784@cs.com. I also need a 14x6-inch Keystone Wheel. I bought a set of four, but one of them is a 14x7. Also I was wondering if anyone has info on cutting out the rear quarter panels to clear wider tires. I saw several in some of the FNL, but no info.

From Bert Fox . . . Rancho Progress September 2010 - - - In case you don't remember, I have a buddy, Travis, helping me. He's got a lot of skills I don't have, so many times it's less "helping" than "doing" with me as the semi-skilled apprentice. The good news is that he's teaching, and I'm learning. :-)

We've gotten two major items done. The final couple of brake lines are finished, with my friend's work and guidance. I learned that bending the lines is much easier than I'd seen before, but we had the hardest time getting the double flares right. My flaring



TREASURER'S REPORT

July 26 to Sept. 27, 2010

Beginning Balance (7/26/10)
\$487.19

Income:
 Club Dues.....\$90.00

Ending Balance (9/27/10).....
\$577.19

ANNUAL DUES

We remind the following members:

June - - Ralph Mattox



toolset just wouldn't do the job, and I wondered if it wasn't me, but Travis couldn't get it to work either, AND Travis' set, once he found it, wouldn't do the job either. It took parts from no fewer than 3 brake flaring tool sets to **finally** get good flares! One set was Travis', another a loaner from Autozone, and the last one borrowed from my school's automotive program! But it's done. All that's needed now is the connection to the brake pedal and bleeding for fully functional brakes!

You might remember me talking about the brakes before. Well we ended up tossing out a lot of what I thought I'd use. The booster and master are there, but I replaced the proportioning valve with an adjustable unit, which entailed re-doing the lines and bracketing that cost so much cash from Todd Fields. If he were still selling stuff, I'd not recommend him. Of course, this might be why he's not selling to (or even IN) the Falcon hobby any more!

The second big thing is the RRS rack and pinion. It's a bolt-in, but still a bit of a project. RRS managed to mess up the bolt hole spacing on the bracket that attaches the rack to the frame, so I contacted them. They were more gracious than I'd have thought and offered to make new ones and send them. I said, "Thanks and please do." But they took weeks and weeks to make them, and then when they arrived, the bolt holes drilled in the new bracket were too small! You know how the bolts on the driver's side are larger than the passenger? Well, they had them drilled the size for the passenger side, not the driver! I'm guessing they either didn't take the last step or forgot to take into account that our cars are LHD and theirs are RHD. Whatever the reason, I was stymied because I didn't know which hole to use as the reference in re-drilling. After a bit of inconclusive measuring, Travis just said, "It

shouldn't really matter much" so we picked a hole as reference. With that figured out, and some tough drilling, the Rack & Pinion went in nicely. It certainly looks better than something fabricated by hand.

The next phase is to get the steering column in place. Because I'm using the harness from the Mustang that donated the engine and transmission, it made sense to use the Mustang steering column too. RRS includes materials to modify various types of Ford columns, but not this type! When I ordered the system, Bruno (RRS guy) asked what type of column I had. I told him, and there was this long perplexed silence on the other end of the line. Finally, he blurted, "I'll just send you the set to modify a standard column." :-) Well, it was entertaining, but I had no idea if it would work. The only time I'd seen a Mustang column in a Falcon, the Mustang column was too short and required some clunky-looking spacers at the steering wheel to work. So, not a good omen! Well, we got the column and the modification parts together, and it looks like it will be fairly simple. It looks like part of the new shaft can be "just" welded to the end of the Mustang shaft to mate with the joints and intermediate shaft from RRS! It even seems the mounting to the body will be relatively simple. There's a column support mount on the Mustang that, with some careful grinding, is just the right size to fit INSIDE the Falcon upper column support (at the dash). With some rubber to make everything snug, it should be perfect. In fact the column is currently bolted in the car! It still needs a lower support fabricated, but it is much simpler than it could have been! So far it's been simple at least! It's moving along! :)

From Betty & Matt Shultz. . .Best in Show. If you think I'm talking a plaque

they got for their Falcon, think again. Read about it below in Betty's own words.

YES we are grandparents again!!! Daphne was born Friday night on Sept. 24, 2010, @ 11:00p.m. weighing in at 8 lbs and 21 inches long. She is cute as a button. We left here at 11:45p.m. Thursday night to go to Blacksburg, Va. We got in at 3:30a.m/ at the birth center at New River Hospital near Radford, Va. The parents and baby are home now, and they are doing great and getting into a routine of feeding her and watching her now.

PARTS FOR SALE



**From Bill Poole at
804-739-1615:**

- Pair 1961 Virginia license plates A211-800, \$50.
- Red 1964 Falcon model car and turntable, JADA Big Time Muscle, \$35.
- Pair 7" tri-bar headlights, \$30.
- 4 Beam 74" seatbelts, Palamino color, chrome buckles, \$40.
- Hardtop visor arms and center bracket, driver quality, \$10.
- V-8 accelerator bell crank, \$30.
- Complete set 65 side trim, no dents or dings, make \$ offer.
- Miscellaneous pieces 65 side trim and interior door panel trim, \$5 - \$20
- Crites hood prop rod, \$20.
- 175 issues Classic Sixties, Popular & Performance Car Review and Muscle Car Review, \$85.
- 2002 Trailex 8045 open aluminum car hauler...like new. \$5500.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Dolly's 1969 Fruit Cake Recipe
- - Submitted by Sprint Dan Matthews

1 27 oz. can of fruit cocktail, including juice
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
3 cups sifted flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon*
1½ cups chopped walnuts
1½ cups raisins*
2 Tablespoons cognac or rum
1 bottle red & green maraschino cherries, drained*

Mix all ingredients until well blended.
Pour into large tube an coated with 4 Tbls. of shortening. (NOTE: Can use 3 4 x 4 x 8 loaf pans.)
Bake in preheated oven at 325 degrees for 1½ hours.

Dust with confectionary sugar

* indicates optional ingredients.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

OCTOBER 10, 2:00 PM...VIRGINIA FALCONS MEETING - - Robert Southard's home in Gloucester, Virginia

OCTOBER 15-17...East Coast Drag Times Shag, Shine and Dine show in Henderson, NC. Info: www.eastcoastdragtimeshalloffame.com

OCTOBER 16 - Bill's Barbecue at 927 Myers Street, Richmond, VA 23230 is

having a Halloween cruise in from 4pm to 10pm. Info...Rhoda Elliott 804-353-2757

OCTOBER 22 - 24 8th Annual Va. Fall Classic in Newport News. Info:
www.vafallclassic.org

OCTOBER 23 - Precision Street Rods Custom Car & Bike Show at The Sportsman Bar & Grill, 3306 Williamsburg Road, Richmond, VA 23231. Info John or JB @ 804-737-2277 or www.go-2-psr.com

OCTOBER 23 - Colonial Parkway Victims Benefit & Car Show at Johnny Rockets, 7300 Hancock Village Drive, Chesterfield, VA, 23832 10 am - 4 pm. Info: Victoria Rickman at CPVFearshow@gmail.com or (804) 512-4446

OCTOBER 29 - 31 17th Good Guys Southeastern Nationals Lowe's Motor Speedway Charlotte, NC - Info: www.good-guys.com

OCTOBER 30 - Second annual Halloween Car Show/Cruise-in/Costume Party at the Paradise Diner, Stratford Hills strip mall.... (Chippenham Pkwy. to Forest Hill Ave. East, across from McDonalds.) 4:30 PM to 9 PM. Info: Call the Diner @ 320-1611.

NOVEMBER 14 - Virginia Motor Sport Club autocross at Virginia Motorsport Park, 8018 Boydton Plank Road, Petersburg, VA.. Info www.vmsc.org

DECEMBER 12, 2:00 PM, VIRGINIA FALCONS MEETING - - Richmond, VA.

JULY 14-16, 2011...32nd Falcon Club of America annual meeting at the Steamboat Grand Resort in Steamboat Springs, CO

JULY, 2012...33rd Falcon Club of America annual meeting in Louisville, KY.

CHECK OUT THE CAR CLUB COUNCIL OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA WEBSITE FOR MANY MORE EVENTS AROUND THE AREA
(<http://www.carclubcouncil.com/cal.html>)

