
Virginia Falcons News

April 2010

APRIL MEETING REMINDER

The April meeting will be held on April 11, 2010, at 2:00 PM at Anna's Ristorante in Smithfield. The restaurant is just off Route 10 at 1810 South Church Street (757-357-4676). Info is available at <http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?searchtype=address&country=US&addtohistory=&searchtab=home&formtype=address&popflag=0&latitude=&longitude=&name=&phone=&level=&cat=&address=1810+South+Church+Street&city=smithfield&state=va&zipcode=>. Click on the "directions to" link, just above the map, to get specific directions from your house.

The business meeting will include:

- Lunch
- A chance to visit with your fellow (lady) Virginia Falcons
- Treasurer's Report
- Report from the CCCC
- Plan for 2010 events
- 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Not much in the way of Falcon related info to report this issue. I was making a lot of headway with little things on the car before it got so cold last winter. Then I got sidetracked redoing the interior of the garage...I decided I couldn't put up with my clutter and mess any longer.

Like most things, the garage turned into a bigger project than I imagined. It took 2 or 3 days just to get it cleaned out and ready for painting. It took 2 coats of paint to get a decent looking finish on the walls and ceilings - - -that10-foot ceiling killed my arms and neck.

I bought 13 unpainted cabinets at Home Depot and thought Karen and I were never going to finish painting them. Karen painted doors and drawer fronts on the dining room table for about a month. Counter tops are solid core doors that I cut down to make fit.

With the new cabinets, we had to move two existing cabinets, the central vacuum and some plumbing for it, and we added 2 new electrical circuits.

Right now, it's mostly finished and fairly neat. If you want to see it before it gets that lived in look, you better come over soon.

Back to the Falcon...by the time I got the horn figured out a couple of months ago, I noticed that I had no instruments. They are all electronic and none of the gauges worked. The fuse looked fine. I checked the fuse panel and the wiring I could see easily under the dash and everything looked okay. I pulled the instrument panel thinking I might find another fuse or something on the back of it but there was nothing and all the wiring looked solid. I pulled the fuse again and, even though it looked okay, I bought a pack of new ones. Problem solved with a new fuse.

I bought a prop rod to use on my fiberglass hood since the stock hood springs are too strong for the light weight hood and can cause the hood to bow. I'm also trying to find an alternate way to hold the hood up because I don't really like the looks of the prop rod. Michael Chambers is going to send me some pictures of what he did to see if that inspires me. I think I'll buy new hood hinges too, mine are pretty loose and sloppy.

I've also decided to cut out the extra bracing that was put in the trunk of the car. I think that was done by the guy that originally started to build the car as a drag racer and I don't think they are needed for street use. That will free up a lot of trunk space and will allow me to finish the trunk to match the rest of the car.

ANNUAL DUES

I have not received an update from Barbara concerning renewal of memberships. If your membership is expiring and you need to pay your 2010 dues, Barbara will send you an email or postcard.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

From Richard Hannah (Note: Richard has experienced some heart problems since our last meeting, and here is an update from him) I am doing well. I have had only one EKG on the 17 of March, but it looked really good. I will have meet with the next doctor by the time of our next meeting, and I hope to get more good news. I am working hard to build up my strength. I walk 2.5 miles almost every day and am trying to stay active.

From Greg Casarotti I completed the Shelby drop on my '64, and I'm satisfied with the results. The alignment shop was surprised at how close I was with the re-alignment. The guy from "DROP AND STOP" in Los Angeles who told me about the Shelby drop and cutting 1/2 of a coil off my 620 (560 # RATE) springs was a great help. The Shelby drop and the 1/2 coil removal brought it down approximately 5/8 of an inch, which is to me the right ride height. The way it is now, along with the Monte Carlo bars top and bottom, is unbelievably so much better. Hopefully this Saturday, weather permitting, we'll make the trip to Yorktown to the York High School Falcons Car Show to really see if it handles as well as I think it does. If anyone would like to borrow my Shelby template all you have to do is holler. I saw Richard at Brunetti's (we recommend the pizza) this past Saturday, and our front ends are now the same ride height. We parked

side-by-side and compared. I hope to see you either in Yorktown or at the next meeting.

From Lee Harrison I will not be able to attend the April meeting as I will be taking a class for work. I would remind everyone about the Amelia Lions Club meet on May 8th at the Wachovia Bank in the village. I plan to attend or, at least, send cars to the Powhatan meet and the one by the Classic Cruisers on April 10 and hopefully the Mustang show on April 17. We are ready for the race season to start and are hoping for a good year. I would like to see the club attend a cruise-in or car show together to get some exposure for the club.

From Betty Shultz Matt has been working diligently on organizing and cleaning his garage so he can make some progress on his car before time to haul it to Dearborn for the convention. It will probably still be in the "Diamond in the Rough" category, but he is getting excited about the convention and the possibility of finding a nice restaurant in Michigan that has good crab leg. He has secured the use of a trailer from a relative who has a trailer available.

No news from **Mac** but his car is back home in Virginia. We won't have to wait much longer to see it on the road again.

No news from **Robert** but he's done a lot of work on his Falcon this winter.

No news from **Bert** but he's making headway on his Ranchero...will the truck make it to Dearborn?

TREASURER'S REPORT

I have not received a treasurer's report. If you really want to know how much (or little) money we have on hand, you'll have to come to the meeting in Smithfield.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Mexican Crock Pot Dip

1# Ground Beef

1# Sausage (Hot)

1 Can - 10 oz. Rotel Diced Tomatoes & Green Chilies - Mild

1 pkg. - 12 oz. Velveeta Cheese (Mexican if Available)

1 small chopped onion

2 tsp. garlic powder

1 can mushroom soup

Brown beef and sausage separately and drain. Put in crock pot. Add all other ingredients into crock pot. Cook on low for 2 hrs. Stir occasionally.

Good with various types Mexican tortilla chips. The scoop style works well.

Betty Shultz

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

We'll add others at the April meeting.

April 10... Virginia Classic Cruisers Show - from 9 AM to 3 PM at Southside Nazarene Church (Route 288 and Courthouse Road), Chesterfield, Virginia. Info at 739-5558, cindy57@comcast.net or www.vaclassiccruisers.com.

April 10 - Chow Down Food Festival Car Show from 11 AM to 8 PM at the Powhatan County Fairgrounds located on Rt. 60 in Powhatan, VA. Info at 284-1501, runda.harris@capitalone.com, 598-1304 or kmyers@powhatanva.gov

APRIL, 11... 2:00 PM, VIRGINIA FALCONS MEETING - - Smithfield, VA.

April 17... 25th Early Bird Rod Run by Virginia Street Rods at Victory Tabernacle Church, 11700 Genito Road 9 AM – 3 PM. Info at 526-4318, LARRYSRODS@aol.com or www.virginiastreetrods.org

April 17... Hadensville Volunteer Fire & Rescue 4th Car & Truck Show at the Goochland Drive-In Theater at 4344 Old Fredericksburg Rd (1/2 mile south of exit 152 Hadensville exit off I-64). Info at kennethwaddy@hotmail.com or roundfile28@gmail.com.

April 17... 5th Central Virginia Mustang Club April Car Show at Virginia Center Common Mall, Glen Allen Virginia from 9 AM to 4 PM Info at 658-8173 or georgeb427@verizon.net

APRIL 18... The Shenandoah Valley Mustang Club annual show for Ford engines only at Shenandoah Ford, located on US Rte 522 and US 340 just 1 1/2 blocks off I-66.

April 23 - 24 - Tidewater Street Rod Association's 38th Annual Colonial Williamsburg Rod Run in the parking lot behind the Colonial Williamsburg Visitors Center, Williamsburg, VA. Info at www.tsra-va.com, 757-714-2302, 757-838-2059 or email questions to cwrr@tsra-va.com.

APRIL 24,...Car show at Spotswood Baptist Church, 4009 Lafayette Boulevard in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Registration Forms are available at www.spotswood.org or by calling Jolene at 540-898-0757-X25

May 1... Pinks All Out Qualifier - NAPA Day at the Races at Virginia Motorsports Park. See your local NAPA AutoCare Center for FREE spectator tickets. www.virginiamotorsports.com. There is supposed to be a 460 powered Rancho running at this event.

MAY 8... Amelia Lion's Club car show. Ask Lee & Becky Harrison for details

JUNE 4-6... Ford National at Carlisle, Pa. If you enter a car in this show, list your club affiliation as "Falcon Club of America"...if there are 25 cars listed with the FCA, we'll get a free tent for our use.

JUNE 13, 2:00 PM... VIRGINIA FALCONS MEETING - - Richmond, VA.

JULY 15 - 17...THE 31ST ANNUAL FCA NATIONAL MEETING AND SHOW in Dearborn Michigan - - near Detroit. That means there are only 106 DAYS until this super event (as of April 1ST). This will mark the 50TH anniversary of the FALCON, and the show will be close to the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Park. Info about the 2010 FCA National meeting is at <http://www.fca2010detroit.webs.com/>.

AUGUST 8, 2:00 PM...VIRGINIA FALCONS MEETING - - Tidewater area, Bert to select location.

SEPT 24-25...Carolinas Chapter FCA Regional show in Kannapolis, NC.

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

OCT 15-17...East Coast Drag Times Shag, Shine and DPine show in Henderson, NC.

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

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

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