



Virginia Falcons News

February 2010

FEBRUARY MEETING REMINDER

The February meeting will be held on February 14 (Valentine's Day), 2010, at 2:00 PM at Carini's Italian Restaurant, 3718 Williamsburg Road, near Richmond International Airport. You can reach the restaurant at 804-222-0715 or find a map of the location at:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?searchtype=address&country=US&addtohistory=&searchtab=home&formtype=address&popflag=0&latitude=&longitude=&name=Williamsburg+Road&city=Richmond&state=Va&zipcode>

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

It seems like there's always something unusual coming up with the



Poole's and our Falcons or trailers. Even after we sell a Falcon, we get involved in unexpected situations.

We sold the 61 to a guy named Walter in North Carolina in mid-October. We figured that would be the last of our adventures with that car, except a few questions from the buyer or an occasional sighting at a car show. Little did we know!

In early January, we got an email from a guy on TFFN giving us a link to a 61 Falcon listed for sale and asked if it was our old car. I checked it out, and it was, but something about the listing seemed strange. The car was in Reston, Virginia and was listed for sale at \$2400. The pictures and the text in the ad had been taken from one of the eBay listings that I had posted when we tried to sell the car there. This had to be a scam of some sort so I sent the "seller" a message telling him I was very interested in the car and asked how I could arrange to see it in person. I did not get an answer to my message.

About mid-January, we got a phone call at 11:30PM (we were in bed) from a police officer in Ohio asking if we owned a 61 Falcon. We told him we had sold the car a couple of months prior. The officer was investigating the scam sale of the car based on the internet listing we had previously seen.

It turns out that this officer had "purchased" and paid for the car, and it had not been

delivered to him. The \$2400 “selling” price included the car and also the cost of shipping it from Florida (not sure why the car was supposedly in Florida when the ad gave the location as Virginia) to Ohio. I was dumbfounded that someone had fallen for the scam until I learned that the officer had a newborn baby that was hospitalized with breathing problems when he found the car of his dreams. The officer was rightly focused on the health of his baby and not really paying attention to the details of the sale.

We alerted the current owner of the 61 to what was going on. He and I both contacted the sales site (LemonFree.com) about the scam. It took about 3 weeks, but the listing has finally been pulled.

I doubt that the officer ever gets his money back so I guess it’s a lesson learned the hard way. The moral of this story is: when you fall in love with a Falcon be sure and protect yourself. Now we’re back to answering questions for Walter about his 61 Falcon and working on our 65 when we can make the time.

ANNUAL DUES

We remind the following members:

Ralph Mattox
Lee & Dreams Salisbury

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
7454 Mountain Lily Lane,
Mechanicsville VA 23111

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



Ranchero Progress

From Bert Fox A lot of recent work on my Ranchero has been mocking up, seeing how everything fits together. That's why things are a little bit scattered. Oh, and if you don't know, I've got a buddy who's a car builder helping me out now, that's why it says, “we.”

Well, I got the firewall and under dash area painted. I was astonished, considering Dad's mania for killing rust, to find that part of the under dash area hadn't ever been touched. There was still residue from the seal on the driver's side fresh air vent, and rust, of course. And rust under the seam sealer where the sides meet the firewall. But, not anymore!

We've also figured out how to make the cooling system work. I took the radiator to a shop and had them put the inlet in at an angle to clear the tensioner for the serpentine belt system. At the same time I had an original AC condensor tested and cleaned. The dryer's toast (no surprise) but the condensor's fine! The dryer was an original C4AA-19959-B part; I expect that condensor's that old too. So I'm that much closer to an AC system. I've got an original underdash AC that I'll use. Gotta test it... :-)

The brake lines have been a challenge. They are supposedly for a 64 V8 wagon, but they've got odd kinks all over the place, so they wouldn't fit even if the car wasn't being resto-modded. Not sure what's up with that, unless there're more differences between the I-6 and V-8 than I thought. The original brake lines are long gone so they're no help. They aren't done yet, but I've got a tubing bender and a roll of line so if I/we can't make them work, we'll make our own.

The “designed for the Falcon” power brake booster and master have been fun, too. I got the hole cut for mounting the booster (not pretty but done) and then we discovered that the left side front brake line won't fit into the distribution block/proportioning valve. The exit hole for the line angles INTO the booster! The plan for that is to make some spacers to re-locate the proportioning valve downwards so that the lines will clear. This is the old Todd Fields setup. I don't think he'd ever put one in a Falcon, judging by this experience. Makes me wonder about that proportioning valve too, honestly. More research...I think he said it was Corvette.

The original firewall to tower brace is gone now. It was a lot less trouble than I'd feared. We drilled out most of the spot welds on the firewall, and then cut each one in half with a sawzall. After that, working each piece up and down got it out relatively easily. For the first time I could mount the booster and master cylinder together.

Last, I did my bit to contribute to the trade deficit. I bought the steering (a rack & pinion) and a Monte Carlo bar/export brace combo from RRS in Australia. Those will be 4-6 weeks arriving- - - they make the parts when they get an order- - - so more on that in early March. Good price, though.

All in all, the beast is getting somewhere and I'm learning. New motto for resto-mod: “Ten hours of figuring for ten minutes of wrenching!”

Karen Poole broke a bone in her left foot while stepping off a machine at the gym. She's in a boot, still going to the gym, and anxious to begin tap-dancing again.

From SprintDan. . . . Just catching up on my e-mail BACKlog - - no pun, intended! I'm much better, but something is still out of whack. Thanks to the members for the

get-well card Sprintdan

From Phil Word. I've been thinking about you and would like to come to one of your meetings just to visit. Bobbi is hanging in there. Last May, she had an operation on her foot, which has not healed yet, but is getting close. She is on oxygen and pain meds.

Gordon has grown fast. He is 5'9" 155 lbs., and still plays football and wrestles. His middle school is county football champs and wrestling champs. Gordon took the 160 lb class.

I have not done much to the Falcon. Last summer I put in an Edelbrock RPM cam and lifters and RPM intake. Also I installed some Procomp Aluminum heads and a Boss Hog 2200 to 2800 stall converter. That made a big difference - - - more muscle. Haha! Take care, Phil

From Gregory Casarotti. I put the new pin and bushings in my door hinge and found a little trick that aids in re-installing the hinge spring after a few choice words. I put a piece of tie wire in the spring and then put the spring in a vise and collapsed the spring and twisted the wire so it would not let the spring re-open when I removed it from the vice. Then I installed the spring on the post side of the hinge first and then slipped over the bump on the door side of the hinge with a little help from a screw driver and wooden wedge. This, of course, was after I chased the spring all over various places in the garage before thinking about collapsing the spring. Don't forget to use plenty of masking tape to protect your car finish before you start.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Nov. 29, 2009 to Jan. 31, 2010

Beginning Balance
(11/29/09).....\$557.19

Income:
Club Dues.....\$15.00

Expenses
Car Club Council dues.....\$10.00

Ending Balance (1/31/10).....
.....\$562.19



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

7- Layer Dinner

(A great casserole for snowy evenings)

Into a large casserole dish, peel and slice the following:

- 3 potatoes
- 6 carrots
- 4 stacks of celery
- 1 large onion
- 1 lb. ground beef, uncooked and crumbled

on top

Salt and pepper to taste

2 cans of diced tomatoes, poured over top.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Makes 4 large servings.

Karen Poole



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

We'll add others at the February meeting.

FEBRUARY 14, 2:00 PM, VIRGINIA FALCONS MEETING IN RICHMOND

MARCH 27, 10:00 AM...3rd annual York High School **Falcons** car show. York High School, 9300 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown. They have a special "Best Falcon" award at the show.

APRIL, 11, 2:00 PM, VIRGINIA FALCONS MEETING - - LOCATION TBA

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.

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 - - LOCATION TBA

**JULY 15 - 17...THE 31ST ANNUAL FCA
NATIONAL MEETING AND SHOW** in

Dearborn Michigan - - near Detroit. That means there are only 163 DAYS until this super event (as of February 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 - - LOCATION TBA

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

OCTOBER 10, 2:00 PM, VIRGINIA FALCONS MEETING - - LOCATION TBA

OCT 15-17... East Coast Drag Times show, shag, shine and dine show in Henderson, NC.

DECEMBER 12, 2:00 PM, VIRGINIA FALCONS MEETING - - LOCATION TBA

