



Presidents Message

Greetings Fellow Falconeers!

Well here it is March and both January and February have come and gone. I did not attend the NPD All Ford Show in Silver Springs this year. I had registered but I did not have my car ready and I'm glad I didn't. Those of you that went are to be complimented. Tough weather! From the pictures I saw it looked like there were about 200 cars (normally about 650). And we did not meet in February due to schedule overload on our part.

We cancelled our General Membership meeting that was scheduled for January and we have rescheduled that meeting for Saturday, March 18th at 2:00 at the Plant City Train Depot. We have met there in the past and it is quite convenient. That Saturday is also the day of the monthly Plant City Cruise In so plan accordingly. Let's see some Falcons there! Some of us might even gather at Snellgrove's Restaurant for lunch.

I have installed replacement window frame assemblies in my hard top. Much more complicated than I initially thought but a good improvement on my car and while that requires removal of the interior, it made sense to address some minor issues hiding in the doors and behind the rear seat. I think that now I could do it in 10% of the time it took. I even found some repairs from a few decades ago that were not done as well as they should have. They are right now.

Who's going to the FCA Regional event in Pensacola March 24-25th? I am planning on going. Let's see if any of us can travel together. Safety in numbers you know. I am driving, leaving on Thursday and intending to make it in one day.

Our Suncoast Chapter annual dues are payable now for 2017 and should be paid to Tom Wanzie. You should have already received your renewal notice with provisions for any updates you might have. Please make sure these are returned to Tom no later than March 31. You must be an FCA member in good standing to belong to our Suncoast Chapter.

If you have any suggestions for meeting formats or details we need to address, please contact me. My email is: shirawd@aol.com or call me anytime at 863-206-1990. I look forward to hearing from you.

Bill Shira, President
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Suncoast Members Birthdays

February 2017

March 2017

Richard Harrington	Mar. 06
John Carter	Mar. 15
Sara Keith	Mar. 17
Wanda Stowe	Mar. 19

Suncoast Members Anniversary's

February 2017

Rayda and Frank Perdomo	Feb. 2
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March 2017

Roberta and Ron McCullough	Mar. 17
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Welcoming a New Member

Gary Legora

Suncoast Chapter, FCA Meeting Agenda

March 18, 2017 at Plant City Railroad Depot

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from December 2016 meeting
3. Treasurer Report – Tom Wanzie
4. Future Activity Reports:
 - March 3/24-25 FCA Regional Southern Coast in Pensacola
 - March 3/24-26 Spring Turkey Run Daytona Speedway
 - April Late in month – All Ford Show, Horsepower Ranch, Geneva, FL
5. Past Activities:
 - Annual Christmas Party at Red Lobster, Old Town, Kissimmee
 - Autofest at Sun N Fun, Lakeland, FL
6. Old Business:
 - Name Change Status
 - Dues to Tom
 - FCA Dues
7. New Business:
 - 50 / 50 – Margaret Lievertz
8. For Sale:
9. Open Floor
 - Adjourn

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Coming Events

- March 18 Suncoast Chapter Meeting, 2:00 pm Plant City Historical Train Station. Some members will probably have lunch at Snellgrove's Restaurant in Plant City.
- March 24-25 Ninth Annual Southern Coast Regional Meet in Pensacola at the fairgrounds hosted by the Southern Coast Chapter of the FCA. Details on www.falconclub.com
- March 24-26 28th Annual Spring Turkey Run Car Show and Swap Meet(formally Speedway Spectacular)
- April 21-22 1st Louisiana Regional Falcon Meet in Gonzales, LA hosted by the Bon Temps Chapter of the FCA. Details at www.falconclub.com
- April ?? All Ford Show at Horsepower Ranch in Geneva, FL (dates will be published later)
- May 12-13 1st Virginia is for Falcon Lovers Region Meet in Midlothian, VA (near Richmond) hosted by the Virginia Falcons Chapter of the FCA. Details at www.falconclub.com
- July 12-15 38th Annual Falcon Club of America Nation Meet in Sacramento, CA. Details and registration form at www.falconclub.com
- Sept 29-30 3rd Tennessee Regional Meet in Sevierville, TN hosted by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the FCA. Details <http://www.tnfalcons.com/2017regionalinfo.htm>

For Sale

1965 B/W T-10 4 speed transmission (wide bolt pattern for mounting), Hurst shifter with newly chromed shift lever, \$525.
Removed from 64 Sprint CV, outer and inner rockers with front torque box assemblies all in good shape, parts should fit 63-65 CV \$300.
Complete cowl assembly(upper and lower) removed from same car, very good condition, \$150.
Several 6 bolt cast iron bell housings with dual bolt pattern for transmission mounting, requires 164 tooth flywheel \$125
65 Standard 3 spd transmission \$75
Chuck, 321-383-1955/crbeason@cfl.rr.com.

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For Sale

New '65 Falcon billet aluminum triple plated trunk trim (made by Todd in Carolina). Not detailed \$725.

'66 Toploader 4-speed transmission \$525.

'66 Factory 4-speed shifter with original shift rods \$175.

'65 Falcon round shifter boot with chrome ring \$50.

'65 Falcon 289 original bellhousing, flywheel, clutch & pressure plate \$100.

'65 Falcon 289 clutch bellcrank including supports \$125.

'65 Falcon convertible front bench seat \$100.

David Wagner, 65sprint@baldwinpines.com, 423-243-352

For Sale

Complete 63/64 Falcon V8 front suspension (5 lug), convert your 6 cyl (4 lug). Includes spindles, steering linkage, complete brake system (like new shoes & drums), upper and lower control arms. \$100

1964 V8 steering box (1 1/16" sector shaft), refurbished. Very nice condition. \$150

Glove box and console locks, 60-63 door locks, ignition locks, trunk locks, rekeying lock service. Ask for pricing on locks. Dick, rharrington2@stny.rr.com

1964 Falcon Sprint **Did You Know??**

In January of 1964 Ford introduced a new lower priced Falcon Sprint HT and Convertible? This lower priced Sprint came standard with a full-width bench seat, sports-type steering wheel(simulated wood grain), wire spoke wheel covers and the chrome engine dress up kit. This lower priced Sprint did not include the front Bucket Seats, Console, Dash Mounted Tachometer or the Bright Rocker Panel Moldings as standard equipment. Maybe another Bright Idea from Ford?

Production Numbers

Sprint HT, bucket seats	13,830
Sprint HT, without console	285
Sprint CV, bucket seats	4278
Sprint CV, bench seat	626

(Note: this info obtained from a Ford Sales Brochure and from Standard Catalog of Ford)

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1965 Sprint CV Project

In 1995, good friend and fellow Suncoast Member Archie Ershery(deceased)called to let me know that he had a 65 Sprint CV at his home in Tampa that was for sale. Archie had agreed to help someone try to sell his Falcon because of Archie's ties to the Falcon Club and his love of the hobby. Carolyn and I took a ride to Tampa for a visit with Archie and to check out the Sprint CV. It really wasn't a very pretty sight but it was a rare, 1 of 300 1965 Sprint CVs produced. This Sprint lived most of its life in Connecticut and I'm guessing it wasn't stored during the harsh winter months based on the amount of corrosion visible. We did contact the owner and agreed on a purchase price and made the purchase.

The Sprint CV was trailered back to Titusville where it was stored until late 2014. At this time it was moved to its new home, the new addition to my detached garage/shop where disassembly was started. The Sprint CV has been totally stripped to bare metal using the dustless wet process which revealed much more rot and corrosion than had been seen. Now the long process begins, cutting out the bad metal for replacement. Areas in need of repair and/or replacement were radiator support, left front inner fender, front torque boxes left and right, inner rockers left and right, floor pans left/right front and rear, pans under rear seat, rear seat support, CV seat support structural panel top and bottom. The entire lower portion of the rear quarter panels from door to tail light required replacement plus numerous minor repairs.

The Sprint was taken to a shop for some of the repairs to be made, inner rockers, torque boxes, floors and rear quarters. After getting the Sprint back home and performing thorough inspection of the repairs that were made discovered there were several areas were missed and the quality of the repairs weren't as good as expected. Currently areas that were missed are being repaired and other areas are being reworked. The next milestone will be primer and paint on the bottom side and removal of the Sprint from the rotisserie. Photos attached.



The Sprint CV showing the condition when we took possession

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Blasters discussing their strategy for completing the job



After blasting was completed all surfaces were primed

Chicken & Cheese Enchiladas with Green Chili & Sour Cream Sauce

10 soft taco shells (smaller flour tortillas)
2 cups cooked, shredded chicken
2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
3 Tbsp. butter
3 Tbsp. flour
2 cups chicken broth
1 cup sour cream
1 (4 oz) can diced green chilies

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 pan. Mix chicken and 1 cup cheese. Roll up in tortillas and place in pan. In a sauce pan, melt butter, stir in flour and cook 1 minute. Add broth and whisk until smooth. Heat over medium heat until thick and bubbly. Stir in sour cream and chilies. Do not bring to boil, you don't want curdled sour cream. Pour over enchiladas and top with remaining cheese, and if you like, diced green onions and black olives. Bake 22 min covered, remove foil and then high broil for 3 min to brown the cheese. Pico de Gallo is a nice garnish