

DESERT FALCON FLYER



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Issue 2

February Meeting Information

Date: **February 12, 2005**

Place: **Berge Ford**, 460 E. Auto Center Dr. Mesa, AZ (US 60 and Mesa Dr.)

Time: **5:30PM**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

Az Motorist Update 1-19-05 Legislative Update On HB2357



HB2357 had its first public hearing in the Arizona House of Representatives House Environmental Committee on Wednesday 1-19-05 and it passed unanimously 8 to 0.

BIG THANKS needs to go out to the 16 vehicle hobbyists and motorcyclists who showed-up and signed-in as in-favor of this bill.

The Az Department of Environmental Quality's (AzDEQ) lobbyist (former State Senator) Jim Buster testified that AzDEQ is "neutral" on this bill and will not oppose it as currently written and has also gone along with some proposed "technical corrections" to the bills language to be added in the near future.

HB2357 (go to: <http://www.azleg.state.az.us/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/legtext/47leg/1r/bills/hb2357p%2Ehtm&DocType=B> to view bill) will exempt "Collectable Vehicles" 15-years and older from e-testing in Area 'A' (Phoenix metro) and in Area 'B' (Tucson metro) and it will also exempt all-years of "Motorcycles" in Area 'B' (Tucson metro) only.

HB2357 was based on a 12-04 AzDEQ study that says (on page 21) that the exhaust emissions from CV's (in 'A' & 'B') and M/C's (in 'B' only) are "insignificant" to the air quality of these metro areas and therefore, since these vehicles are not part of the air quality problem, they should be removed from the air quality solution (the e-testing program). It's as simple as that.

HB2357's next hearing in the Az House of Representatives will be in the Az House Rules Committee at a date to be announced in the near future.

Please e-mail this update to as many of Arizona's vehicle enthusiasts as you can **AND** be sure to spread the word about HB2357 to all of your off-line friends and vehicle club members too. We need everyone spreading the word and calling their Az State Legislators to make sure this bill passes into law.

The time has come to exempt the vehicles whose emissions are insignificant to our air-quality problems.

REMEMBER: "It's United We Ride & Drive!"

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

For February

In accordance with our by-laws it is time to set a date for the election of officers. This will be an item on the agenda for this month's meeting. Remember this is your club and it will become what you make it. We need new ideas all the time for cruises, trips, the club store, club gatherings, and information for the newsletter and the list just goes on and on. If we all pitch in and work together, then the work load is lightened on each of us, we can then do more and in the end we have a better and more active club. Always keep in mind that it is about family first, then the cars and all the activities that go with our wonderful Falcons. Don't be shy, volunteer for a small job, a large job, run for an office, send ideas and articles to Reba for our great newsletter, what ever you can do will be a large help. We have a great club, with great people and some really cool cars, let's make it work better.

A plan is in the works for the club cruise to the Falcon Club of America's 26th National Convention in San Ramon, California this coming July 14 thru 16. Tentatively we plan to meet at the Circle K on Jackrabbit road and I-10 Wednesday morning (early) and head out for California. I will make the room reservations at the Marriott in San Ramon as soon as I have an idea of how many plan to make the trip. Ray Johnson, the Pacific Regional Director would like to have as many National Members as possible at the convention so they are offering a "no car registration". So if your Falcon is not drivable or you just do not want to take it you can still go and have a great time with the rest of us (remember, family first, car second). There is a lot of actives planned, driving events, bus tours of wine country, things to do in the hotel and shopping trips to the local stores. If you can make it, it is going to be a great time.

Don't forget the meeting at BERGE FORD Saturday 12 February 05 starting a 1730 hours (that's 5:30 PM). We will go out for a bite to eat and a kick the tires session. Hope to see you there.

Bill Hardin

Minutes of the January 8th Meeting

Meeting called to order @ 5:36 PM by the President.

Introduction of members. We had 2 new members and several guests from South West Reproductions.

Old Business:

There was no reading of the minutes for the December meeting.

The Treasure report was read and accepted.

Reba gave a membership report that we now have 27 members.

President told the membership that need for elections is approaching and the membership will need to set a date.

New Business:

Several upcoming car shows were discussed with no interest from the membership to attend.

The National Falcon show in San Ramon, California was discussed and John Binder and Bill Hardin will get together and set up the cruise for the club. The Route 66 Fun run April 29-May1 was discussed by Wendell and the rooms are going fast. If anyone is interested they need to reserve the room now.

Southwest Reproductions gave a demonstration on there products and offered to build things that were difficult to get for our Falcons. They also offer a line T-shirts, Polo-shirts, coffee cups, clocks, etc. all with our club logo on them and no with no minimum order. If you wish to receive e-mail from them there address to sign up is southwestrepro@spearnet.net

A cast model of a 1962 Ranchero was raffled off and John Binder was the winner.

Submitted by Kathie Hardin for Vi Hastings.

PRICES OF CLUB JACKETS AND SHIRTS

Price list for shirts and jackets.

Club Price		Club Price
Men's Power Hitter Shirt.....	\$28.00	T-shirts.....\$9.00
Men's Jacket Windward.....	\$34.50	Baseball Caps.....\$5.00
Women's Power Hitter Shirt.....	\$27.00	
Women's Competitor Shirt.....	\$27.00	See Kathie Hardin for current stock
Women's Jacket Windward.....	\$33.50	

Future Car Shows - Please confirm times and dates – phone numbers provided with most listed events. If you have information on Car Shows or Events not listed here please notify the editor

UPCOMING CAR SHOWS AND EVENTS

2005

Feb. 12 - Palm Creek Golf & RV Resort 1st Annual Car Show (I-10, exit 194, turn right at 1st stop light) - 10am-4pm, Reg. 8-10am - Picture Plaque Tropies, Cash Prizes, Live Entertainment, speciality prizes for best car and costume combo - Reg. \$15 - Casa Grande - Info: Carolyn 520-876-8980

Feb. 13 - Over The Hill Gang-Phoenix 8th Annual Poker Run at the 5 & Diner/Pavilions 9069 E. Indian Bend Rd - \$15 per vehicle, \$2.50 extra hands - 50/50, Door Prizes, Cash Awards \$100, \$50, \$25 - T-shirts available - Scottsdale - Info: 602-944-6630

Feb. 20 - United We Drive...Car Show presented by Arizona Automobile Hobbyist Council at Sanderson Ford - Car Show 10am-3pm - Car Show entry \$15, \$20 Day of Show, Swap Space \$25 - Trophies: Top 10, Dealer's Choice, Club Participation - Glendale - Info: 623-435-8961

Feb. 26 - 2nd Annual Mesa High Car Show - open to Classic cars, trucks, wagons, or motorcycles - Admission is FREE - food, concessions, entertainment, raffles, shirt sales, swap meet - \$15 entry, \$20 late, Vendors space \$15, swap meet space \$10 - Mesa - Info: Lou 480-472-5885

Mar. 4-6 - 13th Annual Midnight at the Oasis at Desert Sun Stadium - Yuma - Info: 928-343-1715

Mar. 12 - 4th Annual Deer Valley High School Marching Band & Color Guard Car Show at DVHS (18424 N. 51st Ave.) - Live music, trophies, vendors, & family fun - Free to spectators - Glendale - Info: Bob 602-843-5690

Mar. 18-20 - World of Wheels at Phoenix Civic Plaza - Friday 3pm-10pm, Saturday 11am-10pm, Sunday 11am-7pm - General Admission \$12.50, Children 6-12 \$4.00, 5 and under Free - Adult Discount Coupons Available at CARQUEST Auto Parts - Phoenix - Info: 248-373-1700

Mar. 19 - 8th Annual Benefit Car Show presented by the Boys & Girls Club of Sierra Vista - Reg. 8am-10am, live auction 2:30pm, awards 3pm at the mall at Sierra Vista - All cars and trucks welcome - \$20 before Mar. 5, \$25 after, first 200 registered get T-shirt, Goodie Bag and Dash Plaque - trophies, sponsor pick, 50/50, door prizes, oldies music, giant live auction with 350 crate motor - no vendors - Sierra Vista - Info: Larry 520-459-2184

Apr. 1-2 - 2nd Annual Cruisin' Tombstone Vintage, Classic and Custom Car & Truck Roundup at Tombstone Union High School on Allen St. - Friday, 11am set up, Free entertainment 4:30pm, Burger Burn 5:30pm - Saturday, 10am to 4pm - Reg. \$30 - Tombstone - Info: 520-457-3786

Apr. 2 - Concours in the Desert to be held at the Peoria Sports Complex - over 40 classes - vendor exhibits, center stage and live entertainment, car corrals, special VIP opportunities and much more - proceeds from this event will benefit the Girl Scouts, Arizona Cactus-Pine Council, Inc. - Peoria - Info: Rachel 602-253-6359

Apr. 2-3 - 2nd Annual Mountain Cruise for Slots and Rods starts out at Casino Arizona (Phx), spend the night at Hondah (Pinetop) and ends at Apache Gold Casino (Globe) - \$25 entry, \$98 Hotel at Hondah - Limited to 115 entries - Mail all entries to Polly Soles - Phoenix / Payson / Pinetop / Globe - Info: Polly 928-402-8929

Apr. 9 - First Annual Charity Car Show presented by Southern Arizona Mopar Club - held at Toys R Us @ 4525 N. Oracle Road, across from the Tucson Mall - open to cars, trucks, sports and imports, and all motor cycles from 1920 to 1970 - goodie bags, door prizes, cruising music, charity auctions, 50/50 Drawings, dunk **Feb. 12** - Palm Creek Golf & RV Resort 1st Annual Car Show (I-10, exit 194, turn right at 1st stop light) - 10am-4pm, Reg. 8-10am - Picture Plaque Tropies, Cash Prizes, Live Entertainment, speciality prizes for best car and costume combo - Reg. \$15 - Casa Grande - Info: Carolyn 520-876-8980

Feb. 12 - Subzero Car Show at Peoria Sports Complex (83rd Ave and Bell) - proceeds to benefit Peoria Fire Dept. - Reg. \$20 - Move-in 7am, SHOW 10am, Awards 4:30pm - Peoria - Info: Mark 623-451-0221

Feb. 12 - 2nd Annual Historic Downtown Chandler Classic Auto Show - reg. 7:30-9am, show 9am-4pm - first 150 pre 1980 vehicles - Chandler - Info: Jerry 480-460-7798

Feb. 13 - **NOTICE LOCATION CHANGE** Over The Hill Gang-Phoenix 8th Annual Poker Run was at the 5 & Diner/Pavilions NOW across the street at McDonalds/Pavilions 9069 E. Indian Bend Rd - \$15 per vehicle, \$2.50 extra hands - 50/50, Door Prizes, Cash Awards \$100, \$50, \$25 - T-shirts available - Scottsdale - Info: 602-944-6630

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Mar. 5 - Planes, Trains, Automobiles and up on Two Wheels X3 at Falcon Field - 10am-3pm - \$10/person, children 2 and under free - Mesa - Info: Abe 480-839-5847

Mar. 5 - 7th Annual Classic Car Show hosted by the Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the 27th Annual Arizona State Open Chili Championship at Dave White Regional Park (2121 N. Thornton Rd.) - co-sponsored by Casa Grande Regional Medical Center and Golden Eagle Distributors - 10am-3pm, check-in 10am, vehicles in place by 11am - Reg. \$15 - 1979 or older - trophies for People's Choice, Participant's Choice and Chili Cooks' Choice - Casa Grande - Info: Helen 800-916-1515

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Mar. 12 - Marana High School Car Show sponsored by the Marana High VICA Club (12000 W. Emigh) - West Parking Lot, Fun, Food, Awards, Prize Ticket Contest(Raffle) - staging 8am-10am, Show 10am-3pm - Reg. \$5 - Free To Come And Look Around - Marana - Info: Cliff 1-520-616-6470

Mar. 13 - Havasu Classics "Show 'n Shine" at Classic Burger (Hwy. 95 & Palo Verde Ave.) - Pre-registration \$15 before 3/1, \$20 after - Lake Havasu City - Info: Dennis 928-680-6776

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Mar. 19-20 - Town of Marana Founders Day, Car Show & Swap Meet - open for Classics, Muscle Cars & Trucks, T-Buckets, Hot Rods, Kit Cars - Sat. 6-8am Car move-in, 9am-4pm Car Show, Sun. 9am-1pm? Car Show, 1pm Awards - \$25 before 3/19, \$35 after includes goodie bag and t-shirt - Marana - Info: Rick 520-888-0719

May 20-21 - 13th Annual Gold-N-Oldies "Just a Car Show" - 30 classes+ - 50/50, Door Prizes - pre-registration before May 1 \$25, \$30 after Globe - Info: Michael 920-474-2331, Jim 928-425-9271 or Merle 928-473-4360

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Apr. 1-2 - Covenant Hot Rod Assn. 7th Annual Springs in the Desert Charity Car Show at Arizona Mills Mall, 5&Diner, (Baseline Rd. & I-10) - live band, trophies, vendors, give aways - pre-registration before Mar. 5 \$20, \$25 after includes t-shirt and dash plaque - American cars '72 and older - Tempe - Info: Don 480-205-7925

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Apr. 9 - Central Avenue Cruise - Come and enjoy the FUN, Meet at Park Central! - Info: Nancy 602-938-1000

Apr. 9 - Desert Mountain PTO Car Show, to Benefit Desert Mountain School Computer Purchase Program (35959 N. 7th Ave.) - 10am-3pm - \$15.00 entry fee includes, 2 Admissions, 2 Lunch Passes, 2 Raffle Tickets - All vehicles WELCOME at this NON-COMPETITIVE EVENT - Food, Drink, Music, Carnival Games, Rides, Raffle Drawing - Radio Control Vehicles and Many Other Prizes - Info: Brian 602-326-9218

Apr. 9 - 1st Annual "CARS AND STARS" Car show benefiting the North Canyon High School "Stars of the North" marching band - open to all vehicles - 9am-2pm, awards 2pm - food, music, silent auction, 50/50 drawing - Reg. \$20 - Phoenix - Info: Mike 623-293-8049 or Tim 480-201-0081

Apr. 16 - 19th Annual Oracle Spring Run Car Show & Festival - parade, swap meet, craft fair & carnival - reg. 7am, parade 9:30 am, awards 3pm - Pre-reg \$20 before April 10, \$25.00 after, Food vendors-\$35.00, craft and swap meet vendors \$25.00 - Oracle - Info: Margaret 520-896-2158

Apr. 17 - 2nd Annual Roddin for a Reason Benefit Prostate Cancer Car Show at Glendale Community College - Limited to 350 vehicles - For more event information call Roddin' & Racin' - Glendale - Info: Donna or Jerry 480-963-9880

Apr. 23 - 4th Annual Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run, LETR, Charity Car Show at Ahwatukee Palms Plaza (SE Corner Warner Rd. and 48th St.) - all proceeds go to the Arizona Special Olympics - entry \$15 which includes Torch Run Dash Plaque and 2 free coupons for burgers or hot dogs - 50/50 Drawing, Great Gift Raffles, food & clothing sale - reg. 7:30am-9am, car show 9am-2pm, judging 9am-12pm, awards 2pm - class winners receive a customized event t-shirt - Fountain Hills - Info: Les 602-534-0407

Apr. 29-May 1 - 12th Annual Beeline Cruise-In and Charity Auto Show on Main Street presented by the Rim Country Classic Auto Club - Limited to 300 pre 77 vehicles - \$30 Entry Fee includes a cool T-shirt, dash plaque, killer goodie bag, burger burn, entertainment, dance & breakfast - Friday: Beeline Burger Burn 3-6pm, Registration 12noon-5pm, entertainment at the Mazatzal Casino 7-9pm, Saturday: Registration 6-10am, Car Show 8am-4pm, 3-4pm Awards, Beeline Barbecue 4:30-7pm (prepaid reservations only), 7-11pm Dance with "Come back Buddy" at the Mazatzal Casino, Sunday: Beeline Breakfast 7-9am - Main Street Poker Walk (Cash Awards), Casino Shuttle on the hour, Vendors, Music, Raffles, Grand Prizes, 50/50 and more - Payson - Reg. and Info. Sheets coming soon - Info: Larry 928-472-7769 or Norm 928-474-4766

April 29 -May 1 COME ONE - COME ALL 18TH Annual ROUTE 66 FUN RUN Sponsored by: HISTORIC ROUTE 66 ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA \$44 Entry before 4/4, \$49 after P.O. Box 66 - Kingman, AZ 86402 - (928)753-5001

May 13-15 - Azround-up sponsored by Arizona Teardroppers, held at Dead Horse Ranch State Park - Teardrop and Vintage trailer camp out/show \$15 per night to camp, \$5 day use just to see show - Cottonwood - Info: Eddie 602-999-0163

June 10-12 - Show Low Days-Still Cruizin Car Show at the Show Low City Park (Hwy. 60 & 260) - Show Low - Info: 928-537-2326

June 17-18 - 3rd Annual Chrome in the Dome Classic Car and Truck Show sponsored by the Springerville-Eager Regional Chamber of Commerce - limited to 200 1977 and older vehicles, first 110 vehicles registered park inside the dome - pre-registration before June 10 \$30, \$40 after, includes T-shirt, Dash Plaque and burger burn - Cruise, Burger Burn, dance, breakfast, judged show - Springerville/Eager - Info: Wayne 928-333-4001

July 3 - Car/Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet at Bison Ranch (Highway 260) - all vehicles welcome - 8am-5pm - Bison Ranch - Info: Frank 928-535-3006

July 14-16, FCA 26th National Convention San Ramon, California The Sonoma County Falcons For Fun of the Falcon Club of America, invites you to the "Bridgin' The Bay, California Style" 26th Annual Falcon National Convention July 14-16, 2005, at the Marriott San Ramon, 2600 Bishop Drive in San Ramon, California 94583, 74.00 + tax per night - Reservations - 1-800-228-9290 or 925-867-9200

Sept. 22-25 - River Cruizers 14th Annual "Roddin' on the River" at the Riverside Resort and Casino - Laughlin, NV - Info. 928-788-2174

Sept. 23-25 - AzRound-up sponsored by Arizona Teardroppers, held at Dead Horse Ranch State Park - Teardrop and Vintage trailer camp out/show \$15 per night to camp, \$5 day use just to see show - Cottonwood - Info: Eddie 602-999-0163

Sept. 23-25 - Run to the Pines - Pine Top - Info: Bob 928-368-5325

Oct. 1 - Central Avenue Cruise - Come and enjoy the FUN, Meet at Park Central! - Info: Nancy 602-938-1000

Oct. 8 - 18th Annual Cars in the Park held at Veterans Memorial Park hosted by the Sierra Vista Car Club - Fri: 5-8pm Cruise The Diner, Sat: reg. 8-10am, Show 8am-3pm, - Limited to 300 entrants - \$20 before Oct. 5, \$30 after, includes t-shirt and dash plaque - Music by DJ John, Basket raffle, 50/50, Door Prizes - Sierra Vista - Info: Leo 520-378-3096

Oct. 8 - 18th Annual Cars in the Park presented by Sierra Vista Car Club - Registration flyers available in April - Sierra Vista - Info: Joe 520-458-8937

Oct.14-16 - Casino Arizona Third Annual Fall Classic Car Show - 35 cash prizes to include several new classes - entry includes a calendar, food, entertainment, and much more - Scottsdale - Info: Char at 480-850-7881 or Mary 480-850-7968

Oct. 19-23 - Relics & Rods 28th Annual "Run to the Sun" - Lake Havasu City - Info: 929-855-0933

Joke — WHAT'S A PERSON TO DO?

I went and bought new pistons...the engine I had bored
I spent so much more money...than I could ever afford.

I bought a cam for Christmas...and lifters all brand new
No money left for children...I asked them to make do.

A stall converter for valentines day...a shift kit and shifter too
My wife's a bit unsettled...But, hey my car's my valentine too.

I bought the best suspension...the prices overboard
But it was easily paid for...with house payments ignored.

Then I got new wheels...of course new tires too
And a note in the mail...life insurance overdue

Of course, there was the blueprint...and balanced through and through

Just to be on the safe side...each nut and bolt brand new.

And now I get her painted...with pearl and pale blue
Oh, did I forget to mention...my wife has left me too.

Then everything replated...I did the headers too
Time to get a second job...child support is due.

I guess it all seems silly now...I did go overboard
Trying to make my Chevy...look and run as good as a Ford.

Submitted by John Binder



FOR SALE: 1961 Ford Falcon 4 dr. Deluxe Sedan
200 c.i. with less than 30k miles. New updated 1962 and up components. Good Glass, lots of new parts. All original Az car with 95,000 actual miles. This car has been very reliable for me, Sun City, AZ \$1500.00 All or Part, Call Lester for details Sundays only please (623)933-3306

Editor Note: If Lester can't sell the car he intends to part it out.

IN THE KNOW. . .

Falcon Development Timeline

1942-1946: Ford Light Car Project developed 7 pilot model on wheelbases from 97" to -112 inches.

1945: Earle S. MacPherson was appointed chief engineer of Chevrolet Cadet project.

1952: Robert S MacNamara was made Assistant General Manager of Ford Division. He immediately appointed a market Research Unit to study who was buying the Volkswagen and why.

1956: Ford management was firmly convinced that a car sized between the Volkswagen and the standard Ford could be successfully marketed.

1957:

- March: Ford Motor Company committed itself to build the Falcon.
- A low weight six cylinder OHV engine was developed for the Falcon.
- November: Ford President, E. R. Breech, announced to Ford management that the optimum economy car appeared to be the 2,400 pound car with a six cylinder engine.

1958:

- Summer: Falcon clay model finalized and accepted by Ford managment.
- Jack Hooven appointed chief engineer for Falcon development.

1959:

- February: The New York Times published an article about the Ford XK-Thunderbird project.
- May 21: Henry Ford II announced the Falcon Project at a Ford stockholders meeting.
- The first non-prototype Falcons assembled at the Ford Pilot Assembly Plant.
- September 9: The 1960 Falcon was released to the press.
- September 10: 14 Falcons with experienced endurance drivers began covering every mile of Federally numbered highways in the continental United States.
- October 2: The 1960 Corvair arrived at dealer showrooms.
- October 3: The 1960 Falcon made its public debut.
- October 29: Plymouth's 1960 Valiant goes on public display.
- November: Falcon sales take off and Falcon soon becomes "King Of The Compacts."

1960:

- Winter: Falcon Station Wagons introduced.
- Spring: 1960 Ranchero introduced.
- September 25: 1961 Falcon line introduced. It included the 170 inch engine and the Econoline utility vehicles.
- December: Robert S. MacNamary left Ford to become Secretary of Defence. The Falcon lost its strong backing.

1961:

- Early: The Falcon Sedan Delivery was introduced.
- April 9: 1961 Futura introduced to combat [Corvair] Monza Coupe sales.
- September 19: 1962 Falcon line introduced.

1962:

- February 14: 1962 Sports Futura with four speed transmission introduced.
- September 11: 1963 Falcon line introduced, including Falcon convertible.

1963:

- February: 1963 1/2 Falcons introduced. Included 260-V8, hardtops, and the Sprint line.
- July: Last 1963 1/2 Falcons produced. Dies shipped to Argentina.

NOTE: Please review **TECH TIPS** and **IN THE KNOW. . .** and determine for yourself if this information will fit your application. The editor, the FCAAZ and the submitter are not responsible for information within Tech Tips., or cut fingers, lost tools, head scratching, or dementia resulting from the use thereof. Read and use at your own risk . . . some tips are dangerous in the wrong hands, quite possibly **YOURS**.

FALCON HISTORY CHANNEL



The editor of our newsletter and my wife asked if I would do a short story history on the 1963 convertible that sits in my garage. Now the key thing here is I said they “asked”, the real fact is I was told in the car on the way home from dinner after the meeting that “You will do an article on our convertible”. Well, I want it known right now that as your President and leader of the Arizona Chapter of The Falcon Club of America and for all married men who find themselves in this position, I boldly, emphatically, and in a very meek voice replied “yes dear, right away”.

All kidding aside, this is a really good idea that Reba and my wife came up with. We need you to let us know about your car, when it was born, where it was born, how long have you owned it, how did you acquire it, length of restoration time and any stories you have about your beloved Falcon that you would like to share with the rest of the club. This is the first (I hope) of a series of articles written by our club members about there cars.

Kathie and I first saw our little red V8 convertible at the first car show the city of Peoria held in 1998. The owner of the car was one of the chair people helping to put on the show for the City and an acquaintance of mine through another car club. At the time I owned a 1949 F1 ford pickup truck and was trying to get Kathie interested in “old” cars. My theory being as you all know “If the spouse is happy, then the classic car is happy”. As we walked by the convertible I ask Kathie if she liked the red convertible, the instant reply was “yes, I would like to have one like it”. Standing right behind us was the owner Jerry Rabin who replied “it’s for sale!” and so a couple of months and a smaller wallet later we owned our first in a series of Ford Falcons.

As we all know classic cars can easily become part of the family and as part of the family the car needs a name. We named ours “Lady Hawk” after the movie with Michelle Pfeiffer and Mathew Broderick, you know, the Falcon is a hawk and ours was a lady.

Now we know her name and how the wife and I came to own her, lets check her history. Lady Hawk is a 76A body style (convertible) J color code (red) trim code 55A (red with dealer installed bucket seats) Date code 18C (18 March 63) DSO 71 code (ordered in and shipped to Los Angeles) Axle 4 code (3.25:1 ratio) and Trans 3 code (Fordomatic transmission) Serial Number 3H15F 191307. The first number is the year 3=63, the first letter is assembly plant location H=Lorain Ohio, the second number group 15 is the model, the second letter is engine F=V8 (260) and the last set of numbers is the consecutive unit number of the car 191307.

The story of our convertible, as I know, it is as follows: The car was ordered in LA and delivered with bench seats, the dealer installed the buckets when the car arrived in LA. I do not know the reason for the dealer changing the seats, however, I assume it was a customer request. The car next showed up in Arizona at a storage yard, the owner of the storage company was unable to collect his rent for the space because the owner was a guest of the state and unable to pay. The owner then signed the title over to cover the rent. At that point the car did not run well and looked like a car that has set in the Arizona sun. So the new owner called Jerry, the man we bought the car from, and offered him the car to recover his rent money. Jerry repainted the car in early 1997 and redid the interior. He did some engine work and replaced the Fordomatic 2speed with a C4 automatic. However he did nothing to the suspension front or rear.

After owning the car for a couple of years I decided it needed Crager SSs and the suspension replaced. I bought all new bushings, ball joints, leaf springs and coil springs and set about the task of rebuilding the undercarriage. Just a note: the thinner wallet, a lot thinner wallet, made it much easier to crawl under the car and work on it, what a job is all I need to say about rebuilding an undercarriage except that the front end is still not right to this day.

Kathie loves *HER* Falcon and plans to keep it forever. So my plan worked about getting her interested in old cars, the trouble is I fell in love with the Falcons also. So the 1949 Ford pickup got sold and in its place is a 1963 Ranchero, but that is a story for another day.

Bill Hardin

TECH TIP

Mustang II Front Suspension Swap



The idea for the swap I share, was two fold, one, to up date to a more modern style front suspension with disc brakes and rack/pinion steering, and two, do the swap cost effectively. (I like nice and cheap)

The M2 / pinto was chosen because there are lots of parts available for this front and there are custom brake setups, tubular control arms, and etc. The M2/ pinto is the Streetrod, kit car suspension king.

Once you have the cross member, trim away the old brackets. The M2 has anti dive built in so if the main cross over is set level fore and aft, the spring cup will have a slight slant to the rear.

Set the car (Falcon, Fairlane, or Mustang) on jack stands and LEVEL the car, level on the front frame, for and aft, also side to side.

Once the car is up and level measure and mark the centerline through the engine compartment, for, aft, and what would be the wheel or axle centerline. Do the same for the M2 crossmember. You will use these lines to line everything up on assembly.

Now you are ready to cut up a classic car, are you ready? This is soon to be the point of no return!

Cut away the shock towers, the shock tower braces, strut rod brackets, and lower control arm mounts.

This should leave two large holes where the obnoxious towers were. And bare frame rails to work with (except for the remainder of the cut away mounts and brackets.)

I hope you did level the car up! Before you started, and marked everything as mentioned.

Now you have all this open space lets get to filling it. Measure the outside to outside of the Falcon (or Mustang/Fairlane) and the inside to inside of the M2 crossmember. The M2 is smaller, right? Trust me it is, so you've got to subtract the M2 dimension from the Falcon (or Mustang/Fairlane) dimension then divide the difference by two, the resulting number is what must be removed from each frame rail and boxed closed. So the M2 will slide up from the bottom. And you thought you'd never use the math you learned in school!

Just a little note here, if you want the front to set lower, you can trim down from the "A" arm/spring mount some. A word of caution, use extreme care, this may (will) result in oil pan mods.



Now, remember all those marks we made? Sure you do, well lets put them to use. Okay I'm sure there are other ways to do this but this is how I did it. First line up the axle/wheel centerlines, next line up the for and aft centerlines. Use the shock holes and the corner where the frame meets the radiator yolk, and measure diagonally first left to right then right to left, the legs of this X should be equal within 1/16".

Before you tac weld this baby together double-check everything and be sure the main rail of the M2 is level in both directions, and that the frame rails are level both directions. Everything is okay, right? Sure it is, cause you follow directions well!

Okay tac this baby in. Don't weld it solid yet; make sure you like the way everything fits before fully welding.

Here is the way I used to check the ride height; assemble the front without springs (I made a piece of threaded rod welded to a piece of 3/8" pipe to fit in place of the shock) the lower control arm should be level to the ground (control arm to control arm should be a straight line). This method will support a wheel tire combo or the car itself.



You will have to fabricate new frame engine mounts, adapt the steering to rack with after market U-joints and decide if your going to use strut rods. I used stock M2 strut rods modified to accept a 5/8" hiem joint, and fabricated mounting brackets from 3/16 steel flat bar. For frame to engine mounts use square tube and round tube for the bolt to go through,. The first I made from flat bar to use 63 V8 engine mounts, it works but for the big block I'll use tube. For steering I cut the stock steering shaft

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from the steering box (early Falcon), used a $\frac{3}{4}$ by $\frac{3}{4}$ u-joint a spacer shaft and a $\frac{3}{4}$ by 9/16 splined u-joint.

Use the 1974 to 1980 pinto, bobcat, or mustang crossmember, the earlier ones are somewhat different and after market custom parts are hard to find cheaply. Some of the early pintos came with a neat flexible cable from the steering shaft to the rack that can be used (so can the early crossmember. Done that in a Maverick & a "T" hot rod).

Falcons even FE powered ones are lighter than the donor car so you can use the stock 9" M2 brakes, I've had them stop a 9.48 second Maverick race car but for only one season.

Tools required to do the swap are sawzall, torch(optional), tape measure, levels (long and torpedo), square, and the old Mig welder. If you only have a buzz box it'll work, just use small rod and the proper heat range.

Have fun and work safely use safety glasses, gloves, work wise, and above all, "FEAR NOT" you can do this swap!

Article by Lee Salisbury -- gleaned from <http://www.stuart.iit.edu/students/2112/restoration/documents/M2frontend.doc> website. For questions regarding this swap please email Lee at clouddancer@attbi.com.

TECH TIP

LOOSE TACHOMETER HEAD -- 1963 Falcon Sprint

Loose tachometer heads and mounting plates have been encountered on 1963 Falcon Sprints built prior to May 1, 1963. The loose heads are caused by loss of torque of the adjusting screw and are usually found on vehicles without a crash pad. This can be corrected by the addition of an #8 tooth lockwasher as shown in Figure 1.

A loose mounting plate on a vehicle with a crash pad is caused by the compressibility of the crash pad material. This has been corrected by use of a spacer that will give solid support to the mounting plate.

Vehicles without crash pad can be corrected by: Adding one #8 tooth lock washer to the tachometer mounting bracket screw as in Figure 1. Ford Part Number 84902-S7 (internal) or 34951-S (external) countersunk lock washer will suffice.

Vehicle with crash pad can be corrected as follows:

1. Remove tachometer and mounting bracket.
2. Cut a $\frac{1}{4}$ " length of $\frac{3}{8}$ " O.D. copper tubing to be used as a spacer at rear mounting hole.
3. Cut out crash pad vinyl and foam around rear instrument panel hole to permit spacer to seat onto instrument panel metal.
4. Position mounting bracket so retaining screw can be installed from the left-hand side. Align spacer to rear mounting hole (hole farthest from windshield) and install bracket.
5. Attach tachometer head to mounting bracket using a #8 tooth lock washer as outlined for vehicles without crash pad. The #8-32 x $\frac{1}{2}$ flathead screw that holds tachometer head to bracket must be installed from left-hand side.

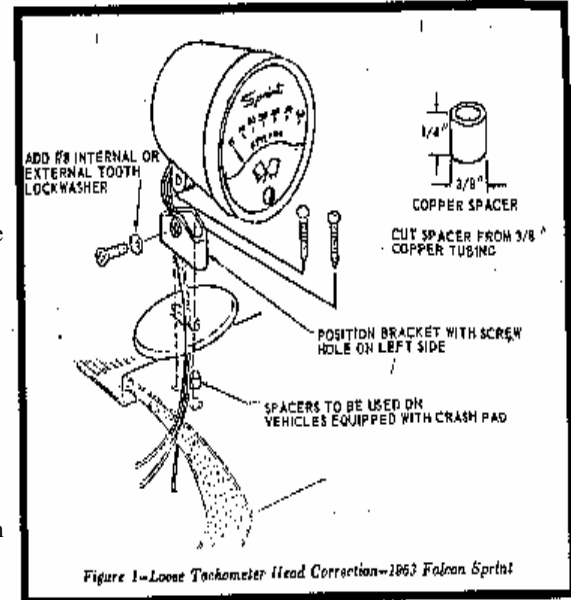


Figure 1-Loose Tachometer Head Correction-1963 Falcon Sprint



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