



# FALCON FLYER

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## FEATURE FALCON - THE APPLE CAR, A 64 FUTURA HARDTOP

To say that Troy and Barb Witt like Falcons is truly an understatement. They have been members of the national Falcon Club of America for many years, and they are among the founding members of the Northland Chapter of the club. In addition to being the local chapter's webmaster, Troy has held numerous officer positions. Both Troy and Barb were extremely instrumental in the success behind the 2007 FCA National Convention that the Northland Chapter hosted. They reside happily in Farmington, MN.



Like many of us, Troy got his start with a passion for cars thru his family. At one point, his dad owned eleven Cadillacs — most of them being the classic 1957 model. One day, his dad dragged home a

68 Falcon from the impound lot . . . and after that Troy was hooked. He has endless stories of the Falcons that he and Barb have owned over the years, some of which include a silver 64 convertible, a red 64 convertible, a 69 wagon, two 64 sedans, and a 65 sedan. Within this collection Troy has done a few 6 cylinder to V8 conversions. Of note within this collection, is a 62 sedan that Troy called his "Flintstone Car". The floors were so rusted out that he could use his feet as brakes. He loved taking that car mud bogging and getting the interior all muddy.

Another favorite of Troy's was a high performance 65 Futura Hardtop, he won a drag racing trophy at Rock Falls with that car, and got 19 mpg to boot. Troy and Barb have a large collection of parts accumulated from some of these cars, some of which will be used on the featured car.



Troy and Barb picked up "The Apple Car" from someone in Coon Rapids. The car is a very early build 64 model,

assembled in San Jose and spent most of its life in Nevada. Very unique features of this early model as noted by Troy include textured headliner, earlier style door panels, vinyl floor matting instead of carpet, and a console. It makes one wonder if this car wasn't part of an initial pilot run for 1964. Another unique feature is the tinted windows. When Troy started disassembling the car, the heater, dashboard, and



headliner were packed with petrified apples. Otherwise, the car is extremely solid. The floors are pretty solid, but a previous owner had installed sheet metal on top of the original floorboards, utilizing about 200 screws. Troy has since removed this metal, welded the sheet metal screw holes shut, and used Por-15 on the original floorboards, for a professional finish. Old school—new school high performance is the theme for this project.

From the old school, a 9 inch rear end with 4.11 Traction Loc gears, Lakewood traction bars, and a Toploader 4 speed will be used. Troy has added subframe connectors and will be doing a Shelby drop to the front suspension, including Granada disc brakes and Baer bump steer tie rods. To stiffen up the front end, a lower shock tower brace, Monte Carlo Bar, and updated export brace will be added. From the new school, Troy and Barb are hoping to utilize a 347 Stroker crate motor with either dual quad or six pack carburetor setup. Finishing off the project will be a black paint job, red interior, Thunderbolt hood, and Torque Thrust wheels.



Troy and Barb are also owners of a beautiful black 64 convertible that they have restored themselves to mainly



stock specifications. Troy's passion for Falcons goes beyond working on the cars. He's quite a talented artist, and has several of his classic Falcon originals hanging on the wall of his garage.



What a great project Troy and Barb, thanks for the interview and see you at future club events!

Article by: Scot Thayer

January 2010 Meeting Minutes

We had a full house at our first meeting of 2010, held at the Perkins in Bloomington on France Ave. In attendance was Scot Thayer, Mike & Toni Sullivan, Troy & Barb Witt, Pat & Susan Kehoe, Denny Martin, Joe & Marilyn Zakrzewski, Max & Sandy Green, Ralph & Amy Marquardt and a new member Rob Larson. Rob checked out our website and saw the upcoming meeting and decided to attend to find out what we were all about. By the end of the meeting, he joined the NCFCA.

Here are the talking points that Toni discussed: Per our Banquet vote, Toni has officially moved the club's banking to non-profit status at Wells Fargo and we have eliminated the PO Box to save on costs. The NCFCA caravan "Dash to Dearborn" was again open for discussion to all those whom are still interested in joining the group, we still have openings. We have extended the deadline to April 15th for those that still need time to make their decision. There is approximately 18 people that will be joining us on the Caravan. Ralph, Amy and Toni will be planning a food menu for each meal along the way until we get to Dearborn. If you would like to help plan just let any of us know. We discussed the breakfast meeting place at Perkins and many of us were less than impressed so we will be changing the November 20th meeting location from Perkins to Khoury's in Inver Grove. We will update the website to reflect this change so please change your calendars.

We also discussed an impromptu get together for a March trip to the Eagle Center in Wabasha. If you are interested please let either Mike or Toni know. We have created a Northland Falcons of FCA on Facebook and so far having a great response. The Yahoo Forum will still be used as well. Facebook allows us to schedule events immediately and reach the club quicker. We also discussed donating \$150 to the host club of the 2010 FCA Convention.

Here are the scheduled dates of NCFCA activities and events for 2010. Please see our club website for updated info as the scheduled events come closer.

**March 27, 2010 NCFCA Members Meeting For: Breakfast & Meeting**

Where: Khoury's Restaurant | 5660 Bishop Avenue East | Inver Grove Heights, MN  
Time: 9:00am til 11:00am

**May 15, 2010 NCFCA Season Opener "Tune-up Day" For: Pancake Breakfast & Tune-up**

Where: Toni & Mike Sullivan's House | 20730 Quentin Ave | Hastings, MN 55033  
Time: 8:00am? Bring the family, we need volunteers to bring tools, tune up equipment, etc

**July 13-18, 2010 FCA Nationals Convention, 31st Annual "Dash to Dearborn"**

Where: Dearborn, Michigan  
Many NCFCA members are planning to traveling in a group, plan to come along!

**September 18, 2010 NCFCA Fall Banquet For: Breakfast & Meeting**

Where: Champp's Americana | 2401 West 7th Street | Saint Paul, MN  
Time: To be announced

**November 20, 2010 NCFCA Members Meeting For: Breakfast & Meeting**

Where: Khoury's Restaurant | 5660 Bishop Avenue East | Inver Grove Heights, MN  
Time: 9:00am til 11:00am **THIS IS A LOCATION CHANGE!!!!**

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