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SOMETHING SPECIAL . . . VINCE VOIGHT'S 1963 FALCON SPRINT

A much younger Vince Voight knew he had acquired something special when he got his Colorado 1963 Falcon Sprint back around 1974 in exchange for a friend owing him \$300 (Wow!).

When he got the car, it was set up with a 260 V8 and three speed, so he quickly changed it to a 4 speed. As is typical with life, marriage and raising a family he put his beloved Falcon on the back burner, but he held on to it realizing the low production numbers would bring long term value to his acquisition.

Vince is the proud father of two boys, one girl, and grandpa to a brand new baby granddaughter. He resides in Lindstrom, MN and works as a route driver for Kellogg/Keebler, hoping to retire in a few years.

His Falcon had deteriorated from sitting over the years, so about 5 years ago one of Vince's boys talked him into restoring it. He decided to go for it, and acting as general contractor he had a hand in the major disassembly and oversight of new floorboards and quarter panels, body work, and rebuilding the engine .

. . . as well as careful reassembly that included a new interior kit. The result is a very, very nice car—well worth the years of holding on to it.

Vince has another Falcon in his stable as well . . . a 1961 four door that he picked up from a neighbor kid who was trying to hot rod it. Vince drove this car to the 2011 Annual Spring Tune-Up Event at the Sullivan's place. He had some mechanical difficulties on the way and discovered that there's no better destination to be having car problems than a car club meeting. The club had a ball rescuing Vince and his car and getting it running again.

Nice car Vince, thanks for the interview and great story, and see you at some future meets!



And Now a Message from our New President . . .

Greetings, after four fabulous years of NCFCA leadership by Toni Sullivan, I've gladly accepted the nomination as your new club president.

A little about myself . . . I am 52 years old . . . I am divorced . . . and **I live in a VAN DOWN BY THE RIVER!!**

Just kidding, but I do love that old Saturday Night Live skit . . . (LOL). Seriously, many of you already know me, but for the benefit of those who do not, I live in Cottage Grove and am the father of two grown daughters. I'm blessed with great employment at 3M Company as a non-degreed equipment design engineer. I've been a Falcon Club of America member since around 1990, and became active with our local chapter in late 2006 to help with the 2007 FCA National Meet that was held in Bloomington.

Our club has come a long way over the past four years:

- A. Doubling of membership numbers
- B. Legitimizing the club as a legal non profit organization
- C. The 2007 FCA National Convention
- D. Major website improvements
- E. Establishment of a newsletter (The Falcon Flyer)

- F. Streamlining of newsletter handling to email format
- G. Streamlining membership renewal process, resulting in membership dues cost reduction
- H. Watching the Sullivan family grow from curiosity into full blown car builders has been a ball. Everyone needs to experience a visit to their place.

A HUGE thanks to those of you who represent our club so well by spreading the word about it when you spot the random Falcon or Comet owner . . . great job! Also, many thanks to those of you who work behind the scenes supporting the club. VP Toni and I have been discussing some ideas for fun events . . . so stay tuned!

I'm going to take a line from Troy Witt and say that everyone brings something different and unique to this club—so if you have any ideas for club gatherings or events, just let me know – it's not my club – it's yours! It's all about the fun, friendships, and of course the cars!

My land line number is (651)458-1707. Thanks, and looking forward to seeing many of you again and meeting many of you as well!

Scot Thayer, NCFCA President



WRENCH IT TECH CLASS

Wrench It Tipz will change its status this year by becoming a Technical Hands-On Class.

Our chapter has many talented individuals that restore their car entirely on their own, always accepting the challenge of what they learn along the way. **Members . . . WE WANT YOU!!**

We are requesting assistance to help other members learn more about restoring their car. The classes will be held on-site at the Member's location.

Please Volunteer and contact m56sully@aol.com



MINUTES - OCTOBER MEETING

Attendees to the meeting @Blondies Tavern in Farmington were Max Green, Vince Voigt, Mike Conmy, Troy & Barb Witt, Patrick & Susan Kehoe, Ralph & Amy Marquardt, Bob & Patti Cajune, Rodney Smith, Scot Thayer, Mike & Toni Sullivan, Roger & Marva Rae Parks. In addition we had in attendance our new members to the club of Gary & Judy Dunn and Charley Peterfeso.

Topics reviewed were the 10th Anniversary of the Northland Falcon Chapter, 2011 Season, Membership Renewal, New Members, Events for 2012 Season, New Officers, Treasurer's Report and New Members. Gary & Judy Dunn of Cleveland, MN told their story of how they acquired a 64 Futura Convertible. FCA Nats are in Louisville, KY this year, more discussion on this as event approaches. We missed out on the neighborhood party at Rodney Smith's this past summer, maybe next year!

New Members as of this Falcon Flyer are Gary & Judy Dunn, Paul & Marta Hohnstadt, Tom Carney, Charlie & Jenna Peterfeso, Jim & Jennie Gorbunow, Mike & Sharon Bean.

New Officers were nominated and elected. Scot is now the President and Toni the VP. No one volunteered for the new 2 yr term, so they offered to swap titles. Patti retained the Treasurer, Troy the Webmaster and Mike is the Member Coordinator.

A Regional Event was suggested for the future and will be discussed further in 2012 depending on chapter volunteers and support. Membership Renewal will be emailed directly to each member this year to save money on postage - please make sure to fill out the form and mail back to the address on the card. For those members that do not have an email address, you will receive it in the mail.

Scheduled NCFCA Events in the coming months:

December 17th **Event: Winter Meeting**
Where: Sullivan House | 20730 Quentin Ave | Hastings, MN
Time: 8am til 12 noon

January 15, 2012 **Event: The 1968 Exhibit - Club Event**
Where: Minnesota History Center | 345 Kellogg Blvd W, St Paul
Time: 12 noon til 5pm Dinner after the tour exhibit @Great Waters Brewing Co
Address: 426 St Peter St | St Paul | www.greatwatersbc.com/location

March 11, 2012 **Event: Spring Meeting**
Where: TBD
Time: TBD

May 19, 2012 **Event: Tune Up Day Season Opener - Pancake Breakfast**
Where: Sullivan House | 20730 Quentin Ave | Hastings, MN
Time: 8am til 12 noon Sign up for use of the Lift Maintenance Rack



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