

FALCONS FOR FUN!

2001 FCA Convention

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This past July, Lois and I attended the 2001 FCA National Convention. The Convention was held on July 12-15, in Cromwell Connecticut. The Northeast Chapter hosted the Convention at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell.

First of all, a big congratulations is in order for the folks of the Northeast Chapter who made the Convention happen! With over 200 Falcons entered in the event, and about 500 persons registered for the show, hosting a national convention is no small feat! They did a great job!

At times, the weather was ominous due to dark clouds and the threat of thunderstorms. However, beautiful weather prevailed and rain was not a factor. I heard a lot about the humidity back east, but overall, the weather was exceptionally pleasant.



A Birdseye view of the Show.

Speaking of pleasant, I'm not sure I could find a better group of people than "Falcon" people. What a great bunch! It's like having a large extended family with a common background.

The Northeast Chapter and the Hotel had a great setup for the Convention. The hotel was mostly overrun with Falcon people. The entire upper level of the Hotel's parking structure was devoted to the Falcon show. The parking lot was a few steps from the Hotel rooms, and the swap meet was conveniently located along the route to the show field.



Falcon Fans doing what they do best--Having Fun!!!



Ye ole Swap Meet!

The quality of the Falcons at the national conventions continues to astound me. There were Falcons of all types



An ultra-rare 70.5 Falcon!

and conditions. I was particularly impressed with the number of 66-70 Falcons, and early Sedans, not to mention a lot of Sprints. Thinking back, I guess I was impressed with everything I saw.

A couple of optional tours were available including the Manchester Motor Car Company, Sturbridge Village, and EPA Replicars. These were all great tours for those who attended.

I highly recommend the Sturbridge Village should the opportunity arise. I would describe it as a living museum. Authentic and historic buildings are clustered together in an early 1800s village setting. A bank, sawmill, school, homes, and farm are just a few of the attractions. People dressed in clothing of the era host the exhibits, and are knowledgeable about their roles.

Lois and I also spent a few days in Boston. What a great American City! A word of warning to visitors of Boston. I



Yours Truly and the better half at Sturbridge Village.

pride myself on being able to negotiate
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Lots of late model Falcons were on hand for the show!

the streets of San Francisco, but I am no match to the drivers in Boston. I had a much more relaxing time after I parked my car and left the driving to somebody else!



Square Bodies galore...

The annual FCA business meeting had a few highlights. The "reader friendly" articles and bylaws were adopted,



Beautiful Round Bodies too...

standard car classes were accepted, and all members will soon be receiving a roster of the FCA membership. Look for details in the December issue of the [Falcon News](#).

For more information and photos regarding the 2001 FCA Convention, visit the Northeast Chapter's website at <http://users.bestweb.net/~heuy/2k1nats.htm>.



A MIGHTY BOSS WAS ON HAND FOR THE SHOW!

For those of you who could not attend the 2001 Convention, perhaps you will be able to make the 2002 FCA Convention.



One of my personal favorites--a HiPo 65 Falcon Sprint!

Lois and I were so glad to be able to share the Nationals experience with Ray & Cecilia Johnson, and Rosie Wilson.

Next year's convention will be hosted by the Music City Chapter in Nashville, Tennessee. I'm already making my plans for what I'm sure will be another outstanding convention. <end>



You could eat off the plate on top!



Lest we forget the wagons...Sorry Ranchero fans, but there were few there...

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