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**LOCKDOWN
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CLUB EVENTS for 2021

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Event</i>
Jun-21	Tuesday 15 Jun	Club Meeting – Seaton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	Sunday 27 Jun	Club Rego Day
Jul-21	Tuesday 20 Jul	Club Meeting – Seaton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	Sunday 25 Jul	Baron's Haus - Christmas in July Cancelled
Aug-21	Tuesday 17 Aug	AGM – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	Sunday 22 Aug	TBA
Sep-21	Tuesday 21 Sep	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	Sunday 19 Sep	TBA
Oct-21	Tuesday 19 Oct	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	Sunday 17 Oct	All Ford Day - Oakbank
Nov-21	Tuesday 16 Nov	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	Sunday ##	TBA
Dec-21	Tuesday 21 Dec	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
		Christmas Dinner - TBA
Jan-22	Wed 26 Jan	Australia Day Cruise - TBA
Feb-22	Tuesday 15 Feb	Club Meeting – Alberton Hotel, 7.30 pm
	Sat 19 Feb	30th Anniversary Dinner

See newsletter flyers for full details.

Club meetings are currently held on the **THIRD Tuesday** of each month

SEATON HOTEL

253 Tapleys Hill Rd, Seaton



Hi All,

Due to the lockdown, the Club had no choice but to cancel the meeting. Hopefully the lockdown is a short term thing so life can resume some sort of normality.

Assuming all is good, the August meeting and AGM will be held at the Alberton Hotel at 7.30pm on the 17th. Meals available beforehand.

Logbook stamping day went well so I'm currently compiling a list of non renewals to submit to the Rego Dept.

Don't forget 19 Feb 2022 for the 30th Anniversary of the Falcon GT Club of South Australia. It's a club funded event being held at the Hilton Hotel Adelaide with discounts available for anyone wanting to stay the night. If you haven't already let us know, contact us asap that you and partner wish to attend. This will help the organizers with the event.

Next meeting 17th August.

Stay safe,

Call me about anything,

Kind regards

Karl 0408351391



Greetings, to the LOCKDOWN edition of this fine Newsletter, coming to you from the COVID free environment of our stable.

This month, as a result of no meeting, there are no Minutes to publish. Not to worry, I still have something for you to read, as you stream your next movie or watch, how some snake oil salesman flogs a poor over worked mechanic, to restore some old bomb to like new, and sell for a profit, over and above just the cost of parts,...not including the labour costs that resurrected the rusty bomb to a showroom classic....whilst enjoying your unplanned holiday at home.....

This month, we enter a new and amazing world, when V8s returned to Aussie race tracks after Grp A, and Ford Australia thought it a real crazy idea to have a go at building a performance car,.. again..and not just rely on supplying the nations taxi fleet, to be driven by a person not long arrived into this country,.....trying to get you to your destination pre GPS,....and WTF is the internet?? I recall one instance myself, of having to direct a taxi driver,....ED or EL with 700,000+ km under it, to the MCG.....he asked where is that?! (*you could clearly see the light towers of the MCG from where we were*).

That is right, I will be looking into the 90's GTs everyone I know likes (*might just be myself..*) and how they came about. Performance of E Series cars, and there ability to go to the moon and back, even with a whinny diff and loose ball joints is legendary. With the XR models and the GT, Handling Option actually rang true with this breed of Falcon....I hope you enjoy the first of the new breed, the fabled EA GT (yes they did build one) and Jac Nasser, the new 'petrol head' CEO of Ford Australia, and his contribution to the Ford Performance story.

Till next month, hopefully out of LOCKDOWN,.....keep on Grand Touring,. but just in your garage....

Cheers.

Mr Ed



Pearl (30th) ANNIVERSARY Dinner

Perpetuating the Legendary **FALCON GT**

SATURDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2022 from 6:30pm



On the 11th of February 1992 the inaugural meeting of The Falcon **GT** Club of South Australia (FGTCSA) was held at the Naval Military Club on Hutt St in the city.

30 years on, the club is still very much active and committed to

‘Perpetuating the Legendary Falcon **GT’**

whilst providing an enjoyable social environment for **GT** owners & their families.

To mark this milestone achievement, the FGTCSA will host a special

30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

at the Hilton Hotel in the city just after our birth date.

This will be complimentary for all current full and associate members & partners (adults only please) & will include a dinner & drinks package, with a live band & dancing. Accommodation will be available at the Hilton at a special rate for those wishing to make it a complete night.

Dress to Impress.....drinks and dinner package from 6:30pm till midnight.



Please RSVP to:
admin@gtclubsa.com.au
Thank you
FGTCSA Committee



Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 17 August 2021

Seaton Hotel

NOMINATIONS

PRESIDENT (1 position to be filled)

- Karl Brown
- Peter Polson

VICE PRESIDENT (maximum of 2 positions to be filled)

- Peter Polson
- Rob Gibbons
- Tony Jordan

SECRETARY

- Michael Stavrides

TREASURER

- Graham (Gabby) Hayes

THERE ARE 2 NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT..

– VOTING WILL BE REQUIRED.

DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME, PETER POLSON MAY SEEK ELECTION AS VICE PRESIDENT, IN WHICH CASE VOTING MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED.

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

None proposed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sean Johnson to look after the website & internet platform of the club.

Life Membership Nomination – John Walters



Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 17 August 2021

Seaton Hotel

Nomination Form

Member name.....

Confirm Full Member: YES/NO

Note-Only Full Members have voting rights

NOMINATION for:

- PRESIDENT (1 position to be filled)

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- VICE PRESIDENT(maximum of 2 positions to be filled)

1.....

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- SECRETARY

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- TREASURER

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Note: If there are 2 (or more) nominations for a position a vote will occur.

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS –proposed:

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Life Membership

Nomination:.....



New Membership Application OR Existing Member Renewal Form for 2021/22

PERSONAL DETAILS (Tick appropriate box) **NEW MEMBER** **MEMBER RENEWAL**

(Single Member) SURNAME _____ FIRST NAME (S) _____
 (Joint Member) SURNAME _____ FIRST NAME (S) _____
 DATE OF BIRTH _____ OCCUPATION _____
 ADDRESS _____
 SUBURB/TOWN _____ POSTCODE _____
 PHONE AH: _____ WK: _____ MOB: _____
 FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

VEHICLE DETAILS

Genuine GT Owners **MUST** complete **EVERY** section of their application (new member OR renewal)
 The Falcon GT Club of SA Inc reserves the right to inspect genuine GT's for authenticity before granting membership.
 Tribute, Replica and other vehicle owners only required to provide general vehicle details as indicated by asterisk *

VEHICLE MAKE/MODEL * _____ MONTH/YEAR BUILT * _____
 REG NO:* _____ COLOUR * _____ PAINT CODE _____
 PREFIX NO: _____ MODEL NO: _____ ENGINE NO: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (Tick appropriate box) **Note: Only Full Members have voting rights**

- FULL MEMBER** (Genuine GT/South African GT owners only)
 ASSOCIATE MEMBER (Any other Ford manufactured vehicle)

JOINING FEE	\$20	\$ _____
Applies to all new members for first year only and previous members re-applying after membership lapse.		
MEMBERSHIP FEE		
Single	\$65 (OR)	_____
Joint	\$85	\$ _____
Annual payment due by 1 st July each year or no later than 30 days after Annual General Meeting or membership will lapse.		
HISTORIC REGISTRATION <i>Membership must be maintained during the duration of vehicles conditional registration. Log book will not be renewed if there is any lapse in FGTCSA membership.</i>		
FGTCSA member less than one year	\$75	\$ _____
FGTCSA member one year or more (\$20 per vehicle)	\$20 X <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
All vehicle owners must be current financial members.		
Joint owners must also be current financial members.		
	TOTAL	\$ _____

Direct Deposit to BSB 325185 Account 03227159 Falcon GT Club of SA. Enter your Member Number in description if an existing Member or Surname for New Members. Then mail signed form to address below, or email to secretary@gtclubsa.com.au

Please make Cheques/Money Orders (no cash) payable to: **Falcon GT Club of SA Inc**
 Post this form with appropriate fees to: The Secretary Falcon GT Club of SA Inc. PO Box 289 Kent Town SA 5071

INDEMNITY
I agree to abide by the constitution of the Falcon GT Club of South Australia Inc. and release the FGTCSA Inc. from any liability, either personal or property.

Signed _____ Date _____ Membership No _____

OFFICE USE ONLY: Amount Paid \$ _____ Receipt No: _____ Membership No: _____ Ben (21/22) V1



THE SECOND COMING.....

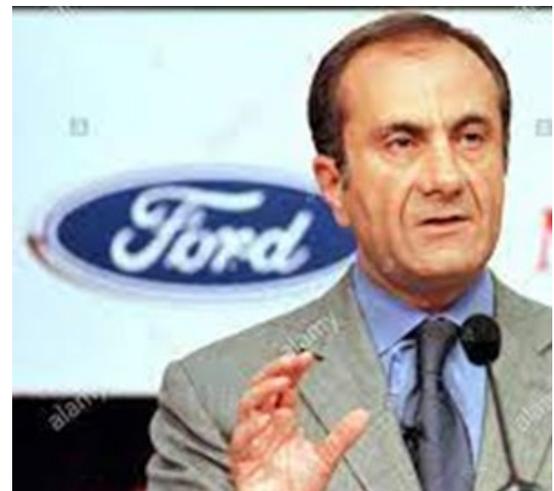
With the release of the EA Falcon in 1988, immediate attention was directed to the more brisk versions of Ford's new 6 cylinder 3.9L OHC engines. The 3.9L Multi Point Injected engine was 'the gun' motor in the range, with 139kw, and proved so with many motoring magazines praising its ability to scare Brock Commodores of past days. Brocky even built and marketed a performance EA Falcon when he finally saw the light, driving and endorsing what will become an enduring brand.....still here!

The interest in High Performance Falcons from Brocky, Dick Johnson, Mick Webb (all creating their own hot EAs) and the public sparked interest in the dormant corridors of Ford Australia, put to sleep on the success of XF Falcon Taxis and fleet sales. 'Win on Sunday, Sell on Monday' was no longer the push from marketing with motor racing a foot note in the past,.....except, a change in direction in 1989, a new CEO arrived. A man who had worked at Ford Australia from a Financial Analyst to the big chair in the corner office at Broadmeadows....Jac Nasser. He was also something Ford Australia desperately needed, another 'Petrol Head' in charge, in the footsteps of Bill Burke.

In 1990, after scoping the landscape of Mick Webb SVO Falcons, Brock's and Dick's efforts, as well as many other secondary manufacturers hoping for some blue oval endorsement for their hot EAs, Jac Nasser tasked Ford Australia's engineers to create a heavily modified EA Falcon prototype. His goal, to bring back a halo car to the range with a revived Falcon GT.

His vision was for a 351 powered EA Falcon.....something the car was not originally designed to accept into its engine bay, with performance to rival HSV. Powered by a 5.8 litre (351 cubic inch) Windsor V8 with an estimated power figure of 215kw, the EA GT would drive through a 5 speed manual transmission and be equipped with a limited slip differential, with race prepared suspension to give it the handling to match its acceleration.

A white EA Falcon S was taken off the line and dispatched to the US of A to see what could be achieved. Jack Roush Engineering was commissioned to see if a 351 Windsor would even fit in the EA's tight engine bay, as well as turn it into a 'Lion Slayer'. The Windsor fit (just) and the EA 351 V8 was born.





The EA 351 received a splash of red paint, courtesy of Mr Roush, before returning to Australia for local testing and evaluation, as Jac's company car, (*familiar story there..Ed*); however, the project was axed before the car reached production. It would have required a crash test to meet ADR as a V8 Falcon. The cost of bringing a totally new engine to the EA production line for a single, expensive, low volume model, sadly, could not be justified. We just had to be patient and wait for the EB...for the EA GT, the future looked to end at the crusher, however....

The EA GTs future was not the crusher, but a make over, with a Wayne Draper designed body kit, a lick of metallic blue paint (except the engine bay, remained red) and 351 GT proudly across its flanks. EA 351 GT Concept was put on display to gauge public reaction on the local Motor Show circuit. I still recall seeing the Blue Beast rotating in the middle of the Ford Australia stand at the Melbourne International Motor Show....the reaction to seeing 351 and GT on a Falcon was overwhelming to me at the time,...and I recall yearning for a production car to follow. For the EA.....not so, but the EB, that is a different story.

The EA 351-GT was tested by the elite motoring mags (*Wheels, Motor or Modern Motor?*) who acknowledged the fact it was a concept and a thoroughly tested evaluation vehicle (THRASHED!). After years of neglect, the EA 351 GT was restored in 1999 by students at the Gordon Institute of TAFE in Geelong and displayed at Ford's Discovery Centre, till that closed. It still remains with Ford Australia, and possibly, still in Geelong, ready for another future as evidence of Ford Australia's performance heritage. 12



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Celebrate

50th Anniversary of the Phase III GTHO



“Back to Broadmeadows”



Sunday 31st October 2021

(save the date)

- Ex-Ford Broadmeadows Site, Campbellfield
- Entry open to all genuine classic & modern era Falcon GT/GTHO models
- Aspirational target of 351 genuine Falcon GTs, including but not limited to 50 genuine Phase III GTHOs in a Phase III 50th Anniversary themed indoor setting. ***The most Phase III GTHOs in one place since 1971.***
NB: We already have 28 Phase III GTHOs and 75 other GT/GTHOs committed to this event.
- This is not a vehicle judging event. It is a participation event.
- Phase III GTHOs receive 50th Anniversary commemorative item/s, tba.
- All participating GTs receive some memento.
- Vehicles must be entered prior to the event. No roll-up on the day.
- The event will be open to the public via gate admission.
- Covid-safe operating plan will be in place.
- Enjoy all Melbourne has to offer during this Melbourne Cup weekend
- The enthusiasm of Leo Khouri and David Frake to ensure the Phase III 50th Anniversary was celebrated in 2021 became the catalyst for this event.
- Special mention of FGTCov President Rick Beales' valued input to the concept.

Pelligra

The use of this iconic site was made possible through the generous support of Mr. Ross Pelligra of Pelligra Group and Nathan Minicozzi of **citinova**.
Thank you to Ross and Nathan and your teams.

Further event information, including entry process, will follow.
In the interim, please express your interest in participating in the event either with your genuine Phase III GTHO & other genuine GT/GTHO models, or as a sponsor or trade stall holder, by email to: David Watts



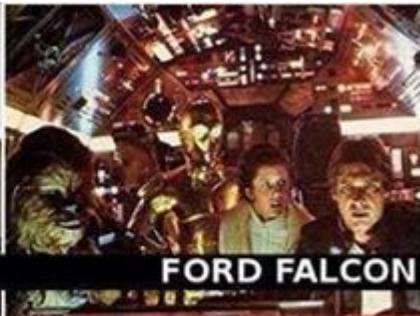
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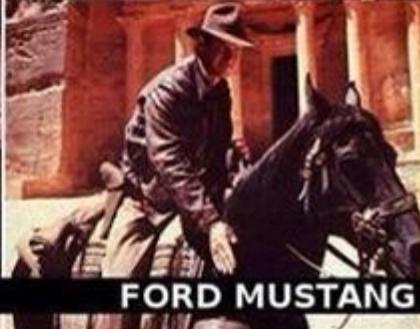
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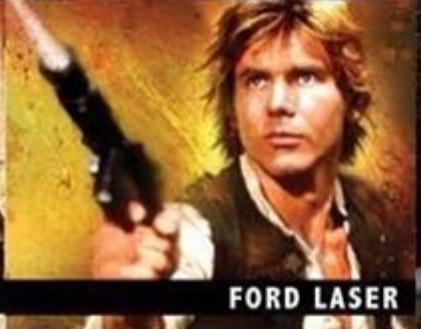
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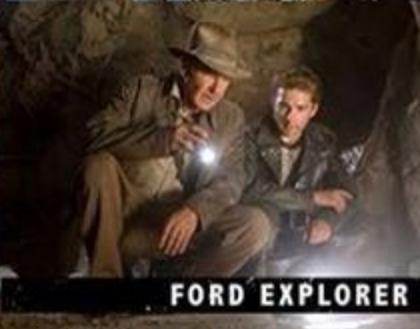
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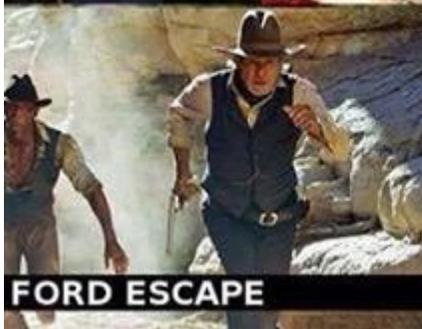
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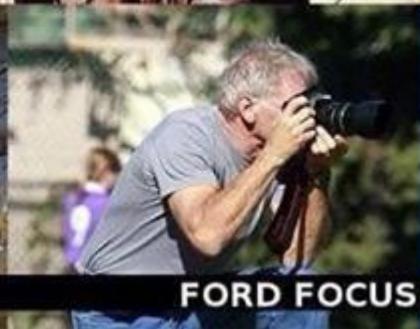
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