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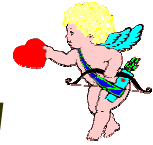
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Spring is on the Way



I've been thinking about the arrival of spring. The weather warms and spirits brighten, we feel the need to get the car out and shine her up, cruise-ins start. I'm sure all of us are anxious to start getting our cars ready for the cruising season. I have been trying to get in the garage to complete some tasks on Agnes (my 62 Comet Sedan), but even with the heater I can't work too long because the floor doesn't get warm enough.

This has been a long winter it seems. First the weather turned cold in mid December. Not too bad but with the holidays approaching –no time to work on the car. Then the New Year came and the weather got much colder. The heater doesn't work as well as I remember from last year and I can't stand to stay out there for as long as I like. Man I hope the weather changes soon. I can't wait for spring.

I get excited when I think about getting Agnes out on the road. Maybe I can get her running well enough to get to Charlotte in April. Definitely gonna make it to PA at the end of May. All the local cruise-ins will be having a visit from the wife and Agnes and me. We'll be one of the only Comets around; maybe the only one.

Come on Spring

EVENTS

Comet East will have a presence at three events this spring and maybe more.

Charlotte Auto Fair
Loews Motor Speedway
April 3-6, 2003
Contact Bill Adams for more info.
billadams100@hotmail.com
Phone: 803-765-1461

Columbus Spring Swap
Ohio Expo Center
April 5-6, 2003
Pete Girard will be there along with over 1400 other Ford parts vendors. See their website for more details www.springswap.com

All Ford Nationals
Carlisle, PA
May 30-June 1, 2003
This will be the big Comet East event. Judging by event organizers and separately by Comet East. Trophies or Plaques will be awarded. Comet East will have a meeting at the tent that weekend. Plan on being asked to vote on by-laws and other organizational questions. I expect the club to formally organize and become an incorporated non-profit club. For more information on the Carlisle event visit: www.carsatcarlisle.com

I will be attending the Ford 100-Year Celebration June 12-16, 2003 in Dearborn, MI and IMOA annual meet at the same time in Livonia, MI

Dick Harrington
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of Delhi, NY has suggested that some of you may want to attend the Syracuse Nationals in Syracuse, NY July 18-20, 2003
www.rightcoastcars.com

If any of you have regional events that you would like to promote send me the info and I'll get it out in the next newsletter



Crusin Comets

Some members rides and the stories behind them

Tim Morley's First Comet

By Tim Morley



Tim Morley's 1965 202

I was very lucky acquiring my first Comet! I had [owned] Falcons in the past in high school but on yahoo auctions I spotted a 65' 202 that I liked immediately! It was in Oklahoma! However the person was honest and actually delivered the car to me himself! I loved it immediately! Even though I am now severely disabled, I

still have the same interest that I had before I was hurt. Even though I can't work or drive the car, I can say that I own one! Since then I have went on and bought a 63' S-22. But I have spent most of my time and money making sure the 65 was in the best shape I could get it in. I am very pleased with it and it is nice to show off! That's how I became interested in Comets and getting Comet East started.

Dick Harrington's 65 Cyclone

By Dick Harrington



Dick Harrington's "Green Comet"

discouraged when I found an ad on the Internet for a 1965 Comet 2dr Hardtop (by now, I had opened my search criteria to 1963-65 Comet/Falcon 2dr hardtops also had to be V-8 & 4-speed). The car was in Buffalo, NY, about a 6-hour drive. Best of all, if I bought it the owner would let me drive it home with his plates. My wife and I drove out and it was love at first sight. Not perfect, but much potential. What a glorious return home, we avoided the NYS Thruway and drove along State Route 104 that parallels lake Ontario. The "Green Comet" ran beautifully and it was a drive through my childhood past. The "Green Comet" started life in Tennessee as a Caliente, V-8 3-speed, silver blue with a white roof. John (who I bought it from) found it sitting in a yard (15-years) and bought it with the intent of making a replica 65 A/FX Once having it back in Buffalo, the car was in such good shape body wise that he did not have the heart to cut it up. So he had a new custom interior and a new paint job (1992 Lincoln Deep Jewel Green). He also removed much of the exterior trim and converted the 3-speed to a 4-speed Toploader with a vintage Hurst shifter. John began to add Cyclone badging (grill, horn ring, inside door emblems, hubcaps, rear fascia). A fiberglass A/FX hood was his crowning glory to the car. Surprisingly the engine was left stock other than dual exhausts and glass packs (ugh!). The first thing done was to add a Ford Cobra aluminum hi-rise intake manifold and Ford 4100 4 barrel carb. The original throttle linkage

did not work well, so a Granada cable gas pedal was installed. Over the first winter, I added a Granada disc brakes and a Geo power brake booster, while having the suspension removed, all new polyurethane bushing were added along with a 1" Granada sway bar. Ford Hi-po exhaust manifolds were installed (a lot of work) and a new dual exhaust system (Summit turbo mufflers, nice!) was added. With the exterior engine upgrades, it made sense to go over the insides a little. A mild Crane cam and lifter set along with a new double roller timing chain were added. While inside the engine, new valve stem seals and roller tipped rockers were installed. The Granada gas pedal conversion left a hole in the carpet where the old pedal screwed to the floor, so the carpet was replaced. This winter, the project is converting from a bench seat to bucket seats. A set of 63 Falcon buckets were found and recovered with a new reproduction Cyclone covers including covering the original back seat. A correct console was found on ebay and that led to finding the rear quarter Cyclone emblem and flags. There are no other plans at this point except for cruising. Wait, maybe a nice jet-black clearcoat finish and a new name, Blackie!

On July 4th weekend, 2001, the "Green Comet" came into our possession. After finishing paying for college tuition for my youngest, it was time for me to re-capture my [youth] (sound familiar?). My first car was a black 1963 Falcon Sprint hardtop that a local ford dealer (Reynolds Ford, Syracuse, NY) had modified, drag raced and then sold off. I was the third owner. We became inseparable, until age and rust forced a trade (as we all know "big mistake"). Anyway, it was time to find a suitable replacement. I spent months searching ebay, Hemmings and Autotrader as well as any other Internet sites and for sale mags. I Thought I found what I wanted and a friend and I went to get it. Not as described, wasted trip! Many phone calls ended with "sold already". It seemed all the good cars were on the other West Coast. I was getting



All Ford Nationals Registration

Carlisle, PA May 30-June 1, 2003

To register and/or be eligible for Comet East Awards

MAIL THIS FORM TO:

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Woods Landing Apt # 111
Damascus, VA. 24236

Name _____

Street/P.O. Box #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ email _____

CAR INFORMATION:

Year: _____ Color: _____ Body style: _____

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Comet East will have a tent at F62-63.

Please stop by and get the low down on where and when Comet East events will be happening

For more information Contact Tim Morley at: tmorley6@hotmail.com

Or by phone at: 276-475-5336

You don't need a Comet to join (but it is more fun that way)

Donations

I would like to thank the following people who have contributed to the Comet East Organizational Fund:

- Joe Wall of Goodlettsville, TN
- Tim Morley of Damascus, VA
- Tom Wooley of Louisville, KY

Money donated to this Fund will be used to promote and organize Comet East into an Incorporated, non-profit, car club.

Donations May be sent to:

Comet East
110 S Hite Ave
Louisville, KY 40206

Paid Advertising

A vendor has asked me if I will accept paid advertising. I am unsure as to the propriety of this in light of the fact that we are not yet incorporated. If anyone wants to weigh in on the matter I am willing to consider all opinions and suggestions. My main concern is of course legal and especially with respect to the IRS. I am covering new

ground here, and am not sure of my footing. Can and/or should Comet East accept paid advertising in the newsletter?

E-mail me at: cometeast@insightbb.com
make the subject newsletter-pd ads

I'll take all opinions and suggestions under advisement, and let the club know the consensus, and any legal advise I get.

Classified Ads

The question of classified ads has come up. I haven't received any requests to include classified advertising in the newsletter, although someone asked if I do. If members want to send me short ads I will include them here, subject to the following rules:

- One ad per member per issue
- 50 word limit with correct punctuation and capitalization
- Specify category as 1-Car for sale; 2-parts for sale; 3-Car wanted to buy; 4-parts wanted to buy
- You must include contact information including City & State

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