

The Fan-atic Flyer

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Prime Time Players

Prime time, prime time, prime time.

Get ready Fan-atics, the Atlanta Falcons are going to be all over prime time television this year. With one of the most prestigious schedules in team history, the Atlanta Falcons will be soaring through television throughout the United States.

The season starts Saturday, August 6th as the Atlanta Falcons take on the Indianapolis Colts in Tokyo. Ok so 5 am on a Saturday morning isn't actually prime time but it is a start. There are plenty other prime time games this season starting with the season opener at the Georgia Dome when the Falcons take on the Philadelphia Eagles.

None of this is news to you. You are all aware of the three Monday night games and the Thanksgiving Day game so you may be asking yourself why I am making a big deal about something that is

readily known. Well I am glad you asked.

Many of you have been Falcon fans for many years. Now honestly, how many of you ever thought that the Falcons would be as hot of a ticket as they are now? How many of you ever thought that there would be long waiting lists for season tickets? I know many you wished it could be true but probably never really



believed it. I know I didn't. (I may be the only one but I will admit this as the honest truth.)

Well now these things are starting to happen. And another feather (pardon the pun) in the Falcon's cap is the validation that the NFL and the television networks are giving the Falcons with this year's schedule.

Some will say that the added attention is all because of Michael Vick. I wholeheartedly disagree. Granted Vick is a tremendous

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Tailgate Grill Stolen

Those of you who come to the tailgates at the games have seen the big trailer grill that we use to cook up the delicious edibles that we serve at each tailgate.

The food is given to people who make a \$5 donation to our charity work. We raise a lot of money during the football season by providing food for donations. This money has gone to such events like the pizza parties at the Childrens' Hospitals in the Atlanta area as well as making donations to several worthwhile Atlanta charities like the Tommy Nobis Center, Atlanta Food Bank and others.

Unfortunately, the grill was stolen a few weeks ago. As you all know, the season is approaching really fast. We discussed this issue at the Annual Fan-atics Banquet and it was suggested that we notify the club in whole about the loss.

To replace this grill, we will need to spend at a minimum so far of \$1,700. That is a big hit in the funds that are used for our charity work. That said, we are asking you in the spirit of being a Falcon Fan-atic and knowing the works as a club we try to do and knowing that a financial hit of this magnitude will greatly hamper our ability to do these works that you make a small donation to a fund that will be designated for replacing the grill.

If you are interested, please make a check payable to the Falcon Fan-atics and send it to Joe Cooper, 301 Meadow Lane, Auburn, GA 30011.

Please put Grill in the For section of the check.

The money raised will only be used in the purchase of a new grill for tailgating. Remember the less money we have to take out of our operating budget, the more money we are able to put to work in our charitable activities.

Annual Banquet

July 23rd was the date for this year's Annual Fan-atic Banquet. It was a time prior to the season that Fan-atics could get together and socialize prior to the start of the 2005 season.

The food was great and the socializing was flowing as we met at the Emerald Pointe Resort on Lake Lanier Islands.

The menu included grilled New York Strip steaks and grilled chicken and several comments on how good the food was could be heard.

As an added treat, 4 Atlanta Falcon Cheerleaders came to the banquet and performed a couple of routines and accepted a \$400 donation to the Woman;s Center in appreciation for the efforts in assisting us in our Children Hospital pizza parties.

A silent auction was held which raised over \$800. Special thanks go out to Selinda Mahan, Ray Brown, and Larry Winter for making donations of items for the silent auction. Items included autographed footballs signed by Michael Vick, Rod Coleman, Allen Rossum, and Tommy Nobis. There was also a mini helmet signed by

both Tommy Nobis and Keith Brooking.

The annual banquet is always a great time so if you missed it this year, please plan on attending next year's banquet.

Trip Update

Here is a trip update or should I say the lack of an update for planned trips this year.

Carolina – Tickets were sold out prior to going on sale to general public.

New Orleans – Tickets are sold out for groups. Individual tickets are still available but a \$50 surcharge is added to each ticket.

Tampa Bay – Group tickets are sold out.

As you can see, trips are going to be hard to come by. We do have a member that owns a busline that has packages available that we could use to go on the trips. If interest is still there, please email me at falcon_fanatics.com and I will speak with Allen Dorfman about availability to the above games.

Moving/Change of Address or E-mail

If any member has a change of address or e-mail or is planning to have a change of address, please let Joe Cooper at falcon_fanatics.com know so he can update the records so that he can make sure you continue to get your newsletter. Thank you.

August's Fan-atic's Meeting

We will have a meeting in August and it will be at Corky's near Gwinnett Place Mall on August 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Topics of discussion will include planning this year's tailgate, situation about the grill and financial goals and objectives for the upcoming season.

Directions to Corky's: Phone Number: 770-564-8666

From I-85N

- I-85N to Exit 104 (Pleasant Hill Road).
- Take a right and proceed approx. 6/10th of a mile.

- Turn right onto Sweetwater Road.
- Corky's will be on the right

From I-85S

- I-85S to Exit 104 (Pleasant Hill Road).
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It's That Time Again

It's August and you know what that means? Probably not but you may recall that we did not collect yearly dues in April this year. It's time to renew your membership in the Falcon Fanatics. The renewal period was changed

to be closer in the season and more inline with when we get new members in order to prevent the administration nightmare that comes along with most new memberships occurring during the season.

Cut out the application below and mail it with a check to the address indicated or go to the web and access www.atlantafalcons.com to complete the online registration and pay your dues with a credit card.

Deadline for renewal will be August 31st.

Don't miss out on being a member of one of the best fan clubs in the NFL.

Membership Application

New Member: _____ Renewal: _____

Please print

Name(s) of Applicant(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Falcon Season Ticket Holder: _____ YES _____ NO

Membership fees:

\$24.00 Individual investment per year for United States Mailing Addresses - \$90 for a family of four (USD)

of Memberships _____

Indicate your T-shirt size: (T-shirts are \$5.00 each)

S or M L XL XXL XXXL

If you wish a golf shirt (red, white or black), there will be an extra cost for members

(Golf shirts are: S,M,L or XL \$29.00 each - XXL is \$31.00 each - XXXL is \$32.00 each)

Please indicate your color choice with the following designation: WHITE (W), BLACK (B) or RED (R) when making your selection. Please clearly indicate your requested size and quantity

If you would like to serve on a committee (circle): Telephone Membership Volunteer Tailgate Special Events

International membership dues are \$30 for individuals, \$90 for family of four (\$UD)

Please mail this form to Falcon Fanatics, Inc., P.O. Box 7117, Marietta, Georgia, 30065-1117

draw. I believe it is much, much more than this. We have a very dynamic team composed of young and veteran talent and with a thirst for winning. We have a very dynamic young head coach that has a thirst for winning. We have a very dynamic, savvy GM who has a thirst for winning and we have a very dynamic owner with a thirst for winning.

So the 2005 campaign will be seen by the United States as the Falcons become an elite team instead of a laughing stock team and as the fans turn people's notion that Atlanta is not a football town into the thinking that the fans of the Atlanta Falcons are some of the best in the country.

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