



# The Fan-atic



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### Anticipation

Webster's Dictionary defines anticipation as the act of looking forward; *especially* : pleasurable expectation. Many fans I have spoken to are looking forward to the new season of the Atlanta Falcons.

But are they looking forward to the season with a pleasurable expectation? When asked, most answered with a wait and see attitude. Who can blame them? Many times in the past, fans have anticipated an upcoming season with pleasurable expectations only to have their expectations to be crushed within 5 weeks of the season.

As fans should we be anticipating this new season? I believe the answer to that is a resounding yes. Many things have occurred during this off-season that has made this upcoming season one to look forward to.

I am looking forward to the Fan-atics tailgates. Sharing time with fellow fans and friends before games. Meeting new friends as they come to Atlanta for the first time to see the Falcons. I am looking forward to the great tailgate food and drinks.

All that is great, but as usual it all boils down to the game and how the team performs.

I still am looking forward to the team playing. I am looking forward to seeing the new personnel that the Falcons have brought together.

I am looking forward to seeing Michael Vick lead this team this year as he returns as the Falcon's starting quarterback. I am looking forward to see if there has been some improvement in the passing game

I am looking forward to Warrick Dunn's versatility. I am looking forward to his explosiveness. I can't wait to see him line up behind Vick or out in the slot. I am looking forward to the headaches these two are going to give defenses this year.

I am looking forward to seeing the revamped defense and the intense pass rush that John Abram and Patrick Kerney are going to bring and seeing wide receivers from opposing teams frustrated as D. Hall and Jimmy Williams shut them down.

Overall, I see that there are many things to be excited about. In the true sense of the definition of anticipation, I am anticipating this season. Are you?

# 2006 Falcon Fanatics Lake Lanier House Boat Trip

Just want to say the boat trip was great! ☺ We had the perfect host and hostess Brady & Mary Battle, with Shannon & Jack



Captain Brady not at the helm



Frank and Mary

Joe Cooper made the best burgers & dogs on the grill on top of the 100ft house boat deck. The food prep from our hostess was beautiful. What a great casual day it was.

We met at 2 pm and left the dock at 3pm headed out to an island I could probably find if I had to. The trip on top of the house boat to where we beached was grand. Wind in our hair, sun on our faces

and a couple of fanatics enjoyed the hot tub while we sailed. It felt like a cruise, and so it was.

Once we beached and set the anchor on a nice sand beach front, which was quiet and out of the way, we jumped in and swam around and enjoyed the cool water and the afternoon. Selinda and Dan Mahan joined us, how they found us on this big lake surprised me. But good eyes and good navigation ability made it possible for us to have a good visit with them.

It was good that they came with their boat, because in Georgia on a lake the rain must fall and of course with high winds and lightening to boot. About the time we were going to move back to the dock the winds shifted and we were in danger of running aground since the anchor was set on one side of the boat and when the wind shifted the rope went slack and I figured that we were only 15 ft from a long night on the beach.

But with the heroic effort of our host Brady and his crew Jack and Dan and his powerful boat but we were towed out to safer waters.

Going back to the dock was exciting too! The bad storm was moving in fast, but we made it in to safe harbor minutes before the higher winds and lightening hit. We enjoyed the electric storm and all that Mother Nature could throw at us. Even some of our party hit the deck when the bolts of lightening struck mere yards from the house boat.

Wow! What a great time we all had, my special thanks to

our host for the great afternoon on Lake Lanier. I hope that we make them honorary members of the Fanatics.

My only wish could have been that we had our whole club membership there to enjoy it. But of all that they did spend time with us and it was a great event and I hope Brady and Mary invite us out next year too.

PS I need more pictures of our outing to the lake; I had too much fun and didn't get enough pictures. Please send to [chuck at cruffino@charter.net](mailto:chuck@cruffino@charter.net) if you have any extras.

## August Fan-atic's Meeting

We will have a meeting in April and it will be at Corky's near Gwinnett Place Mall on August 8th at 7:00 p.m.

**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. 6/10<sup>th</sup> 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).
- Take a left and proceed approx. 6/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile.
- Turn right onto Sweetwater Road.

Joe's Crab Shack will be on the right

# Membership Renewals

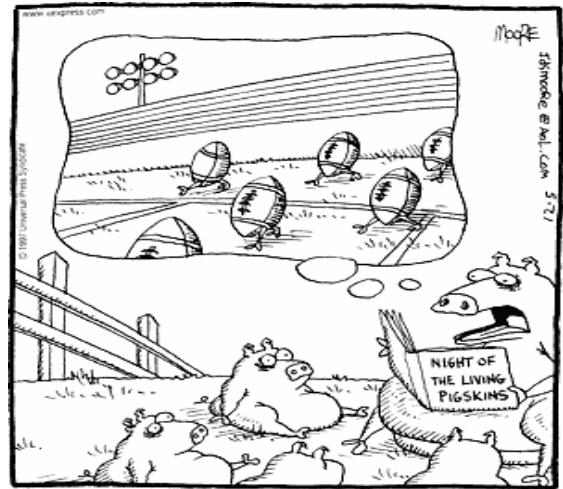
It's that time again. Time to send in your yearly renewals.

The club is still at work not only rooting for the Falcons but continuing our efforts to raise money for Atlanta charities and to give back to the community. And the club needs you to be a part of the organization and to help those less fortunate than us.

Please fill out and return the application at the bottom of this page along with your dues to the address on the application.

I would also like to ask that you have a little patience this year with the t-shirt distribution. The membership coordinator is hard at work trying to send out all of the t-shirts to our many members.

Thanks again for renewing your membership to the Falcon Fan-atics. Let's gear up for another exciting season with our beloved birds of prey.



"An eery 'oink, oooink' echoed across the stadium as they crept out of the equipment room on a bloodthirsty quest for revenge."



## Falcon Fanatics Membership Application

### Member Information:

New member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print

Name(s) of Applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

HomePhone: \_\_\_\_\_ WorkPhone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Falcon Season Ticket Holder:  Yes  No

Age Group: (circle)

Under 12 13-20 21-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-70 Over 70

If you would like to serve on a committee, please indicate which committee you are interested in by circling the name:

Telephone      Membership      Volunteer      Tailgate      Special Events

### Membership:

\$24.00 Individual investment per year for United States Mailing Addresses

International Mailing Address is \$30.00 for individuals, \$90 for a family of four (USD) New members prorated annual fee, contact membership chairman. [chuckruffino@falconfanatics.com](mailto:chuckruffino@falconfanatics.com) 678-472-2616

How many are joining using this application? \_\_\_\_\_

### Extra Member Items:

There is an extra charge for t-shirts and golf shirts:

Indicate your T-shirt size and quantity requested: \_\_\_\_\_ (T-shirts are red; \$5.00 each per membership, \$10 for extras)

S or M      L      XL      XXL      XXXL

Indicate your Golf shirt size and quantity requested:

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

You can order multiple sizes and colors:

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 & color:

S or M      L      XL      XXL      XXXL  
(W) (B) (R)      (W) (B) (R)      (W) (B) (R)      (W) (B) (R)      (W) (B) (R)

### Payment Information:

Please make your check out to: "Falcon Fanatics, Inc."

Amount enclosed: Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** We accept the following Credit Cards with on-line applications only.



Please print and complete this membership form, enclosed your payment and send to:

Falcon Fanatics, Inc.  
P.O. Box 7117  
Marietta, Georgia, 30065-1117  
USA

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## Face to Face at the ESPN Zone

Wow, getting to see the players up close, what a rush!



Autographs, pictures, questions asked, possibly seen on TV and free game tickets and Falcon stuff if you know Falcon Facts, front row table all for the price of going out for dinner or a snack at Buckhead's famous ESPN ZONE restaurant. Priceless!

WXIA Channel 11 produces a show once a week, usually on a Tuesday or Thursday evening from 7 to 8:30pm. One first string player attends the taping, mostly to interview with Fred Kalil & Roger Manus. Audience questions and cheerleaders help host the show. The tapings started three weeks ago and went on break for the training camp and will start back up August 29<sup>th</sup>.

First show starts airing the first week of the season on a Saturday evening.

If interested, we reserve a table one to two days in advance. Call Chuck Ruffino at 678-472-2616 or email him at [cruffino@charter.net](mailto:cruffino@charter.net). So come out and show your spirit and have a good time. First show starts airing the first week of the season on a Saturday evening.

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