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Hello there. It was decided to change the President's message to a Vice-President's message for this issue. I hate to start my first message on a sad note, but Albert Davis passed away in mid-October. Albert was a good friend and always there to help. Please keep Janis and his family in your thoughts and prayers. On another note, I am happy to say that the chapter has a new Secretary. Linda Wisser has volunteered to do the job. I know Linda will do a great job. Also, I would like to congratulate our Editors Kevin and Lauren Gabel on their recent marriage. The chapter held its last meet of the year on October 18, 2008 at L.B. Smith Ford in Le-moyne, PA. Both the weather and the turnout were good. Phil Barber and Carl Henderson of the Mason-Dixon chapter were there, and at the chapter meeting they informed us about the 2009 National Convention in Dover, DE. It sounds great. Let's show them our support and get our registrations in early. Our first meet of 2009 will be our Cabin Fever Meet at Kaufman's chicken. The exact date is not known at this time, but it is usually in late February. Look for more information in the first newsletter of 2009. Well, as I look out the window and see the leaves falling from the trees, it tells me that the year is slowly coming to an end. Old man winter will soon be here. To end, I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and have a great *Falcon* New Year!



CAR SELECTOR
THE FORD FALCONS

FALCON FORDOR SEDAN

Four-door fans will welcome this model. It's a natural for people who'll be carrying lots of friends or family, and who want the convenience, economy and distinction of driving the New-size Ford, the Falcon. Color shown is Mustanglike Green.



THE FORD FALCONS
Easiest cars in the world to own

The 1960 Ford Falcon was designed to give you more absolute car per dollar than any other car on the market. With its low initial price, its up-to-30-miles-per-gallon economy, its fine comfort for six, and its simplified design, it makes ownership inexpensive, driving fun and maintenance easy. One important reason for the Falcon's peppy performance and excellent gas mileage is low weight... the Falcon weighs nearly a ton less than conventional 6-cylinder cars. Independent Ball-Joint front suspension helps give this Falcon the ride and stability of a much larger car. Brakes have large lining area and require less pedal effort than heavier conventional cars. For those who prefer the convenience and versatility of an automatic transmission, the new simplified Fordomatic Drive is available at a low price to match the Falcon's own low price. (On the following two pages you'll find information on this and this and other low-cost Falcon options.)

STANDARD EQUIPMENT FOR ALL FALCON SEDANS

3-Speed Transmission	Coat Hooks	Two-Falcon-Route-Operated Power-Folded Action Windowed Mirrors
Lighted Steering Wheel	Door Light	Right-Hand Window and Rear Window Windings require no gears
Lighted Inside-Door Locks	Instrument Cluster includes speedometer, odometer, fuel gauge, temperature gauge, oil and generator warning lights, high-beam and low-beam indicators, with lighted control	Dual Horns
Two Sun Visors	Coat-Area Ventilation	Turn Signals
Two Front Air Bags		34-Plate 42 Amp-Hr Battery
Power-Cushioned Front Seats		Key-to-Start Rubber Floor Mat
Stove Compartment		
Bright-Metal Drive Rails		
Instrument Panel Air Tray		

FALCON FEATURES . . . NOT FOUND ON SOME OF THE OTHER ECONOMY CARS

You'll find many a convenience and comfort feature in the Ford Falcons that some of the other cars of similar size just don't have. The gearshift lever, for instance, is on the steering column, not on the floor where it would limit passenger room. Dual front seat arm rests and sun visors are standard, not extra cost. Instrument panel has standard American controls and dials. If you choose a radio, it will fit in the instrument panel, not hang on beneath it. And Falcon's big luggage compartment is attractively insulated and trimmed to protect your luggage.

BIG NEWS WHEREVER YOU LOOK—40 COLOR, UPHOLSTERY AND TRIM COMBINATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM

You'll wonder how the Falcons can be priced so low when you see their smartly tailored interiors. They are that elegant. Take that optional blue vinyl and cloth interior at the left. The micro-embossed vinyl is noted for its leather-like beauty and toughness. The black pattern, nylon upholstery is a fine-car touch that will hold its own in any company. Turn page for complete selection of colors and upholstery. Think foam padding in front seat cushions is an unexpected luxury in a car priced so low. Front seat is raised and lowered automatically as it moves forward and back, in an adjustment range of four inches for nice comfortable position. Here's all the room you'll ever need for shoulders, hips and legs—for all! Everyone and everything goes in the new-size Ford.

FALCON TUDOR SEDAN

The lower price of this 2-door model makes it an especially fine choice for those who want the most car for a minimum investment. And the doors are four feet wide so that even the rear seat is extra-easy to enter and leave. Mustanglike Red is illustrated.





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Treasurer's Report

Balance as of September 13, 2008	\$3,229.77
Income:	
<i>Dues - 2 @ \$24, 12 @ \$12</i>	\$192.00
<i>L. B. Smith Ford Contribution</i>	100.00
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$292.00</i>
Sub-total	\$3,521.77
Expenses:	
<i>Memorial for Albert Davis</i>	\$75.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>
Balance as of November 1, 2008	\$3,446.77

We Need Your Help! This newsletter relies on input from our members. If you have any ideas, comments, feedback, stories or anything else you would like to see in *The Falcon Key*, please contact the Editors at kcfcaeditors@gmail.com or drop a note in the mail to us at the address on page 2.

From the Editors

Hi Everyone! Can you believe that it's time for the Holiday season already? As you can see from the cover, Lauren and I finally got married on September 27, 2008. One other thing you might be able to pick out from the picture is that it poured like there was no tomorrow. Everybody keeps telling us that rain on your wedding day is good luck, so that means we should be hitting the lottery soon with the amount of rain that fell that day. All-in-all the day was awesome, the ceremony went off without a hitch, the pictures were fun (especially the ones with the car) and the reception was a blast. Our honeymoon was great too! We flew up to Banff, Canada for three days, then drove across the Canadian Rockies to Vancouver for 2 days, and then drove down to Seattle for 2 days to end the trip. I would recommend the drive over the Rockies to anybody - the views were amazing! - Okay getting back to Falcon stuff... Our car officially became a Massachusetts resident this month and is getting ready to enjoy it's first New England winter with us. - Thanks to everybody for submitting so much great information to fill this newsletter with absolutely no problems. Please keep the stories and information coming. - Lauren and I want to wish everyone a very happy and safe Holiday season and a great New Year! See you all real soon!!!

Kevin & Lauren "GABEL" (FCA# 5403)



Secretary's Report

Our last meet of the year was held at LB Smith Ford in Lemoyne, PA on Saturday, October 18th. It was the 8th Annual Classic Ford/Falcon Show held there. There were 33 classic Fords there, 17 of which were Falcons. LB Smith provided us with coffee and doughnuts in the morning and hot dogs and hot sausage, chips, soda and apples for lunch. They also had a live band playing in the parking lot all day. Not only did we have a great time there, but the weather was just right for traveling and being outdoors for the day.

A chapter meeting was held by Andy at 1 o'clock to welcome us to the meet. Jeff Wied read the Treasurer's report in Ginny Servas's absence. I was also introduced as the new Secretary for the club. A moment of silence was held for Albert Davis, one of our members who passed away several days before this meet. A sympathy card was passed around for those people at the meet to sign for Albert's wife, Janis and his family. Our deepest sympathy go out to Al's wife and family at this sad time.

Phil Barber and Carl Henderson from the Mason Dixon Chapter told us about the Dash to Dover, Falcon National Convention being held and sponsored by the Mason Dixon Chapter. This event also marks the 30th Anniversary of the National Chapter. The National Convention is scheduled for July 16-19, 2009. They told us about some of the events they have planned such as a trip to the Air Force Museum at Dover Air Force Base, a trip to the Dover Speedway and the casino at the track. More info will also be in our newsletter in the future. Early registration was recommended and all registrations received before December 15th will be entered into a special drawing for a free 3 night stay at the hotel.

Our next meet will be the Cabin Fever meet at Kauffman Chicken BarBQue in February-no date given yet so check your newsletter for details.

A motion was made to close the meeting and was seconded by Rick Adams. The meeting was closed.

**Respectfully submitted,
Linda Wisser**

Tech Tip: by Bruce Wolfe

Check out the new heading "Tech Tip Listing" on the FCA website. It is a listing of all the tech tips from the FCA Newsletter. The list comes from the April 2008 FCA Newsletter. This is probably one of the best tech tips for our members. A tech tip to find tech tips. It can't get any better than that!

Bruce

Chapter Demographics			
Total Membership	80		
Pennsylvania	65	Maryland	1
New Jersey	8	Massachusetts	1
Delaware	2	Ontario, Canada	1
New York	1	Rhode Island	1
<i>information accurate as of 11/15/2008</i>			



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February 2009

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June 2009

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July 2009

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August 2009

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TBD - FEBRUARY 2009

Cabin Fever Meet

TBD - APRIL 2009

Annual Spring Banquet

FRI, JUNE 5 - SUN, JUNE 7, 2009

Carlisle All-Ford Nationals
Carlisle, PA Fairgrounds

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THURS - SAT, July 16-18, 2009

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SUN, AUGUST 2, 2009

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Classified Ads

Cars for Sale:

1963 Falcon Futura 2 dr. HT.

Red with Black interior, 6 cyl, Automatic Trans. Bucket Seats with Console. Good Condition. New parts installed are, black headliner, package tray, padded dash, wood grained steering wheel, am/fm cassette "in dash" radio, chrome valve cover & air cleaner. **\$6500 OBO.** The car is registered in Pennsylvania as ANTIQUE and plates can be transferred with purchase.

Contact Dennis McClanahan @

dmccclanahan@embarqmail.com

1961 Falcon Ranchero (JUST REDUCED!!!)

302 V8 Automatic. Red with fiberglass cover on bed. Mustang II front end. Power Steering with Disc Brakes. Many extras and in Good Condition. Ranchero is registered in PA as Classic and Tags can transfer with purchase. ~~\$10,000~~ **\$9,000 OBO**

Contact Dennis McClanahan @

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Lost Storage - Must Sell

1963 Futura Hardtop. White with red interior. Bucket seats. 170 auto. New floors but needs quarter panels. Sat outside this winter for the first time.

\$1300.00 or best offer. Contact

Roy Whitmoyer (570) 387-1539



Classified ads are **FREE** for our members. If you have an item you would like listed, please contact the Editors to have your ad included in the next newsletter.

There is a **\$10** fee for non-members.

Paid classified ads will run for three editions of *The Falcon Key*

TUDOR FALCON WAGON

Four doors, wagon fits on a low budget, this one's unobtainable. Not only does it seat six comfortably, but it has cargo space galore (76.3 cu. ft.). Cameramen: Falcon distinguishes itself with unique contour lines. Color shown is Belmont Blue.



FORDOR FALCON WAGON

What a difference two more doors make! They'll please your passengers and they'll make loading and unloading far, far easier. Cargo space just behind front seat is more accessible. The additional cost is slight—and don't forget that a 4-door is worth more at trade-in time, too. Color shown is Montecarlo Red.





Memorial/Recent Meets



Another Fallen Falcon Friend

On October 14, 2008, our friend Albert Davis (58) passed away peacefully in his sleep. He was an active member of the Mason Dixon and Keystone chapters since 2000. Albert was born on October 23, 1949 in Baltimore, and was an employee of Hoff Brothers Lumber for 28 years. Phil Barber, in the latest edition of the Mason Dixon newsletter Peregrine Press, described him by saying *"At any show he went to he'd park his chair behind his car, along with his coffee thermos and cigarettes – and that's where he'd be for the duration of the show! Albert had a big heart, good things to say about everyone, and stamina you would not believe unless you knew him. If you went for a walk about with him he'd soon wear you down! I know as I've tried to keep up with him walking around at Carlisle. The man walked as most men run!"* Most of Lauren and my memories of Al were in the wee hours of the morning. The three of us spent many overnight hours on security duty together. If needed, Al would spend the whole night out there just so every shift would be filled. We send Janis and his entire family all our condolences. Please know all our prayers are with you and that Al will be greatly missed by all.



Kevin Gabel

Carolinas 8th Regional show

by: Don Snyder

Keystone Chapter members Carl & Naomi Henderson and Bruce & Pam Wolfe as well as Connie & I attended the 8th Carolina Chapter Regional in Kannapolis, North Carolina. There are three things you can count on with certainty when you attend a Carolinas Regional: hospitality second to none, goody bags with more usable items than you get anywhere else and, of course, the hot bed of Valve Cover Racing.



This Regional was no exception. Yes, it rained and there was a gas shortage, but the show went on. Bruce and I signed up for guard duty from 2am to 4am Friday. I decided it would be good to wash our cars and get a jump on the other guys. Besides that, we could sleep late on Saturday. We washed our cars and finished our shift. When I awoke Saturday morning it was raining buckets. Things did not quite work out as planned. The rain stopped in time for the voting and Valve Cover races. There were 13 Chapters represented and numerous National and Regional Officers.

A trip was taken to the Roush-Fenway racing shop. We toured the fabrication shop and where the race cars were painted and decaled for racing. In addition, we toured the museum. It was really neat to see and be able to touch all the NASCAR cars prepared for the Roush-Fenway Teams.

This was a very nice show and tour we wish to express our thanks to the Carolinas Chapter members.

Falcons and Owners at Macungie - August 3, 2008

16 Falcons

Ed Snyder	Perkasie, PA	1964 White 4-Door Station Wagon
Ted Carman	Perkasie, PA	1967 Red Sports Coupe
Norman Keller	Souderton, PA	1965 Red 2-Door Futura Sedan
Bruce Kichline	Hellertown, PA	1964 Salmon Ranchero
Bruce and Pam Wolfe	Grantville, PA	1968 Blue 4-Door Futura Sedan
Don and Connie Snyder	Akron, PA	1966 White 4-Door Futura Sedan
Todd and Ann Spencer	Norristown, PA	1970½ Blue 2-Door Sedan
Frank and Ginny Servas	Coopersburg, PA	1965 White 4-Door Futura Sedan
Ray and Diane Border	Reading, PA	1964 Gray Sprint Hardtop
Marin Ennis	West Lawn, PA	1965 White Futura Hardtop
Leon Smith	Kutztown, PA	1965 Burgundy Futura Hardtop
Beverly Albert	Honey Brook, PA	1964 Black Futura Convertible
Bill Wisser	Coplay, PA	1965 Blue Futura Hardtop
Andy Brown	Carlisle, PA	1967 Green 4-Door Sedan
Ike Blair, Jr.	Kintnersville, PA	1964 Green Futura Convertible
Ron Turner		1963 Yellow Sprint Convertible



Thanks to Frank Servas for the Photos

Cars and Owners at Coopersburg - August 17, 2008

11 Falcons

Ed Snyder	Perkasie, PA	1964 White 4-Door Station Wagon
Craig Fly	Fountain Hill, PA	1964 Black Futura Hardtop
Paul Seitz	Glenside, PA	1965 Yellow Sprint Convertible
Larry Ekert	Temple, PA	1964 White Modified Hardtop
Todd Spencer	Norristown, PA	1970½ Blue 2-Door Sedan
Frank Servas	Coopersburg, PA	1964 White 4-Door Deluxe Station Wagon
Glenn Hoff	Telford, PA	1965 Burgundy Sedan Delivery
Don Snyder	Akron, PA	1968 Red Sports Coupe
Jeff Wied	Green Lane, PA	1964 Gray Sprint Hardtop
Thomas Ness	Phoenixville, PA	1972 Black 351 XAGT Hardtop
Rich Barrett	Palm, PA	1964 Tan Futura Hardtop

- 1st place Paul Seitz
- 2nd place Craig Fly
- 3rd place Thomas and Jenny Ness

The Keystone Chapter won first place for the most pre-registered cars for this show and was presented with a check for \$100.



Thanks to Frank Servas for the Photos



Northeast's 12th Annual Regional Meet & 25th Anniversary Celebration by Lauren Gabel

Kevin and I attended the Northeast Chapter's 12th Annual Regional meet on August 15 - 16, along with fellow Keystone Chapter members Rick & Cris Bowes, Carl & Naomi Henderson, Rheal, Trisha, Tina & Coral Meilleur and Ed Watt & family (without a Falcon.) This was the first Northeast Regional I have attended with the Falcon (we've been to many without) and would recommend the trip to MA to all Keystone members...



Their new location at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA was great. The former restaurant served as the hospitality/registration room, and was a nice, convenient spot to gather. Despite Friday night's rain (seems like a trend in Massachusetts...), the ice cream social in the screened porch was a hit. Thankfully, Saturday was a dry, beautiful day for the 69 Falcons and 5 Comet in attendance. They had more raffle prizes and food than ever, so everyone walked away with something. Members of the Mason-Dixon Chapter were even in attendance, taking registrations for their 2009 National. The banquet in the Publick House Restaurant was fabulous - great food, lively conversation and nice souvenirs - a 25th Anniversary pen and hand-made chocolates, all donated by members of the Northeast chapter.

Their 2009 Regional will be at the Publick House the weekend of August 14th and 15th. Hopefully some of you can make it - we'll show you some New England hospitality!



Does Jesus own a Falcon?

by Don Snyder

Sunday Sept. 14th I attended a Street Show in Lancaster, PA. There were cars, trucks and motorcycles of all makes and models (some nicer than others.) There were no buses, trains or planes at this show. People came out to look at the cars, trucks and motorcycles. There were men dressed like women and women dressed like men. There were tweeners. They are people who cannot decide exactly what sex they want to be. For instance, there was an obvious male with a two day growth of facial hair wearing a short skirt and fish net nylons. There was a female with extremely short hair, leather jacket with trucker's wallet and chain along with engineer boots and a great many tats. Now I cannot say for sure if she was a Tweener she may have a biker babe with one of the outlaw bikers that were at the show.

As I was checking the cars, trucks and motorcycles but no planes, trains or buses, I spotted a 65 Falcon Panel. I figured, well at least I am not alone. Then I came upon a white 1966 4-door Falcon. I thought, that looks familiar. Sure enough it was my 1966 that I had sold to a Cruiser three weeks before.

I then spotted a 1964, red Falcon convertible with black interior, 6 cylinder engine, and black wall tires with wire wheels. The car was ok but not the greatest restoration. On the front plate it posted I Love Jesus. I walked around to the rear of the car and to my surprise a wooden plaque hanging from the license plate read THIS CAR IS OWNED BY JESUS, I just drive it. Well now I had to jump back and read the plaque again. Sure enough that is

what was displayed on the plaque. Well now, who is the person trusted to drive the car owned by Jesus and how did they get this gig? So many questions, so few answers... If the car is in fact owned by Jesus, I want to see the owner's card. I looked North and South then East and West then up in the sky but no driver was observed. I figured I would take up a vantage point across the street and wait for this person. I waited and waited, now it was about 90 degrees and little shade but I figured it would be worth the wait.

The show came to an end and the men dressed like women and the women dressed like men left. Even the Tweeners left. I had parked my Falcon on the street with the other Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles no Planes, Trains or Buses five blocks from the Jesus car. As the show cars left the police were removing the barricades to allow for normal traffic flow. The Jesus Falcon remained with no one around the car so I reluctantly left my vantage point and walked the five blocks to my car. As I drove away I figured I would circle the five block area and check if the car was still parked at the curb. As I entered onto the street I observed no car, only empty space. I stopped and looked North, South, East, and West and up in the sky (you never know where the car owned by Jesus may be stored) but no car.

Now you may have doubts as Thomas did that Jesus would actually own a car? Thomas did not have doubts about Jesus owning a car - he doubted something else. I left a Keystone Chapter Membership Form in the car, so we may know before too long. For me, I will be returning to the show in 2009 to see if the car returns so stand by for an update in 2009.

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JESUS WAS THE ONLY CO-PILOT SHE EVER HAD WHO GAVE DIRECTIONS TO ON-STAR