



Keystone Chapter

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The Falcon Key

The Keystone Chapter of The Falcon Club of America



Nashville or Bust! - Stopping for a rest on the way to Nashville FCA Convention - July 24, 2002 - Photo by: Sean Griffin

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Seasonings Greetings!

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. Alison and I traveled to Pittsburgh to be with her family. Just like most of you, we ate too much. Regardless, we had a great time. In roughly two weeks, Christmas will be here. Where does the time go?



We had our first official snow in Carlisle overnight. We had about half an inch of snow. Now it is melting and starting to rain. :) Oh well! It was nice while it lasted. I am thankful I got the Falcon out last week. Our Falcon frequently comes out until the first snowfall.

Speaking of which, I am thankful for many things. Some of those things are my loving wife, our health, family, and the many friends that we have. What are you most thankful for this holiday season?

A special thanks to Jeff for the message in the last newsletter. As he stated, our Regional is in the planning stages. Again we will be having it at the Comfort Inn @ Midway. According to our survey earlier this year, the majority of you felt that September was a better time to hold a Regional. The date for our Regional has been set for the weekend after Labor Day. Those dates are September 10-11, 2010. The only change is a slight increase in room rates. They are now \$75.99 (up \$3.00.) Given the state of the economy, this is not too bad. We look forward to seeing you there!

Also, the January Officers meeting will be coming up soon. If you have any suggestions for an event, cruise, or whatever please let one of us know.

On behalf of myself and the other Officers, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday season!

Andy

New Members



Sal & Diane Alfano
101 Greenbriar Drive
West Chester, PA 19382
1963 red Futura convertible

Peter Lindsay
65 Coykendall Road
Wantage, NJ 07461
1961 green 2-door sedan

Terry & Deborah St. Clair
1148 Old Fritztown Road
Sinking Spring, PA 19608
1968 Sport Coupe in primer

New members need to notify one of the Keystone Officers of your new FCA National # (when issued to you) so we can record it in our records.



Chapter Business

Dues are \$12.00 annually
Memberships expire August 31st

Send dues to the Keystone Treasurer
Make checks payable to KCFCFA

All Keystone Chapter Members must hold Membership in the Falcon Club of America

The Falcon Key

Is published 6 times a year:

Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr,
May/June, July/Aug,
Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand October 1, 2009		\$3,363.11
<i>Income:</i>		
Dues - 8 @ \$12 each	\$96.00	
New Members - Lindsay, St.Clair, Alfano	61.00	
Total Income	\$157.00	
Subtotal		\$3,520.11
<i>Expenses:</i>		
FCA for New Member Alfano	\$25.00	
Total Expenses	25.00	
Balance as of December 18, 2009		\$3,495.11

From the Editors

Greetings, and welcome to the final Keystone Chapter newsletter for 2009. The chapter had a great 2009, with lots of events, including a few brand new ones that we hope will become annual traditions! We also received 5 new members this year, which is a great addition to our chapter. Hopefully 2010 will bring many of you out to our events, especially the Regional, which Andy mentioned in his President's message on page 2.

We would like to take a minute to thank those of you who contributed stories, articles, pictures, etc. to us this year. Please keep the articles coming - this is YOUR newsletter, and we love getting you involved! Thanks especially to Don Snyder for his column *The Toothpick*, and for the information on 1968 Falcons in this newsletter. (*The Toothpick* always makes us laugh!)

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday season! See you in 2010!

Kevin & Lauren

Classified Ads

Parts for Sale:

1965 Ford 4-spd shifter w/linkage.
Removed from my car and rebuilt in 1981.
Has not been in a car since 1981. **\$350.00.** Contact Chris Scioscia @ (908) 475-8323 or certrwngnut@yahoo.com.

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

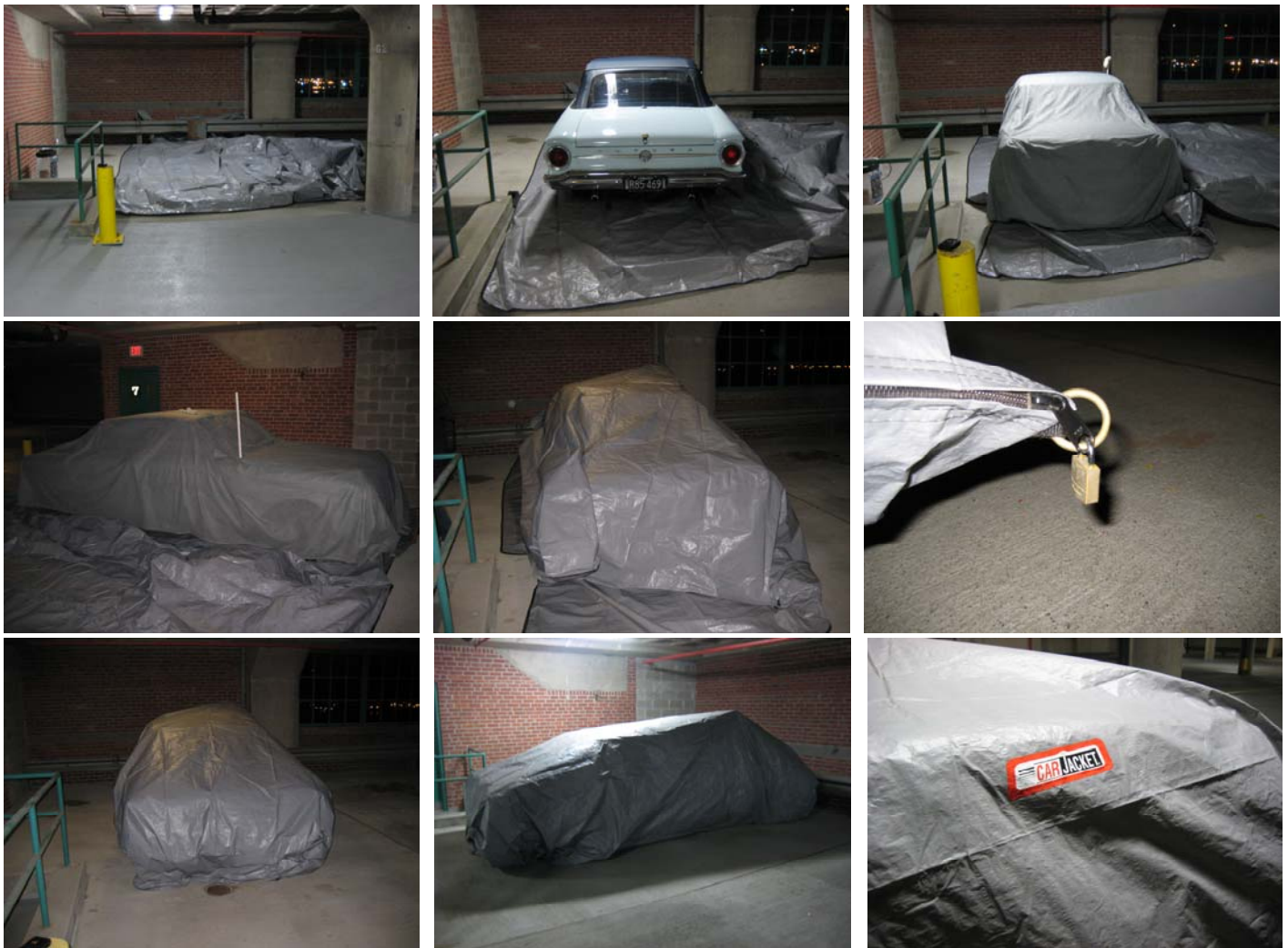
Chapter Demographics

Total Membership	78		
Pennsylvania	63		
New Jersey	9	Massachusetts	1
Delaware	2	Ontario, Canada	1
New York	1	Rhode Island	1

Information accurate as of 12/22/2009

Product Review Follow-Up

Since I ran the product review last year for the CARJACKET by Pine Ridge Enterprise, I've had many members asking me how well it worked and how easy it is to use. I would like to report that it worked incredible last winter. I has absolutely no moisture issues or dust issues when I opened the bag up in April. It was really nice to not have to worry about any dust or dirt that might be blowing around during the winter getting up under the car or laying on top of it. Since the temperature dropped into the teens last week up here I figured it was time for me to get the car back in it's bag for it's long winters nap. What I did this time was take more photos of putting the car into the CarJacket. The process starts by laying the jacket down on the ground with the part that will lay under the car right where you are going to position the car. Next pull the car carefully onto the jacket and let the exhaust cool for a few minutes. Before you pull the jacket over it they recommend you put your daily car cover on the car to protect the paint in the case that you have a drafty garage and the cover may rub all winter long. I found take the stress off the antenna to put a length of PVC pipe over it since it will not be going through the jacket. Get a container to put some of the included OmniDry packets in to control the moisture and slide it under the car. Now pull the jacket over the car and start carefully zipping it up. The zippers can be locked on either end of the cover for protection. Finally I tuck the extra jacket under the car so I don't trip on it. If you would like more information on the CarJacket go to www.carbag.com.





Car Show Destinations

Old Orchard Beach - Maine

(Roughly 390 miles / 6 hour drive from Allentown, PA)

Lauren and I attended a great car show this past September and thought we would share our experience and some photos from our unbelievable weekend. The show starts on Friday afternoon when they close the main street and start lining up the cars as people show up. It looks like a traffic jam from the 1970's. Around 7pm, we all started our engines and follow a police escorted parade through town. The crowd of people lining the streets was amazing. The next day was the car show with classes, peer judging, and over 400 cars in attendance. Old Orchard Beach is a beautiful Maine town right on the water. It would put you in mind of a smaller Jersey Shore with a New England feel. All the motels were in walking distance to the show, shopping, the pier, and the beach. Lauren even dragged me out of bed to see the most beautiful sunrise over the ocean.

Information on Old Orchard Beach and the show can be found at :

www.oldorchardbeachmaine.com



The Toothpick

Column by: Don Snyder



How do you store your Falcon?

For those of us that have indoor storage there is still a need for additional protection from moisture due to the cold and warm temperatures of winter. I have spoken to several Falcon Club members about the winter storage of their Falcons. The ideal winter storage would be a heated garage with a car cover but the majority of garages are not heated for car storage. The simple car cover is ok but it does not protect the under carriage from moisture coming through the concrete.

Another practice is placing a tarp on the garage floor, driving your Falcon onto the tarp and then placing a car cover over the car. The tarp is then pulled up with the use of bungee cords. Your falcon is then snug inside the wrap. I was told that from time to time during the winter it was necessary to place a heater with a fan in an opening at the front of the vehicle and blow hot air into the wrap to dry any moisture that may form from the winter weather.

The most efficient practice (although expensive) is the total car cover. This can be purchase through several companies. The bag is opened and the car is driven onto the floor portion of the bag. This cover is inside use only. The bag is then zipped closed with the car inside. A car cover or sheet is needed to protect the surface of the car. Several trays of Omni Dry Packets come with the bag are placed inside to absorb the moisture. From time to time the packets need to be removed from the bag and dried in your oven - this eliminated any moisture collected.

You can also get several extra super large oven stuffer roasting bags, duct tape and buy about 500 pairs of sneaker for the jell packs and make your own bag. You can give the sneakers away to charity for a tax deduction.

Each of the above mentioned means of securing your Falcon has some draw backs. The heated garage would be an extra financial burden for the fuel. The tarp/car cover would be a project to remove the car in order to drive it on nice winter days. The car bag needs some room to lay out and place your car inside in addition to the cost. The oven stuffer bags and the jell packs from the sneakers also have some financial draw backs. I guess it comes down to the old saying each to his own good luck in keeping that rust off your Falcon.

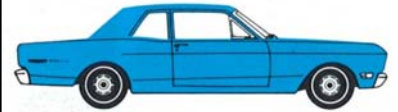
2008 Regional T-Shirts

Still available and for sale if anyone is interested.
 Contact Andy Brown for information.



1968 FALCONS

FALCON



Club Coupe



4-Door Sedan



Falcon Wagon

FUTURA



Club Coupe



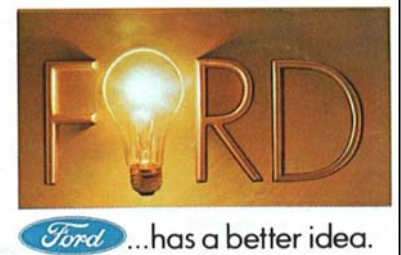
Sports Coupe



4-Door Sedan



Futura Wagon



Classic Falcon Literature

FALCON '68... compact car for a big, fast country

Roomy. That's Falcon '68. Room for six—plus 12.3 cubic feet of space for luggage. Economy's big, too, as always. Good gas mileage. Low upkeep. Big saving on normal service. And as one of America's lowest-priced cars, Falcon's an even bigger value. Falcon, America's economy champ, is more than ever the compact car for a big, fast country!

Falcon, this year, is designed with your security in mind. It is built for Americans to stretch-out in comfortably, with confidence. You get more for your money because Falcon has a better idea of American driving needs.

NEW FALCON FUTURA SPORTS COUPE!

Headlining the choice of seven new Falcons is the sharply styled Futura Sports Coupe you see here. That smart accent stripe and a smooth-performing, gas-saving 200-cu. in. Six are standard. The vinyl-covered roof in black or parchment and 289-cu. in. V-8 (shown) are popular options.

The Falcon Futura Sports Coupe interior, big and beautiful, features elegant all-vinyl trim and is also available in dark red, black and parchment. Individually adjustable

bucket seats, deep-foam padded for comfort, are standard. Courtesy lighting, lighted ignition switch and heater controls, front and rear arm rests, cigarette lighter and ash trays also are standard. Seats automatically lock in place and are released by a lever on the outboard side. Steering wheel and thick loop-pile nylon/rayon carpeting are keyed to interior colors.

For added zip, the optional 289-cu. in. two-barrel and the new 302-cu. in. four-barrel V-8 engines team up nicely with the standard 3-speed, fully synchronized manual transmission. There are two optional transmissions: SelectShift Cruise-O-Matic, which you can drive manually or automatically; and the fully synchronized 4-speed manual (available on sedans and coupes with V-8). A wide choice of other options (see page 7) lets you personalize your Falcon the way you want to. Ford Motor Company Lifeguard Design Safety Features, page 11, let you drive in confidence.

Your '68 Falcon is at your Ford Dealer's now. Get together soon and see how well better ideas have built the best compacts in Ford history!



Choice of 4 Thrifty Engines!

Because big, fast country driving demands pep and pull as well as economy, Falcon offers you four responsive engines to choose from:

170-cu. in. Six, America's Economy Champ, standard on Falcon Club Coupe and 4-Door Sedan models. It features standout efficiency, good low-speed performance and cold-start ability.

200-cu. in. Six, standard on Falcon Futura models (Sports Coupe, Club Coupe, 4-Door Sedan, Wagon) and the Falcon Wagon, provides extra power with remarkable economy.

289-cu. in. 2-barrel V-8, optional on all Falcons, gives you scads of scat, yet runs merrily on regular gas.

302-cu. in. 4-barrel V-8, brand-new optional V-8 available on all Falcons, features a new high-lift camshaft with lighter pistons, runs smoothly on premium gas and provides the liveliest performance ever available on a Falcon.

Falcon Futura Sports Coupe interior . . . big and beautiful, with all-vinyl trim, individually adjustable bucket seats, thick loop-pile carpeting.



Battery Tender

"It's like this Doc, it was the first gorgeous day of spring. I couldn't wait to go out and play, but when the key turned, I had nothing. Then I saw that flashy new kid with my Battery Tender. Gettin' that smart micro-processor charge that doubles battery life. I tell ya, I was crushed. When he just unplugged and drove off. Then I woke up in a puddle of sweat." - Car

"It was only a bad dream. You still have your Battery Tender. Want to go outside and play now?" - Dennis

"Yeah, lets unplug and go." - Car

For the dealer nearest you, go to www.BatteryTender.com

It was brought to my attention by my sister that Speed TV was airing a documentary called "Love the Beast" that might be interesting to us Falcon folks. I did some research online and found the two-hour presentation focuses on actor Eric Bana's 25-year ownership journey with "The Beast," his Australian-built 1974 Ford GT Falcon Coupe. It looks to have a very limited airing schedule and the next viewing is set for Sunday January 3rd @ 2:00pm. You might want to set your DVR or VCR so you don't miss it. If you would like more info go to :

www.speedtv.com/index.php/programs/speed-movie-special/



While watching My Classic Car this past weekend I saw this commercial for the battery tender. It features Dennis Gage with his wife's 63 Futura convertible V8. To see the commercial go to :

<http://www.myclassiccar.com/advertisers/batterytender/>

SUNDAY

AUGUST 8, 2010

Pre-Registration Form Only - No Day of Show Registration

**Post Mark Deadline: July 1, 2010
NEED NOT BE A CLUB MEMBER**

USE GATE #1 ONLY

NEW ADDRESS: YES NO
(TYPE OR BLOCK PRINT, PLEASE)

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NAME _____ MAKE _____ YEAR _____

STREET _____ MODEL _____

TOWN _____ BODY STYLE _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ +4 _____ CLUB NUMBER 25 Ford Falcon

PHONE/AREA CODE (_____) _____ Sunday

Pre-Registration thru December 31, 2009: \$10.00 per car No Refunds
Sun. Pre-Registration Jan. 2 thru July 1, 2010: \$13.00 per car No Refunds

PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS FORM FOR ADDITIONAL VEHICLES. WHICH CLUB ARE YOU ENTERING - BY NUMBER FOUR (4) PERSONS PER VEHICLE

- No Street Rods - No Street Machines - Custom or Modified** **Limited to 1300 Entries**
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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 1 - Chrysler Products | 10A - Ford | 18 - Franklin | 26 - Kaiser, Frazer, Henry J., AllState, Darrin |
| 2 - Chevrolet | 11 - Model A Ford | 19 - Hudson | 27 - Packard |
| 3 - Pontiac | 12 - Thunderbird | 20 - Dodge & Graham | 28 - Mustang |
| 4 - Corvette | 13 - Willys | 21 - Edsel, Mercury, Lincoln | 29 - Rolls Royce |
| 5 - Studebaker, Avanti | 14 - Nash & Rambler | 22 - Checker | 30 - Foreign Cars |
| 6 - Corvair | 15 - Chev. Nomads, Pontiac Safari | 23 - Nat. Woodie Club | 31 - All 1927 & Earlier Cars |
| 7 - Metropolitan | 16 - Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg | 24 - Oldsmobile | 32 - Oakland |
| 8 - Buick | 17 - Shelby Mustang | 25 - Ford Falcon, Fairlane | 33 - Porsche |
| 9 - Cadillac & LaSalle | | | 34 - Crosley |
| 10 - Early Ford V-8 | | | |

REGISTRATION BY ONTELAUNEE CAR CLUB, PARKING BY THE INDIVIDUAL CLUBS.

All units registered must be on showfield to receive Participation Award.

FOR CONFIRMATION, PLEASE SUPPLY SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH REGISTRATION