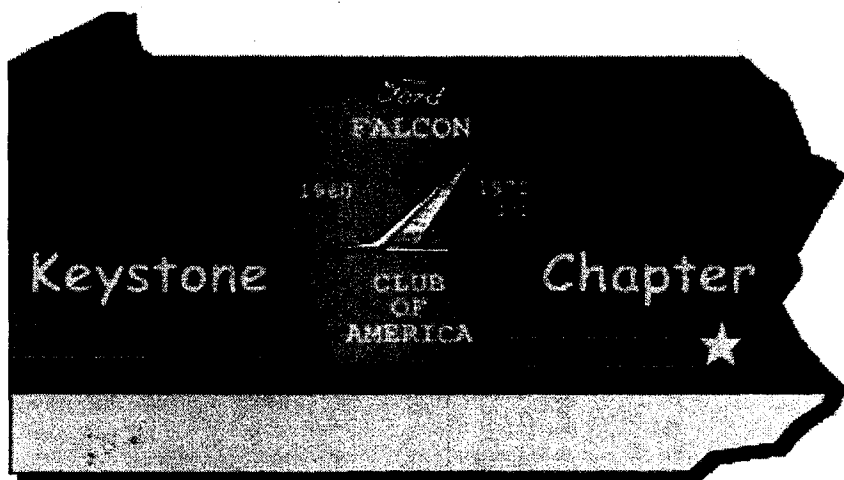


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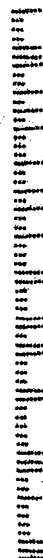
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President's Message

They tried it and liked it.

Several Falcon owners came to our Regional from Michigan. They drove many miles in the rain to attend. The Keystone Regional was the first regional one of the families had attended.

While attending the Erie Canal/Ontario Chapter Regional, a woman came up to me and related how she and her husband attended our regional. They enjoyed the experience so much, being their first regional, that they did not hesitate in attending the Erie Canal/Ontario Chapter Regional. This person went on to relate how they are going to Kansas City to a Falcon Regional later in the season.

Sometime after we arrived home from the Erie Canal/Ontario Chapter Regional, an envelope arrived containing photographs of my wife and I, along with our car. The card and photographs were from Bill and Becky Anderson, Hesperia, Michigan; our new found friends who did not know the fellowship that comes from attending a Regional show before they attended the Keystone Regional Show. This is a compliment to every person who steps up and makes the Keystone Regional and other activities special for those who attend them.

The Gift

I read e-mails about how some of our membership feels change should take place, but do not know how to implement that change or what that change should be. It gets a little tiring, but then something happens to change a person's entire attitude. A few weeks ago, I received an envelope in the mail. The return address was Weston, West Virginia. I opened the envelope and there was a letter with a Falcon Key Chain and a Key Blank in its original package.

The letter read: My grandfather passed away several years ago, and some of the items I received from his estate were various small car parts and accessories from his Western Auto store. I have decided to use the power of the internet to pass these items on to people who might appreciate them and have more of a need for them than I do. So I have enclosed this key for a Ford Falcon and hope you can use it or give it to someone who may use it. I am using this act to teach my children kindness and giving. Please feel free to contact me if you want at dsp405@yahoo.com; otherwise, enjoy your key.

David, Lisa, Daphne, and Deidre Parks, Weston, West Virginia

I have placed the Falcon Key Chain and the Key Blank in a picture frame with the letter. I dispatched an e-mail to Mr. Parks, thanking him and his family for the chain and key. I advised Mr. Parks that the letter, Key Chain and Key Blank would be on display at the Macungie Show for thousands of people to see.

Happy and safe holidays to all,
Donald & Connie Snyder

UPCOMING MEETS

Cabin Fever Meet

Sunday, February 25, 2007 @ 1:00pm

Kauffman Chicken, 33 Gravel Pit Road, Bethel, PA 19507

www.KauffmanBBQ.com

Be sure to mark this date on your calendar (the next Sunday after the Daytona 500). There will be lots of good food and "Falcon talk". This year we have a private room reserved for our club. This is a good time to get a sneak peek at the schedule for 2007. Be sure to bring some pictures of your Falcon and a list of parts you need. This is what the Falcon Club is all about, helping others to keep those "birds" flying down the road. February is a good time to get the parts you need to be sure you are ready for the car show season. Don't miss this one! Door prizes and 50/50.

44th Annual Das Awkscht Fescht - 2007

August 3-5, 2007

Macungie, PA

Keep those rebate forms coming! We need all the information we can get about your Falcon so that we can properly organize the display, both inside and outside the tent. We need your modified Falcons on Friday. This is a good way to attract those younger members to the club. The younger members have Mustang or Focus on their minds. Our modified Falcons show them a different Ford, something that stands out in a crowd. Everyone who sends a rebate form will get a confirmation letter next spring. The letter will let you know where your Falcon will be displayed. Questions: contact Bruce Wolfe at 717-469-7252 or afutura@verizon.com.

Note: If you come to a meet **without your Falcon**, make sure you sign in. We want to list you as attending that meet. We also want to know who came along with you so we can recognize them. The Keystone Chapter Secretary and Vice-President are in charge of recording the Falcons and members who attend meets.

Carolinas Chapter 7th Regional Show & 20th Anniversary

My wife and I left Akron Thursday evening, joining up with Pam and Bruce Wolfe. It commenced to rain and continued until we arrived at our hotel in Roanoke, Virginia at approximately 10:30pm. We left for Kannapolis, North Carolina, at approximately 8:00pm and arrived at the hotel, a Days Inn Express, at approximately 11:00pm. The weather was overcast and remained rain-free until we washed our cars. Keystone members Carl and Naomi Henderson, along with Frank Sellare and his lovely wife, attended the event without their Falcons. Carl and Naomi were returning from Florida and stopped in for a visit.

The hotel was next to a Sam's Club Wal-Mart complex, with any number of restaurants and fast food places within walking distance. The show field was on the Sam's Club property, giving ample room for parking. It rained off and on the entire weekend, but stayed rain-free long enough to get the voting completed.

Wayne Cannon, Vice President of the Carolinas Chapter, gave Bruce Wolfe and I a tour of Kannapolis, the birthplace of legendary race driver Dale Earnhardt. We checked out the house where he was born and raised and the garage where he started racing. His mother still lives in the house next to the garage. We checked out a garage where a race car once driven by Dale Earnhardt and one driven by Richard Petty were located. A nine-foot bronze statue of Dale Earnhardt was photographed by Bruce Wolfe, as was the tombstone of Dale's father, who is buried in a common cemetery. The tombstone displays a Chevelle race car. A great deal was learned about the town of Kannapolis, thanks to our tour guide.

Upon returning to the hotel, I witnessed a tragic event – the Bubba Buster Valve Cover race car piloted by the infamous Ken Earnhardt went down to defeat. It was a crushing blow to the Bubba Buster Race Team.

Following the meal, awards were handed out with Bruce and I receiving awards for our class. As the awards were being completed, the award for the longest distance came around. It was sponsored by my wife and I. It was also won by my wife and I with 533 miles. We now have a plaque sponsored by ourselves.

The hotel could not have been nicer or more accommodating, and as always, the hospitality displayed by the Carolinas Chapter members was outstanding. It was good to see George, Joyce and James Baxter, along with Ken Earnhardt and the Carolinas Chapter members.

We left Sunday morning for home with the ever present rain until we hit the Virginia state line. The sun came out and followed us home.

Thanks again to the Carolinas Chapter. The Regional was great despite the weather, and it was a pleasure to celebrate your Chapter's 20th Anniversary with your members.

Don Snyder, President
Keystone Chapter

Erie Canal Regional

I just returned from the Erie Canal, Ontario Chapter's first regional. There were 68 cars. It was an excellent show with plenty to do and see. The hospitality from the host chapters was second to none. The hotel was excellent and within walking distance to Canada and Niagara Falls. The weather was beautiful along with the scenery to and from the show.

Members of the Keystone Chapter making the trip were Bob and Lisa Vaughn, Bruce and Pam Wolfe along with their grandson Jake, Al and Janis Davis, Kevin Gable and companion Lauren, Carl and Naomi Henderson accompanied by grandchildren, Carolyn and Chuck Beason, Rick, Lisa and Tyler Adams, Frank and Ginny Servas, Glenn and Barbara Kuhn, Rich, Paula and Sneakers Hostetter, Jeff and Renee Wied, Bill and Linda Wisser, Chet and Becky Wisneski, along with my wife Connie and I.

The Keystone Chapter fared very well in the awards department, with a Best of Show stock class winner, three First Place awards, and nine Class winners. Several Keystone Chapter members did not bring their cars. Eighty-seven persons registered for the show.

Congratulations to Bill and Linda Wisser – shortly after purchasing their 1965 Falcon Futura, they drove to Niagara Falls for their honeymoon. Twenty-five years later, they returned for their anniversary in the same Falcon. Now, seventeen years after that, they again returned to Niagara Falls in the same Falcon for the show and were Class winners!

This show and its location were made for memories that will last a lifetime. Thanks, Erie Canal Chapters and all the people who made your Regional a success.

Don Snyder, President
Keystone Chapter



*May you all have a safe and
blessed holiday season!*

OTHER NEWS

Keystone Chapter Picnic

A big thanks to Chet and Becky Wisneski for opening their home for the Keystone Chapter Picnic. Members of the Mason Dixon Chapter also attended, along with several personal friends of the Wisneski's. A good time was had by all.

Thank you to Roy Kolb, who gave a shop talk on installation of disc brakes, electronic ignitions and sway bars, using his modified Ranchero as the display vehicle. Roy was very informative and knowledgeable about the subject matter. Additional conversations relative to Chet's project car and Carl H. negotiating another purchase took place.

Members present were Chet and Becky Wisneski, Bruce and Pam Wolfe, Frank and Ginny Servas, Ed and Nancy Snyder, Carl and Naomi Henderson, Frank Sellare, Bill and Linda Wisser, Roy Kolb, Ed and Debbie Watt and my wife Connie and I. Mason Dixon members Phil and Rosemarie Barber and President Mike Garrett made the trip to the far north.

Thanks again to Chet and Becky for all the work and preparation of the food for the picnic, and Roy Kolb for the shop talk.

Don Snyder, President

L.B. Smith Ford

What a wonderful and windy day it was at L.B. Smith Ford! There were 22 classic Ford vehicles in attendance. Of the 22, ten brave Falcons and their owners made it out for the show. This was the sixth year for the Falcons at L.B. Smith Ford.

As usual, we were greeted with open arms by Mr. Homer Hetrick and his staff. This year, we were located in an area of the dealership more viewable from the street. Music and plenty of food was to be had. If you weren't there, you missed a great show.

Mark your calendars for next year! The show always takes place the weekend after Hershey. For the 2007 car show season, that date should be Saturday, October 20th, from 9-3. Keep an eye on the Keystone Chapter Newsletters for confirmation.

On that note, if you haven't already started to winterize your Falcon, remember:

There is always another car show somewhere ☺

Respectfully submitted by Andrew W. Brown, Vice President

Welcome New Members!!

Steven & Rhoda Sawyer, owners of a 1963 pearl white Falcon convertible

Jerry & Mary Musselman, owners of a 1964 blue Falcon Futura HT

Victoria (Tori) Oster, owner of a 1965 blue Ranchero

Elvin & Henrietta Green, owners of a 1963 red & white Falcon convertible

Congratulations to Chet and Becky Wisneski on the birth of their granddaughter, and to the parents, Brian and Kelly Wisneski.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of August 6, 2006 \$5,086.42

Income:

Dues – 25 @ \$12	\$300.00
New members – Sawyer & Musselman	74.00
Club store	100.00
50/50 drawing	19.00
Coopersburg award	<u>50.00</u>
Total Income	\$562.00

Sub-total \$5,648.42

Expenses:

FCA for new members	\$50.00
Sawyer & Musselman	
Regional CDs – Paul Seitz	<u>102.54</u>
Total Expenses	\$152.54

Balance on hand September 23, 2006 \$5,495.88

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Servas, KCFCA Treasurer

Keystone Club Store

Can Koozies	\$2.00
Gray Keystone t-shirts	12.00
Golf shirts	20.00
Hats	8.00
Keystone license plate holder	8.00
Keystone Chapter pen	3.00

Order by contacting: Jerry Kratz Jr., 216 Highland Avenue, N. Wales, PA 19454
Phone (215) 699-5482 email KPAuto@aol.com

Shipping extra

Classifieds

'65 Falcon trunk molding VG – nice chrome, \$300.00. '65 Falcon trunk molding – nice driver \$125.00. 2-NOS '64 tail light lens w/back up lights - \$80.00. '65 Falcon 4-dr sedan doors \$10.00 each. '64 Falcon HT doors \$50.00 each.

Call Bill 610-262-6555 Ford65Falcon@msn.com

Ford 1972 Performance rebuilt 351 W short block & heads, speed pro .20 over high compression pistons crane 284 degree cam roller timing set. Zero miles \$1,075.00.

NOS 1968 Falcon Drivers side fender \$250.00. Exhaust system for 1965 Ranchero & SW, like new, \$85.00. 1976 Hood edge trim \$35.00. 1965 Hood \$90.00.

215-257-3197 ctcarman@enternet.com

1964 2-speed auto transmission V-8, worked OK when pulled. Sold as is. \$125, pick up only. A pair of 1964 spindles for a 6 cyl 4 lug with new brakes, new wheel cylinders and the drums have turned. No brake hoses. \$60 for the pair. Good used 6 cyl radiator, 60-63, \$20. Good used gas tank, 60-63, \$30. Call or email Richard Hostetter at 717-838-1091 or rh1091@comcast.net

Cars for Sale:

1967 Falcon Sports Coupe, six cylinder auto, red with black bucket seats, PA inspection. Very nice, drive anywhere condition \$4,500.00.

215-257-3197 ctcarman@enternet.com

Theodore Carman, 300 S. 9th Street, Perkasio, PA 18944

1968 Falcon Futura 4-door sedan. All original, 51,000-mile little old lady car. Red with black interior. AM radio. Chrome along the sides is all there and straight. 200 straight six w/cruise-a-matic transmission. It runs but could use a tune-up. Both bumpers are rusty and the front one is bent near the center. No rips on the headliner or seats. Dashpad is cracked. Has the full deluxe hubcaps. Between excellent, good, fair, and poor, the car is in good shape. The price for this vehicle is \$1,800 OBO. Car is in Newville, PA. Please call Tom Rayhart at 717-776-7882 after 4pm weekdays. This is a car worth looking at!



Ford Falcon History

The **Ford Falcon** was an automobile produced by Ford Motor Company from 1960 through 1970. It was manufactured in the USA, Canada, Australia, Argentina, Mexico and Chile. It was a huge sales success for Ford initially, handily outselling rival compacts from Chrysler and General Motors introduced at the same time. During its lifespan, the Falcon was offered a wide range of body styles: two-door and four-door sedans, two and four door station wagons, two door hardtops, convertibles, and a sedan delivery and the Ranchero pickup. For several years, the Falcon name was also used on passenger versions of the Ford Econoline van.

By American standards of the 1960s the Falcon was a small car, but elsewhere it would be considered a mid-size car. It was powered by a small, lightweight 90 hp (67 kW), 144 in³ (2.4 L) straight-6 with a single-barrel carburetor. Construction was unibody, and suspension was fairly standard; coil springs in front, leaf springs in the rear. There was room for six passengers in reasonable comfort in the simple interior. Body styles available at launch were two and four-door sedans, two or four-door station wagons, and the Ford Ranchero car-based pickup, transferred onto the Falcon platform for 1960.

In 1960, Ford's Canadian subsidiary introduced the Falcon-based Frontenac. It was designed to give Mercury-Meteor dealers a smaller model to sell since the Comet was originally intended as an Edsel, which was sold by Ford-Monarch dealers. Produced for the 1960 model year only, the Frontenac was essentially a re-badged 1960 Falcon with its own unique grille, tail lights and external trim including red maple leaf insignias. Despite strong sales (5% of Ford's total Canadian output) the Frontenac was discontinued and replaced by the Mercury Comet for 1961.

Robert McNamara, a Ford executive who became Ford's president briefly before being offered the job of U.S. Defense Secretary, is regarded by many as "the father of the Falcon". McNamara left Ford shortly after the Falcon's introduction, but his faith in the concept was vindicated with record sales; over half a million in the first year and hitting over a million sold by the end of the second year.

The 1961 model year introduced an optional 101 hp, 170 in³ (2.8 L) six, and two new models were introduced; a bucket-seat sedan model with a higher trim level called the **Futura**, and a sedan delivery.

1962 saw a Squire model of the station wagon, with fake wood trim on the sides. Also new that year, the "Futura" option was offered with in slightly upgraded interior, different fender trim (spears), and a handful of different emblems. Halfway through the model year, they changed the roof line at the back window to more of a Thunderbird design.

In 1963 even more models were available; there was now a 4-door Futura, a Deluxe wagon and Ranchero, convertibles were introduced, and the new "Sprint" model was introduced. Halfway through the model year, a 260 in³ (4.3 L) V8 engine was offered for the first time. The Falcon was climbing in trim level from its budget beginnings as Ford attempted to wring more profit from the line.

A redesign changed the Falcon's looks for 1964. The new look was more squared-off, more modern, as Ford chased the youth market. Later in 1964, Ford's new offering for that market was launched: the Ford Mustang, based heavily on the Falcon's frame design but with no compromises about its youthful, fun intention. The Mustang dealt Falcon sales in North America a blow from which they would never recover.

The Falcon received another redesign for 1966, with a long-hood/short-deck look much in the Mustang vein. The two-door hardtop and convertible were dropped, while the station wagon and Ranchero were moved to a larger platform shared with the contemporary Fairlane. The Ranchero would leave the Falcon line and adopt the Fairlane's front sheetmetal for 1967.

The final model year for the Falcon in North America was 1970. Continuing sales declines and the inability of the car to meet forthcoming safety standards resulted in a short run of 1970 models identical to the 1969 version being sold through the end of December, 1969. On January 1, 1970, the Falcon name was transferred to a low-line version of the contemporary Ford Fairlane/Torino. This "1970 1/2" Falcon was available as a two and four door sedan and a four door station wagon. While the number of luxury and convenience options available was limited, the car was available with the full range of Fairlane/Torino powertrains.

44th Annual Das Awkscht Fescht
Macungie, PA
August 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2007
Feature Car – The Ford Falcon

Yes, that's right. The Ford Falcon will be the feature car at the 3 day car show in Macungie, PA. from Friday, August 3rd to Sunday, August 5th, 2007. This 3 day show is one of the largest shows on the east coast with over 3,000 cars attending. Approximately 12 Falcons will be chosen as the display models for the 3 days under the 40 x 100 Feature Falcon Tent. All other Falcons attending the 3 day event will be on display immediately outside the tent. Lots of Falcon memorabilia will also be on display under the tent. Efforts are being made to include many Falcon body types and years in the Feature Falcon Tent. If you would like to have your Falcon considered as a display car inside the tent complete the form below and send it to:

Donald Snyder, 26 S. 11th Street, Akron, PA 17501 by Nov. 15th, 2006.

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NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____
EMAIL: _____

FALCON INFORMATION

Circle all below that pertain to your Falcon

Percent Restored: 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970 1970 ½

2dr 4dr Falcon Color _____

Hardtop Convertible Sedan Ranchero Station Wagon Sedan Delivery Van

Sprint Futura Deluxe Standard Squire Sports Coupe

V8 6 Cyl. Auto Trans. 3 Spd Stick Trans 4 Spd Stick Trans

Engine Compartment Detailed: Completely Partially Not Detailed

Bucket Seats Wire Wheel Covers Factory Air Conditioning Vinyl Top

List other factory options: _____