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Chuck Beason 1944 - 2023

Chuck was FCA President for 10 yrs and FCA VP for 10 yrs.



“The FCA has lost a loyal friend”.
(Russ Welty)

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CHAPTER BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report				
Balance on Hand June 4, 2023				\$5,101.22
Income:				
	New Member - Sabini		\$12.00	
	Dues - \$12 x 13		156.00	
		Total Income	\$168.00	
		Sub-Total		\$5,269.22
Expenses:				
	None			
Balance as of September 15, 2023				\$5,269.22

IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR KCFCA DUES

If you have not paid your dues this will be your last newsletter.

Send your **\$12.00** dues to the KCFCA Treasurer,

\$ \$ \$

**Virginia Servas PO Box 10
Center Valley, PA 18034**

\$ \$ \$

Make checks payable to KCFCA.

NOTE: If you joined the Keystone Chapter in 2023 you need not pay dues until August 2024.



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Falcon

By now everyone is aware of the passing of two east coast chapter presidents this summer. I never met Chuck, but am aware he was a driving force in the Falcon world both as a former FCA president and current Florida president. Pat, the current Mason-Dixon president of 12 years, was a good friend and a good listener. He once asked me how I got into computers. He let me ramble on for at least 15 minutes before I realized I may be over caffeinated. How many of us can say our daily driver is a Falcon. Both are gone from sight, but will be long remembered.

The Das Awkscht Fescht saw a nice turnout of Keystone folks with their pet Falcons. We welcomed Dot and Gary Minnich as returning "new" Keystone members. During the business meeting we discussed hosting a Falcons and Fords show. The Morgantown Classic Auto Mall has cleared us for takeoff on May 4th. Since this is our first show with them, we are trying not to over complicate the event. Will see how that goes.

Don't forget the LB Smith Show on Saturday October 7th. There will be over 100 F O R D S there on display (weather permitting). The F A C O N S will be parked together this year. We are also looking for help parking the cars and handing out dash plaques. We hope you can make it to the show. LB Smith is a long time supporter of our chapter.

Casper, SpeedyG
Amy, Caitlin, Jim



2023/2024 KCFCA MEET SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 7, 2023

LB SMITH ALL F O R D SHOW

(SAT 9—2)

1100 Market, St, Lemoyne, PA

Food & Live entertainment

MAY 4, 2024

FALCONS & FORDS at the Classic Auto Mall

(SAT 9—2)

Morgantown, Pa

1970 and Older Fords

Welcome Back to the KCFCA

Dorothy & Gary Minnich

Whitehall, PA

White 1964 Futura Convertible



Welcome New Members

Robert & Trish Sabini

Saugerties, NY

1961 Garden Turquoise 4-door SDN

SOME OF THE FALCONS AT MACUNGIE



SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2023



For more pictures of the Falcons at Macungie check out
<https://fordfalcon.org/events/das-awkscht-fescht-2023/>

FALCONS @ MACUNGIE 8/6/23

NAME	TOWN	FALCON
BRUCE WOLFE	GRANTVILLE, PA	1962 BLUE 4DR WAGON
TOM & JUDY DEANE	WEST CHESTER, PA	1965 GREEN HT
GLENN & NICK HOFF	TELFORD, PA	1965 MAROON SDN DEL
ALAN & PAT WEST	BETHLEHEM, PA	1963 RED CONVERTIBLE
ED & EILEEN SNYDER	PEKASIE, PA	1964 WHITE 4DR WAGON
BRUCE KICHLINE	HELLERTOWN, PA	1964 MANGO-TANGO RANCHERO
JIM & AMY OGRAM	COATSVILLE, PA	1964 GREEN RANCHERO
DOROTHY & GARY MINNICH	WHITEHALL, PA	1964 WHITE CONVERTIBLE
JEFF WIED	GREEN LANE, PA	1964 GREEN 4DR SDN
IKE BLAIR	KINTERSVILLE, PA	NONE - 198? CROWN VICTORIA



If you have any ideas, comments, feedback, stories or anything else you would like to see in *The Falcon Key*, please contact the Editor at afutura@verizon.net

Pat Varricchio 1949—2023

The Mason-Dixon Chapter, and The National Falcon Club, sadly says "So long" to one of their best ambassadors for the Ford Falcon. Pat Varricchio who resided with his wife Diane in Nottingham, MD, passed away on August 12, 2023. Friends from far and wide attended his Memorial Service on August 19th, 2023. Pat was a friend to so many and always went out of his way to include those who were shy or new to Falcons and to the Falcon Club. He was known for his '63 Rangoon Red Falcon with the American Flag proudly displayed in the rear windshield. The Keystone Chapter will be honoring Pat at the May 4th Car Show at the Morgantown Classic Auto Mall with some special Keystone shaped plaques.



A FALCONISH WEDDING

Keystone members Dustin & Brea Varvel had a beautiful wedding day. They used a few of grandparent's, Bruce & Pam Wolfe, Falcons to bring in the old car vibe.



Donald Snyder's '68 Falcon Memory from 2007

Why do we drive hundreds of miles to attend a car show? Several weeks ago my wife Connie and I had just returned home from the Falcon Club National in Bloomington Minnesota, a 2400 mile journey. I was thinking why would a sane person drive a 1968 car, without air conditioning, speed control and all the other luxuries of the modern day cars, all that way? Was it for the contest or maybe to see old friends, or maybe to buy parts. Perhaps to see other Falcons that you would not see if you did not attend these events. Or maybe it was because of the lady that approached my wife and told a story about being at home many miles away and hearing of the Falcon Show in Bloomington. Then driving to the show to see if there was a car like the first car she ever drove. The lady told my wife of owning a 1968 Falcon Sports Coupe just like our car. The Falcon had been her first car and she drove it for many years until it rusted to the point it became a danger and her father junked the car. Before the car went to the junk yard, the lady took off the Sports Coupe emblems from the roof and the one from the trunk. This lady went on to say that she has the emblems to this day many years after the car went to the junk yard. The lady leaned into the car and exclaimed that our car has the same smell of her car. She took pictures of the car, thanked my wife for her time and off she went. I was off doing something else during this encounter. Now this was a fine story but it doesn't end here, no sir, here is the rest of the story.

We are doing the show at Macungie with my car being one of the Falcons in the tent. It was Saturday and I hear a female asking who owned the Sports Coupe. I advised that I owned the car. This young lady related that her first car that she purchased was a Sports Coupe, black over red, like our car. She went on to say that the floor eventually rusted to the point that one day while driving she lost a flip-flop through the hole in the floor. Eventually the car met the fate of the junk yard. I asked if this young lady was from Minnesota. She assured me she lived local and had never been to Minnesota. She asked if she could return on Sunday and take some pictures of the car and left. Sunday she returned with her camera and husband in tow. She had her husband take numerous photographs with her standing at the car. I invited her to get into the car. She took her shoes off upon getting into the car. This person also related that the car smelled like her car. She was so overwhelmed that she had to wipe the tears from her cheeks. I told her that we would most likely be back next year if she needed to see the Falcon again. She thanked me and gave me a hug and off she and her husband went.

Who would have thought that here were two people from hundreds and hundreds of miles apart, never having met and will most likely never meet, having a car like my wife and I. The reminiscing each of them did with my wife and I makes it all worth the drive and the time sitting in the sun at car shows.

The questions is: how many people owned Falcons like yours and are just waiting and wishing they could just see it one more time?

Don Snyder

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Donald & Connie Snyder's 1968 Sports Coupe — Mason Dixon Regional