



# The Peregrine Press

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The Peregrine Press, named for the Peregrine Falcon, is the bi-monthly newsletter of the Mason-Dixon Chapter of the Falcon Club of America. Our Chapter serves the five-state area of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and northern Virginia. Our membership includes 3 airline pilots and a retired jet mechanic. How cool is that?! Collectively, it is estimated that within the Mason-Dixon Chapter, there is more than 200 years of Falcon automobile knowledge and experience. So, if you've got questions, I'm certain there are one or more among us that will have the answers! And if not, they know people who will!

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## New Members -

Let's give a warm Mason-Dixon WELCOME to all of our new members! Photos to come later... but when you see a new face - be sure to introduce yourself and get acquainted. Those that we met at the Gettysburg Regional were great folks, and we welcome them all into our branch of the Falcon family.

Travis Barnhart

Dallas & Carol Dudding

Thomas & Marilyn Groft

Kyle Harrison

Adam & Rebecca Hawbaker

Alan and Paula Pleasanton

Brian and Christina Rigney

Bob & Brenda Turner

We are so glad that you joined with the Mason-Dixon Chapter. Please be assured that we are as crazy as we appear, and we have fun doing it!

Welcome to our crazy group!

## Presidents Message -

Hey everyone,

The Gettysburg Regional featured 93 cars, 86 of which were Falcons. Our Chapter signed up 8 new memberships. It was a beautiful thing to watch as Mason/Dixon members worked together and solved problems as they arose.

Visiting chapter members have told me that the Mason Dixon members made it appear flawless.

I want to Thank - All of you for your hard work to make this event a success. It is an honor to serve as your President.

I hope to see ALL of you at the Fall Picnic on October 12, 2019.

Pat Varricchio



## Upcoming Car Shows -

October 4-5, 2019 - Smokey Mountain Regional, Townsend, TN  
This is hosted by the Tennessee Valley Chapter

October 12, 2019 - Mason - Dixon Fall Picnic, Nottingham, MD. This is hosted by Pat & Diane Varricchio at their home. Details in this newsletter.

October 19, 2019 - LB Smith All Ford Show, Lemoyne, PA Only Fords, Lincolns, and Mercury's at this show, hosted by the Keystone Chapter of FCA. No registration fees - just show up. Show begins at 9:00 am, goes into the afternoon. Live band, food stand provided by the local Volunteer Fire Department. Come out and enjoy the fine Ford automobiles on display.

## The "Next" Mason-Dixon Regional -

OK gang, the Gettysburg Regional is behind us, and all that is left are the memories, our photos, and a few unclaimed serving utensils! ☺ (Are you missing anything, ladies?) It is time to begin thinking about our next great adventure. Get your ideas together and come to the Fall Picnic ready to share ideas and add to the discussion of what others have been thinking about. It is not too soon to be leaning into what's next. See you at the picnic!

## Mason-Dixon Fall Picnic -



What, you say, is the big deal about the **Fall** Picnic? Well - this is no slacker when it comes to getting together! It starts with **Fellowship**, talking with other **Falcon** club members about - what else? **FALCONS!!** Then there is **Food**. Can't have a picnic without **Food**, can we? Then comes the **Fun**. A short business meeting, questions and answers, welcoming new members, and then - (drum roll, please) ...

The Chinese Auction!! (Don't ask why it is called a "Chinese" auction, because there are no Chinese people there), but it is a lot of Fun! Bring a wrapped, or bagged gift with a value of around \$10. (New, used, recycled, repurposed, regifted, handmade...). The rules will be explained to you at the picnic, but just know that if you open it, you may not be able to keep it! And - you may get the same gift back 2 or 3 times! It's all in fun and we have a good time. If you are a couple, you can each bring a gift so you both get to play. Trust me... this could be important! "She" could probably care less about brass wool and shop rags, and "He" will not be as excited about that beautiful home-made fall wreath.



Bring your Falcon! Parking in the front yard, driveway, and on the street in front of the house will be available. Address is: **4 Kilkea Ct., Nottingham, MD 21236**. Burgers and Dogs will be provided, attendees are requested to bring a dish to share (side or dessert). Please RSVP to Pat or Diane at 410-256-2834 and let them know what you are planning to bring. Variety is nice, and Diane can help with suggestions if needed.



This is a casual event. Dress for the weather; we plan to be outside (weather permitting), so bring a warm jacket. Water to drink will be provided. If you prefer soda, please bring what you like to drink, and plan to take with you what is left.

## The Gettysburg Regional - Final Thoughts

Wow! What a turnout! Thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU !! to all those who stepped up and donated time and resources to help with all of the facets of this show. We could go through and name each committee and the members that contributed to making this a success, and we actually started to do that. But you know what happened?

We stopped in mid-sentence, and reflected on the awesomeness of that thought. As a collective group, as the Mason Dixon Chapter, we accomplished something huge, and we did it together. Everyone was important. Everyone pitched in. And the best part? Whereas some groups self-implode over such a challenge, we rose to the occasion with the glitches and bumps. Our friendships have grown deeper and we got to know our fellow chapter members a little better than we did before. We think that is awesome! We are all part of the success of the Gettysburg Regional. You might say it was a perfect storm of the following factors:

- Falcon owners who live in the eastern part of the country looking for a main Falcon event to attend (after 3 years of Nationals out west)
- Marketing the destination location of Gettysburg and all the area has to offer **in addition** to a fabulous Falcon show
- An unbelievably beautiful weather weekend (We admit this was by the grace of God! We claim no control. LOL!) in spite of Hurricane Dorian coming up the coast

However it all came to be, we have great memories and now look forward to what comes next! We all have much to be proud of. Job well done!

Here are some fun facts that you might find of interest.

We had 93 Ford Vehicles in attendance; some attended Friday and left, others came on Saturday only. But the combined total was 93 vehicles, with 86 of those being

Falcons! We heard more comments from FCA members about how many cars came to this gathering. Talk is... we "raised the bar" for future regional events! Could be some really interesting FCA events coming in the future!

We had cars from 20 states and attendees from 22 states!

58 Cars had been signed up for the Battlefield Tour, and we had to request that folks double up in cars because we only had parking space for 38 at some of the stops on the Battlefield.

106 FCA Members and guests had dinner at Pickett's Buffet.

Our Hospitality Volunteers cooked and served more than 40 lbs. of pulled pork, pulled chicken, sloppy joes, and barbequed ham, as well as side dishes to go with all of this. We had crock pots and roasters maxed out!! And that mac'n cheese...Yum!

On Saturday, Ed Sickels and his volunteer helpers cooked 180 hamburgers and more than 80 hot dogs.

We served pizza to more than 130 people and Ice Cream to all who wanted some.

We had at least one baby in attendance, and several seniors well into their 80's!

And all of this came together because of you! It is, without a doubt, a great honor to serve with all of you.

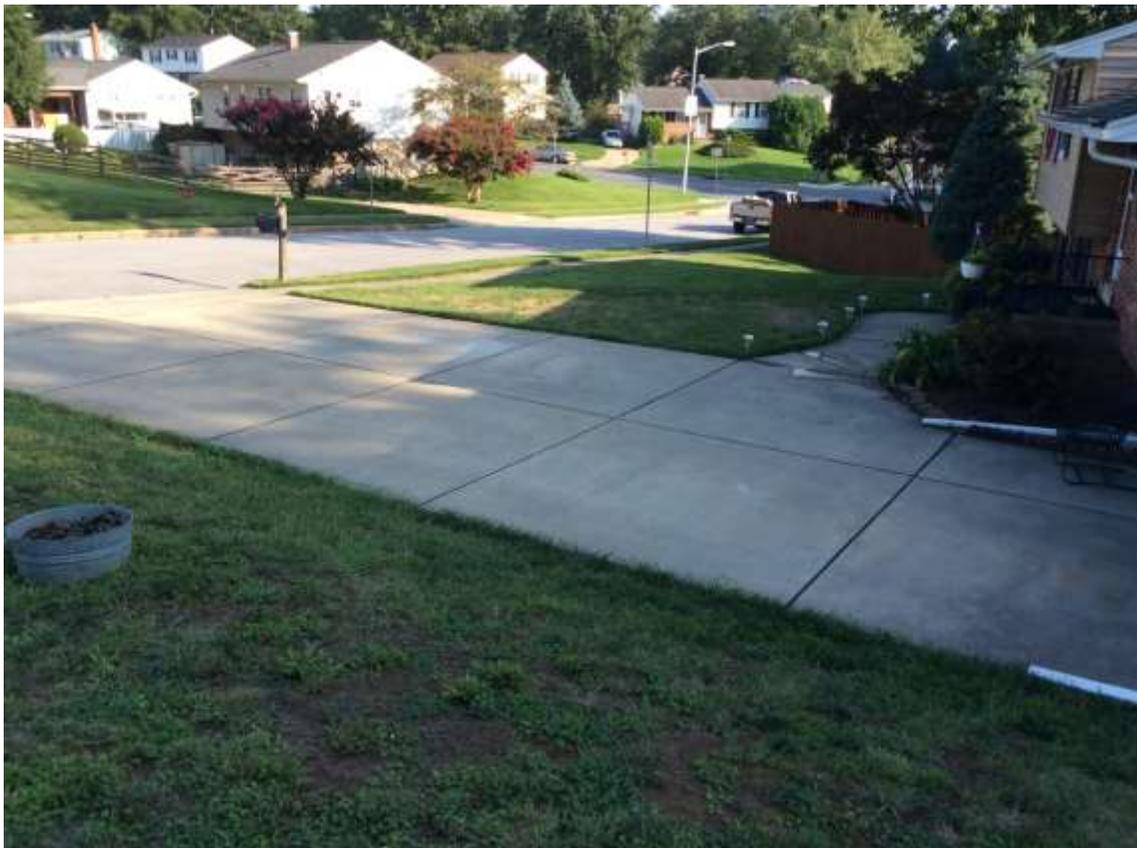
**Did you receive your Evite for photo-sharing in your email?** This is a place where attendees of the Gettysburg Regional can upload their pictures to share for all to enjoy. This site is open until December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Uploading is easy. Just open the Evite and tap the photo button. Add some photos, and hit done! This can easily be done on your phone, since that is probably where your pictures are, or you can use your computer. Have questions or need techie assistance? Leave a voice mail or text for Cheryl Holquist at 717 658-7461 and she will call you back ASAP.

**Save the Date: Falcon Nationals July 23-25, 2020  
Ford Falcon's 60<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee  
Dayton, Ohio**



**And why are the  
chairs empty??  
Because we were  
all working all the  
time!!**

A MATH QUESTION -



Have you ever been in a store where they want you to guess the correct number of M&M's in a quart jar to win a prize? Well, here is your challenge for the month. How many Falcons does it take to fill up this front yard and driveway? Now, unlike the M&M's, we're not going to jam them in like candy, but we really DO want to find out just how many Falcons will fit into this front yard. To find the answer, you may want to show up on October 12 for the Fall Picnic (and bring your Falcon). Then we can all count them!





For more pictures go to [Evite.com](https://www.evite.com) and find your invitation!! Need access? Send a request to 717 658-7461.

