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The Newsletter of the Mason - Dixon Chapter of the
Falcon Club of America

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President's Message

Hi Mason/Dixon Members,

It was another beautiful day for our Fall Picnic in October. Plenty of sun, but a chilly breeze for much of the day. Those in attendance were: Tom Lauppe, Jim Larkin, Jack Roberts (with Falcon), Pilar & Mike Garrett, Sheila & Ron Hutchens, Rita & Manny Cobian (with 2 Falcons), Ed Sickels (with Falcon), Dianne & Pat Varricchio (with Falcon), Belinda & Todd Maxwell, and Cheryl & Ken Holquist. Having had steady rain through the night and into the morning, the Falcons had to stay on the driveway as we weren't sure how soft the yard may have been.

We welcomed new members Todd & Belinda Maxwell into the flock. They are from Glenville, PA and are the proud owners of two Falcon Station Wagons, a two door, and a four door Deluxe. Both are 1964 models.

Dianne and I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving, and - since this is a combined Nov/Dec Newsletter, we would also like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.

Pat Varricchio

Highlights from the Fall Picnic -

We welcomed new members Todd & Belinda Maxwell from Glenville, PA. Please extend a hearty Mason-Dixon "Hello" to them when you see them.

Questions were raised as to how many of our members used email or Facebook to find out about the Fall Picnic. It appears that this group was evenly split with half using the email notifications while the other half are more into Facebook. It was decided that we will continue to use both.



Question asked about renewing our domain name "masondixonfalcons"? Ken & Cheryl will be looking into creating a web page based on the National Falcon Club of America template that is offered by our national club web services.

Discussed upcoming events. October 20th is both the Rockville Antique Show and the L.B. Smith Show.

It was a chilly day in Nottingham, MD for our picnic. If you check out our Mason-Dixon Facebook page, you can see how chilly it really was. A couple of the gifts in the Chinese Auction were lap blankets, and boy were they a welcome gift!

Pat asked for a show of hands as to how many would like to host a Regional Show in 2019? All in attendance voted Yes! Pat was speechless. The English have a word for it across the pond - I think they call it "gob-smacked". After he recovered from his surprise, he then asked - "how many would help in some capacity with hosting this show? Again - all replied Yes! Discussion then followed about changing the location from Edgewood, MD to somewhere near Gettysburg, PA All in attendance were supportive of Pat exploring the possibility of hosting a Regional Show at or near Gettysburg, PA

New member Belinda Maxwell has offered to make a quilt of Falcon T-Shirts to be raffled off at the Regional Show. Pat requested that all members who were interested in donating shirts to bring them to the Mason - Dixon Spring meeting on April 13, 2019.

Spring Meeting? Oh Yes! **The Spring Meeting** will be held on **April 13, 2019** at the home of Pat & Dianne Varricchio in Nottingham, MD Meal begins at Noon, followed by a business meeting and the now infamous Mason-Dixon Auction. At the business meeting,

we will be assigning duties for the Fall Regional and getting members signed up to help where needed.

There was some discussion about opening up our Facebook page to the public, or keeping it closed to members only. The general consensus was to keep it as a closed group for now. If you are not yet on Facebook, updates to chapter happenings will continue to go out via email. If you are among those who utilize Facebook, please take time to look up our page and send a friend request. We'll get you access as quickly as possible.

A short discussion regarding Mason-Dixon Chapter apparel. Since orders have slowed, anyone wishing to place an order should contact Ken Holquist, or send your order directly to him. He will get it placed and, once finished, he will see that the garments get sent to you. The shop we are using is located in Carlisle, PA and Ken is able to make those arrangements.

Pat raised the question of election of officers. Pilar Garrett made a motion that all officers remain in the same positions. Motion was seconded, and Pat asked for a show of hands. All voted affirmative, current officers will remain for another year.

The meeting was adjourned. The auction was begun, and for the most part, it was pretty tame. We need Naomi back to spice things up for the next one!

Mason - Dixon Chapter Store - Garment Shop -

At our Fall Picnic, we had some conversation about garments (shirts / jackets) being offered for Mason - Dixon Chapter Members that would be unique and have our Chapter Logo on them. Ken Holquist did some research into a local shop in the Carlisle area doing this for the Chapter. Many of those in attendance commented on the options available, and the color choices, as well as the quality of the garments themselves. On the last pages, you will find samples of the garments offered along with their corresponding catalog number, and the next page is an order form - in case you might want to order something for yourself.

The Vendor shop is called **2 Generations**, a mother - daughter business in Carlisle near to the Fairgrounds. They do uniforms and other promotional garments for many of the local sports teams and civic organizations. If you desire to order anything, they have requested that all orders come through one contact person, to minimize confusion and limit them to a local call for questions. If you wish to pay with a credit card, provide your day time phone number with your order, they will call you directly for the credit card information, and do the purchase right there on the phone. Ken Holquist will be the local contact, and will arrange shipping of your garments to you once they are completed.

2 Generations, 700 Clay Street, Carlisle, PA 17013 Phone: 717-241-2436

We are receiving a club discount on the cost of the garments, and there is a small up-charge for the art work on the logos. These are all reflected in the prices on the order form. Color options are listed down the center of the page. If you would like your first name embroidered on the right chest placket, there is an additional \$3.00 charge for this as each name is unique in the machine. Also, the Ford emblem that you see near the bottom of the patch on the men's logo has been restored. Pat had discussions with FCA Club Officers while in Wichita, and learned that we can have that blue oval showing on our emblem. So, all men's garments will have the Ford Oval as part of the patch from this date forward. Many of the ladies preferred to have the Falcon Wing on their embroidery, rather than the flags so that is why you see two emblems offered. If you have any questions, please call Ken Holquist for answers and clarification. You are welcome to order whatever you like; just send your order form to Ken Holquist via email, or snail mail. Either way will get your order to their shop. Also, pocket T-Shirts and pocket Polo Shirts are now available for the men. Color options are listed on the order form. Again, if you have questions, please call or email **Ken Holquist** at **717-658-7460** or 64dlvrme@gmail.com.

*Performance T-Shirts are moisture wicking fabric.

*The Soft-Shell Jackets are only available in **Navy Blue**.

*Items with the letter "L" at the beginning are **ladies cut and fit**.

*Sport-Tek garments are moisture wicking fabric.

Mason - Dixon Fall Regional !!! -

Alright everyone, we've been talking about doing this since early spring of 2018! Now it's official. The Mason-Dixon Chapter is hosting a Fall Regional on Friday and Saturday, September 6-7, 2019. Host hotel will be the Sleep Inn & Suites, 501 Silo Hill Parkway, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. The approved Registration Form is included at the back of this newsletter, it can also be found on the FCA website, and will appear in the January Falcon News magazine. Initially we had reserved 25 rooms, those were gone in the first six days. Then we requested an additional block of 20 rooms, and those are almost all reserved as of November 20. So , , , if you are waiting for any reason to commit to a room for one or more nights, it is **STRONGLY** suggested that you sort that out soon and make your reservation!

Room rates are set at \$119 for Friday and Saturday, if you choose to come early or stay beyond Sunday morning, those rates are set at \$87. Please keep in mind that hotel rates in the Gettysburg region average \$179 per night so this is a very good rate for our group. There are a couple of hotels that offer rates of \$149 but those go quickly and may be already reserved.

The host hotel underwent a remodel about six years ago and has very nice rooms for guests, as well as a breakfast buffet and a reasonably sized dining area. There is an elevator in the building so guests with mobility issues have access to all floors. The Sleep Inn is also pet friendly for small pets. (We have learned they do not allow large dogs, unfortunately.) Our hotel is located just off of US Route 15 at the Maryland/Pennsylvania line, (or for those of you from the old school, that's the Mason-Dixon Line), and is only 13 miles from all points in Gettysburg.

Now you might be asking, "What does this have to do with us"? A LOT!! We have at least 43 chapter members in the Mason-Dixon Chapter who own a Falcon, and live within 100 miles of Emmitsburg, MD. It would be really great if all 43 of those Falcons were to show up at Gettysburg for this regional show! **We would really like to see you there!**

Being Thankful -

As I write this, it is cold, with freezing rain, and sleet mix outside. Listening to the radio today and the chatter about being Thankful for what we have this holiday season - got me to thinking. What are some of the things I am Thankful for? Well . . . it didn't take long to come up with a fairly good list, but I'm not going to share it all with you here. What I will share is that we have a terrific group of enthusiasts among us who really do cherish and care for their Falcons. I've talked with guys who joined other car clubs and listened to their stories about the dysfunction that goes on in their respective clubs. People who aren't friendly, who act snooty around other members they don't know (or don't want to know). Many of the clubs that I've heard about don't openly welcome wives or significant others! That's what sets the Falcon Club apart from many of the others. We are a **F**riendly group of people, always looking forward to gathering with our Falcons. We are an **A**dmirable bunch of folks. Imagine, just for a minute, the idea of bringing together people from all walks of life - airplane pilots, electricians, carpenters, mechanics, teachers, housewives, sales people, retired, and those not yet retired. Pile them all in one place at the same time and let them find common ground (no pun intended) with things to talk about. Shazam! That's what you have at a Mason-Dixon gathering! We're a **L**ively bunch, you've got to admit that, lots of fun and laughter when we get together. There is a **C**amaraderie among Falcon Club members and guests that just grows stronger as we come together more often. Some among us are **O**bsessed with our Falcon's, always doing something to tinker or fix or change about it for whatever reason. And finally, we're **N**ice to be around. Friendly, cheerful, smiling, full of laughter and good fun, genuine, sincere, and nice. Common ground my friends is a little car made back in the 1960's - and you've all got at least one.

-editor

Winter Storage of your Falcon -

Below is an article submitted by Phil Barber. It was in the last newsletter, but it's good information to send along again.

CLUB CLIPS

Clipped by Gerald Perschbacher

Old cars and old antifreeze don't always mix

The Henney Chapter of the Professional Car Society offered advice that goes far beyond professional cars (specifically hearses, ambulances and other specialty vehicles of the Henney Buggy Co. and the Henney Motor Co.). The tip came in Vol. 7, No. 2 of *Henney Program of Progress*, edited by George Hamlin (PO Box 123, Fulton, MD 20759; www.theprofessionalcarsociety). Credit for the item is noted as coming from Niagara Packards, which carried it forth from the A-C-D Club.

There is danger in using "extended life" antifreeze in cars more than a decade old. The mixture carries Organic Additive Technology (coded OAT, H-OAT, or N-OAT), according to the article. The product tends to attack "gaskets and gasket cements in cars, causing major leaks and forcing ultra-expensive repairs." The severity was recognized some time ago by Rolls-Royce collectors in the Silver Ghost Association who "documented massive cooling system failures apparently caused by this antifreeze product."

The stuff that proves safe in aged cars has the older Inorganic Additive Technology (IAT) additive. The warning that circulates zeros in on Zerex's G-05 and "all Prestone lines" as "no no's" for old cars. Said the article, "None of us wants

to pull and rebuild our cars' engines."

Safe types include "Peak, Peak's HD Product 'Sierra,' and Zerex Original Green" which comes in a white container.

Don't panic if you use the potentially troublesome stuff. Simply mark one idea high on your list of things to do: **DRAIN IT, THEN FLUSH THE SYSTEM.** Conclude by refilling with the IAT antifreeze.

Warnings are not meant to fool people or scare car owners. When evidence such as this surfaces, it's better to err on the side of caution than to lessen or destroy your car's worth.

Words of plentiful gratitude can resound when tips such as these hit the hearts of car collectors.

Do the members of your club have tips worth sharing? By all means, glean those from your members and include them as often as possible in your local or regional club publication. Even better, extend your circle of communication to include the national editor of your club. Play it wisely and be safe by spreading the word about possible dangers relating to new technology that has yet to be proved in the daily operation of cars embracing various vintages.

All this brings up the reminder: When was the last time your old car had its cooling system emptied, flushed and refilled?

By M.J. Frumkin



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| 2 nd Falcon OR No Car (voting rights) | \$15 | | |
| T-Shirt -- S | \$20 | | |
| T-Shirt -- M | \$20 | | |
| T-Shirt -- L | \$20 | | |
| T-Shirt -- XL | \$20 | | |
| T-Shirt -- XXL | \$22 | | |
| T-Shirt -- XXXL | \$22 | | |
| Deadline for T-Shirt Orders August 16, 2019 | | | |
| Saturday Night Pizza Party, Ice Cream Social and Awards | | | No Charge |
| | Total | | |

Please sign release to complete registration:

It is understood that neither FCA Mason/Dixon Chapter nor Falcon Club of America assume any responsibility for loss or damage to any vehicle or property during this event.

Signature _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to Mason/Dixon Chapter

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 Nottingham, MD 21236

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Host Hotel: *Sleep Inn and Suites*
 501 Silo Hill Parkway, Emmitsburg, MD 21727
 Phone: 301-447-0044

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