

The Peregrine Press

The newsletter of the Mason - Dixon Chapter of the

Falcon Club of America

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President's Message

As you may or may not know, our fearless leader is enjoying his feet in the sand with a cigar in his hand so it's my time to step up to send some club updates.

Spring is just around the corner and here's hoping your winter projects are near completion. Here's a BIG reminder, the first Mason Dixon meeting in 2018 is April 21, 2018 @ 12:00 noon. It will be at Pat and Diane's house located at:

4 Kilkea Court, Nottingham, MD 21236

The Club will provide burgers and hot dogs, attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. (Deserts are ALWAYS welcome). This is a family gathering, weather permitting, we'll be sitting outside on the deck enjoying the warm spring sunshine and trying to get over our collective cases of "spring fever". Also, if the weather is good, bring your Falcon with you! The driveway and front yard are designated parking for the most favored Falcons (and once in awhile a stray Porsche). For those of you who haven't attended one of our gatherings, - we have great fun, lots of laughs, and sometimes a little ribbing on the cook. But, it's all in good fun.

Have you ever met someone who has a Falcon and tried to suggest they join the Falcon club? My experience has been that when I mention the word “club”, people seem to think it’s a bad word. Most people don’t want to commit to joining even when you explain it is a good source of parts and information plus a great group of people that turn in to friends over the years. We need to continue to try and recruit new members to the club. Twenty some years ago my wife and I attended our first National in Florida. Since then, we have attended many more Nationals and now have friends all over the united states.

We have several Falcon events to chose from this Spring with the Keystone Regional coming up fast in May. My wife and I have our reservations for the National in Kansas. It’s a nice ride out west so think about joining us if you haven’t already made reservations.

As they say, cars may come and cars may go but Falcon friends last forever.

Sincerely,

Ed Watt

Keystone Regional - May 4th & 5th, 2018

Where, you say? Why it will be at the Comfort Inn located at 41 Diner Rd. in Bethel, PA Now, for those of you who have not yet attended the Keystone affair, you have to travel to Interstate 78 in Pennsylvania, then you are looking for Exit 16. At the exit, go north just a short ways (200 feet) and go left onto the frontage road which is called Diner Rd. The Comfort Inn is at the end of that short road. You can’t miss it. There is paved parking, hospitality suite inside the Comfort Inn, and a great mix of very nice Falcons to enjoy. They even have a large lawn to use for overflow parking if necessary. You can find the registration form on line at the FCA website, as well as additional details. Mark your calendars! Registration form is at the back of this newsletter.

Carlisle All Ford Nationals - June 1 - 3, 2018

Where? This is held at the Carlisle, Pennsylvania Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Road. There are over 55 Acres of Ford cars and trucks, and one of the largest swap meets for Ford products in the US. Our Mason – Dixon Chapter has Swap Spaces B-10 through B – 13. We have been selling Falcon parts for many years now. This is offered as a service to club members. Our club members staff the swap space and we will sell your

stockpile of Falcon parts for a nominal fee of 10% of the sell price. That helps to offset our space rental cost. Come and enjoy the weekend and visit with Falcon Club friends, either on the show field or at our Swap Spaces Thursday thru Saturday.

And for a really outstanding treat, you might even get to watch our own magical Ed (the Professional Polisher) Sickels take dull, ordinary junk car parts from castaway status to highly sought-after treasures by our customers! Don't miss out on this!

Southern Delaware Street Rod Jamboree -

The following was submitted by Dennis Mehrenberg, one of our new members from Milford, DE.

The Southern Delaware Street Rod Association will be hosting their annual Jamboree, at the Harrington, (De), State Fairground, on June 22nd and 23rd, 2018. This is without a doubt, the largest single stationary event in Delaware. Participants travel from NY, NJ, PA, MD, VA, NC, OH, and other places I have not seen tags for. The best setup area is under the trees, (it's almost always very hot). These spaces are reserved and requests must be made early. I would like to arrive as a group and setup under the trees that way. If you are interested in attending, let me know before 03/25 and I will make a mass reservation for space.

Editor's note: We thought it might be fun to attend this as a group. Some of our group cannot make the Friday part of it, but would enjoy attending on Saturday. This cannot wait for the April 21st meeting for discussion, so if you want to attend, we need to get our reservations in quickly in order to get space under the trees. This gathering takes place at the State Fairgrounds, and draws close to 1,000 vehicles. A little something for every car enthusiast in the crowd. Dennis has offered to coordinate this for our group, but he needs to know how many cars and people are coming in order to hold enough space for everyone. Fees are listed below:

Prior to May 15th: Registration is \$40.00 per car. This includes two adults and all children under age 10. This is for both days. If you can only come on Saturday, the entry fee is \$25.00 for the car and driver, each additional person in the car is \$5.00 All fees increase \$5.00 after May 15th. Contact information for Dennis is:

Phone: 302-922-1261 **Email:** pbsdaddy@verizon.net or - find him on our Mason - Dixon Facebook page and send him a personal message.

(For our Delaware folks and southern NJ Falcon folks, here is a car show that will be in your backyard just about.) Let's take advantage of this opportunity to attend something close to home!

And for all of you folks in central Pennsylvania and Maryland, there will be information coming on a local show in Spring Grove, PA in July, often the same weekend as the Falcon National. Watch for it in the next newsletter.

Reflections -

Last year one of our members left on his final journey. Glenn Kuhn had been a member of the Falcon Club of America since the Club originated in 1979. His member number was #12, and through the years, Glenn owned and had restored a number of Falcons. His cars were always in top notch condition, and he took great pride in the restoration process. We admired Glenn's cars and dreamed of getting our own cars to look as nice as his. His restorations raised the bar for many, and were enjoyed by many more.



Thanks – for the memories

Editors Comments -

Hey Guys and Gals! First off, I would like to thank Ed Watt for penning the President's Message this month. He had some really thoughtful words to share. The purpose of our Falcon Club is to offer a place for Ford Falcon enthusiasts to come together and share about their cars and problems they have had, (or are having), finding parts, finding resources to help them repair or work around known issues, and just be a part of a community of like minded individuals. As I've gotten to know people in the Falcon community, I've learned that we all share a basic connection. Ford Falcons. Sure we use Facebook, and email, and websites, but we get to know one another, and become like "family". Every one that I have met has been a great resource in one way or another. That's what this group is about. When we get together for picnics and other gatherings, there is one big family. Laughter, fun, often there is food, and every so often, we talk about Falcons. As Ed shared, we all need to be looking for Falcon owners to connect with, and invite them to become a part of our extended family. Will you be the one to invite the next folks to join?

A BIG Welcome to our newest members: Manny & Rita Cobian from Nottingham, MD and Dennis Mehrenberg from Milford, DE WELCOME to the family! Looking forward to meeting you at the picnic on April 21st!

We do hope that the Varricchio's, and the Harrington's, and the Watt's have a safe and uneventful trip home from the sunny south. They've been soaking their toes in the warm sands of places below the Mason - Dixon Line.

Don't forget to make your reservations for the National Falcon Club gathering at Wichita, Kansas - July 18 - 21, 2018. Rooms are going quickly, and the host club is working hard to make this a great show in the Heartland. Registration form is at the back of this newsletter.

June 16th (Sat) 9am to 2pm, AACA MUSEUM CARNIVAL CAR SHOW (Vehicle Registration 8 am to 12 noon) We are looking forward to our Annual Museum CARNIVAL Car Show here on the beautiful grounds of the AACA Museum, Inc., in Hershey, PA.

www.aacamuseum.org

*As a footnote - the process of moving Diane's master list of email addresses using copy and paste to my older version of Word, caused many of the addresses to revert to first names - instead of last names. Not sure why. Then, many of the email addresses had changed so we were getting notifications back that addresses were undeliverable. Please think of us when you change information in the future so that our records get updated as well. Thanks so much.

Have a wonderful Easter and a beautiful Spring Season! - editor

