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ECONoline Organization Newsletter **April/May 1987**

Welcome one and all to Econ0, the Econoline Organization. As far as we know, we're the first and only national enthusiasts group solely for the owners of 1961-1967 Ford Econoline vans and pickups. I suppose that since this is the first newsletter issue, a bit of insight into Econ0's organization, commitment, member involvement, and newsletter "ground rules" may be appropriate. Econ0 is two people: Brian and Jay. Why? Probably the close proximity and similar frustrations while parts chasing has a lot to do with it. The real reason it is just two of us, is that we keep things simple this way. Jay does the tech stuff since he knows more about that end; I do the administrative stuff because Jay won't. If one of us can't get our end of things together for whatever reason, the other one can. No officers, no passed bucks, no confusion.

Next question: why 6 newsletters per year? We figured that 12 per year would be too much work and that 4 per year wouldn't be enough information passed along to you in one year's time. Your \$10 covers our costs of copying, stamps, envelopes for correspondence, and most importantly, ads (to get more members). Any money left over come next March will go to more ads, or a worthy group in Jay's and my estimation.

That term commitment mentioned earlier comes in here. Jay and I are set to go for one year. We're hoping to have gathered enough people in that time for one of us to put together an order for some extruded rubber products. Probably something along the lines of vent window gaskets, but also maybe cargo door seals. After all, parts is the name of the game here. We've decided that if the number of people hasn't turned up, that we'll hand the ball to someone else for a while, or close shop. Hopefully, we'll have problems the other way and need help keeping up with all the diehard Econoline enthusiasts.

Speaking of members, just because Econ0 is run by two people, doesn't mean that two people have all the ideas. We don't, and don't pretend to. Y'all paid the \$10, so get out of it what you need to get. We're open to ideas but aren't mind readers. Please write, even if just to say "HI", or to tell us how far long you are (or aren't) in completing your truck (no project is ever complete). If you want an answer, especially to a technical question, using a SASE, business size helps, because otherwise we have to take money from the club coffer that could be better used some other way. Again, tech to Jay, everything else to Brian. We are

also encouraging members to send in items to use in the newsletter. Stories about your vehicles; weird things that happened while driving or sitting in your Econoline that couldn't have happened in any other vehicle; how-to items **of things you've done to your vehicle and know work**; or information on products available for Econolines from strictly local people in your area or from obscure remanufacturing and surplus dealers. Get-togethers of people related to Econ0 are encouraged and reports therefrom are welcome. Basically, there are all kinds of things that Jay and I can do, but we want to do what you all want to see.

Lastly, a note about how our newsletter will be organized and what to expect each month. Usually, you'll see a blurb from me (this is it), telling you what you may need to know and previewing the issue and the next month's issue. Then there will be some letters to us, either technical or otherwise that we wish to share, a tech article or two, or a modification article, member classified ads, and lastly, a membership roster update. Tech letters, by the way, will probably be edited down to the meat of the question and always answered separately as well, so don't take it personally if we don't print all of your letter, we're trying not to go overboard with the postage. Along these lines, and to finish off the "ground rules", member classifieds are free, but will be edited or refused, if not strictly Econoline related information. I'll make up whatever heading you want to classify your ad under.

So much for preliminaries. This month we thought a good start would be some model and year stuff that Jay obtained and decoded from the Ford people. It ended up being quite a bit of info, so we've decided to save the paint scheme stuff, trim codes, and year by year serial numbers from Ford until next month, answer a few technical letters, and see what happens. Also next month, a rarest of the rare option parts that you may see in junkyards, and may even find intact, and the membership roster. Econ0 is thus far made up of redirected LCVA (Light Commercial Vehicle Association, a fine group) people, Jay's contacts, and other word of mouth members. We decided that since the vehicle ID stuff took up so much room, that we'd see what our ads due out soon do, and put all the first month's members together on one roster. On to the good stuff. Enjoy.

The Econoline Encyclopedia (Letters to Jay)

Dear Jay,

My Econoline pickup (63) and van (61) both have a noisy rear axle. Could you tell me what other rear axles complete would fit the Econoline? I would also like to have a higher ratio if I change. Derwood Slonaker

The simplest choice for a replacement rear axle comes from the Econoline itself. Starting in 1963, a heavy duty rear axle was offered as an option. This was Ford's 9-inch axle which came out in 1957 on cars and light trucks and was continued through the late 1970's. This axle has a pop-out gearset and is available in a very wide range of gear ratios. The Econoline housing is unique but gearsets and axle shafts will interchange over a wide range of years and vehicles. The heavy axle also had larger brakes and a larger U-joint flange. Bolt-in driveshafts are available for most years. Check the length and U-joint sizes before buying. Look for a detailed article on this swap in a future issue.

Dear Jay,

I read about your club in the LCVA Plugs'n'Points Nov/Dec 1986 issue. I am looking for a 1962 through 1967 Falcon Deluxe Club Wagon in mint original or restored condition. Can you or anyone in your club help me? Eric Heltzer

Anyone having or knowing of Deluxe Club Wagon for sale can reach Mr. Heltzer through myself or Brian.

Dear Jay,

I acquired a '64 Deluxe Club Wagon as a replacement for my old VW bus. I plan a complete restoration and am in the process of obtaining the needed information and parts. I have been unable to determine what color the center section of the exterior body side strip should be. My front passenger doors are without exterior emblems. The original owner says it was always that way and there are no holes or evidence of filler or welds. I have never seen an early Econoline without these emblems. Can you shed any light on this? D.W. English

To the best of my knowledge, the center section of the side trim was finished in a satin silver color on all the Deluxe Club Wagons from 1962-1965. The sales literature describes this as an "anodized aluminum insert." Regarding the lack of emblems on the front doors, I have seen two other vans without these but had no way to tell if they came this way. I have seen several 1964 Deluxe Club Wagons with the usual "Falcon/Club Wagon" emblems and the sales folder shows the emblems as well. Has anyone else encountered a van or pickup without the front door emblems??

ECONOLINE PRODUCTION AND IDENTIFICATION 1961-1967

In owning and restoring an Econoline one will at some time wonder exactly which model the truck is, how rare it is, and what the original equipment and accessories were. Some of this information was included on the factory data plate located on the left (driver's) door or door frame. The model and production information is found by decoding the letters and numbers found on this plate. The factory shop manuals provide a starting point, but are suprisingly incomplete and inaccurate in many cases. In this and future issues I will try to shed some light on the data plate mysteries. There are still gaps and missing information, but with new information coming in from members and wrecking yard trips we will hopefully fill in the gaps and be able to provide complete information in the future. In this issue I will cover model identification and production figures.

For each vehicle there are two numbers which tell specifically which model and body style it is. The body number consists of a 2 digit number followed by a single letter. The number was 87 for pickups and 89 for vans. The model number begins with an "E" followed by a 3 digit number between 100 and 173. The Econoline was therefore referred to in parts listings and other literature as the E100 series. For some years only one of the above numbers appeared on the data plate, for others both appeared. The production records were kept by body type while weight ratings followed the model number. To further complicate things, the body number space on 1961 and 1962 vehicles actually contained the model

number, not the body number as indicated on the plate and in the shop manual. The body number was not listed at all on the data plate. In 1963 both numbers appeared and were correct. In 1964 the plate contained spaces for both numbers. The model numbers were correct but the body number contained a trim code before the 87 or 89 and had no letter following. This trim code was a single letter or number and designated the color of the seats and armrest(s). A letter trim code indicate a deluxe cab while a number indicated the standard interior. In 1965 through 1967 the shop manual acknowledged the trim number in the body number space. There was therefore no body number on 1964 and up vehicles. Since production was kept by body style only there is no way to know what percent of a certain body type was of a given model number. It is possible to have two different body numbers for the same model number. For example, a 1961 regular pickup model E100 can be body type 87A or 87B depending if it is a standard or deluxe cab and a 1961 pickup of body style 87A (standard cab) can be an E100 or an E104 depending if it is standard or heavy load rating. Now that I have totally confused you, I will further baffle you with a massive onslaught of letters and numbers, broken down year by year for production figures and models.

ECONOLINE PRODUCTION: 1961-1967

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BODY*</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
<u>1961</u>	87A	STANDARD PICKUP	11893
	87A	CUSTOM PICKUP	3000
	89A	STANDARD VAN	28932
	89A	CUSTOM VAN	2228
	89B	FALCON ECONO BUS	8511
	89B	FALCON ECONO BUS CUSTOM	6571
<u>1962</u>	87A	PICKUP CUSTOM	8140
	89A	ECONOVAN**	50645
	89B	FALCON BUS CLUB WAGON	18153
<u>1963</u>	87A	PICKUP STANDARD	10372
	87B	PICKUP CUSTOM	1022
	89A	REGULAR VAN STANDARD	47119
	89E	DISPLAY VAN STANDARD	3359
	89F	WINDOW VAN STANDARD	5376
	89G	CARGO VAN STANDARD	1153
	89A	REGULAR VAN CUSTOM	1501
	89E	DISPLAY VAN CUSTOM	98
	89F	WINDOW VAN CUSTOM	332
	89G	CARGO VAN CUSTOM	88
	89B	FALCON STATION BUS STANDARD	10332
	89C	FALCON STATION BUS CUSTOM	4378

	89D	FALCON CLUB WAGON	2923
<u>1964</u>	87A	PICKUP STANDARD	4196
	87B	PICKUP CUSTOM	988
	89A	PANEL VAN STANDARD	1770
	89A	REGULAR VAN STANDARD	44059
	89E	DISPLAY VAN STANDARD	3621
	89F	WINDOW VAN STANDARD	6289
	89G	CARGO VAN STANDARD	1495
	89A	PANEL VAN CUSTOM	90
	89A	REGULAR VAN CUSTOM	2741
	89E	DISPLAY VAN CUSTOM	138
	89F	WINDOW VAN CUSTOM	812
	89G	CARGO VAN CUSTOM	215
	89B	FALCON BUS STANDARD	9249
	89C	FALCON BUS CUSTOM	4729
	89D	FALCON CLUB WAGON	2687
<u>1965</u>	87A	PICKUP STANDARD	4340
	87B	PICKUP CUSTOM	3065
	89H	PANEL VAN	967
	89A	REGULAR VAN	35972
	89E	DISPLAY VAN	2381
	89F	WINDOW VAN	5156
	89G	CARGO VAN	1136
	89S	PANEL VAN EXTENDED	229
	89J	REGULAR VAN EXTENDED	7924
	89M	DISPLAY VAN EXTENDED	129
	89N	WINDOW VAN EXTENDED	1358
	89R	CARGO VAN EXTENDED	449
	89B	FALCON BUS STANDARD	7116
	89K	FALCON BUS STAND. EXTENDED	573
	89C	FALCON BUS CUSTOM	3813
	89D	FALCON CLUB WAGON	2259
<u>1966</u>	87A	PICKUP STANDARD	2578
	87B	PICKUP CUSTOM	512
	89A	REGULAR VAN STANDARD	23861
	89E	DISPLAY VAN STANDARD	2488
	89F	WINDOW VAN STANDARD	4250
	89G	CARGO VAN STANDARD	537
	89H	PANEL VAN STANDARD	669
	89J	REGULAR VAN EXTENDED	27393
	89M	DISPLAY VAN EXTENDED	381
	89N	WINDOW VAN EXTENDED	3437
	89R	CARGO VAN EXTENDED	934
	89S	PANEL VAN EXTENDED	558
	89A	REGULAR VAN DELUXE	563
	89E	DISPLAY VAN DELUXE	119
	89F	WINDOW VAN DELUXE	252
	89G	CARGO VAN DELUXE	88
	89H	PANEL VAN DELUXE	23

	89J	REGULAR VAN DELUXE EXTENDED	1660
	89M	DISPLAY VAN DELUXE EXTENDED	44
	89N	WINDOW VAN DELUXE EXTENDED	740
	89R	CARGO VAN DELUXE EXTENDED	132
	89S	PANEL VAN DELUXE EXTENDED	41
	89B	FALCON BUS STANDARD	4382
	89K	FALCON BUS STAND. EXTENDED	2468
	89C	FALCON CLUB WAGON	2087
	89T	FALCON CLUB WAGON EXTENDED	1188
	89D	FALCON CLUB WAGON DELUXE	1007
	89L	FALCON CLUB WAGON DEL EXTEN	1188
<u>1967</u>	87A	PICKUP STANDARD	1697
	87B	PICKUP CUSTOM	318
	89A	REGULAR VAN STANDARD	21107
	89E	DISPLAY VAN STANDARD	3249
	89F	WINDOW VAN STANDARD	3752
	89G	CARGO VAN STANDARD	492
	89H	PANEL VAN STANDARD	618
	89J	REGULAR VAN STAND EXTENDED	23009
	89M	DISPLAY VAN STAND EXTENDED	357
	89N	WINDOW VAN STAND EXTENDED	3434
	89R	CARGO VAN STAND EXTENDED	821
	89S	PANEL VAN STAND EXTENDED	431
	89A	REGULAR VAN CUSTOM	327
	89E	DISPLAY VAN CUSTOM	299
	89F	WINDOW VAN CUSTOM	268
	89G	CARGO VAN CUSTOM	23
	89H	PANEL VAN CUSTOM	24
	89J	REGULAR VAN CUST EXTENDED	1027
	89M	DISPLAY VAN CUSTOM EXTENDED	41
	89N	WINDOW VAN CUSTOM EXTENDED	563
	89R	CARGO VAN CUSTOM EXTENDED	100
	89S	PANEL VAN CUSTOM EXTENDED	42
	89B	FALCON CLUB WAGON	4233
	89K	FALCON CLUB WAGON EXTENDED	2248
	89C	FALCON CUSTOM CLUB WAGON	1538
	89T	FALCON CUST CLUB WAGON EXT	2063
	89D	FALCON DELUXE CLUB WAGON	741
	89L	FALCON DEL CLUB WAGON EXTEN	1261

* This is the number that the shop manuals refer to as "model" number.

** Ford did not delineate the various body types in this group for this year.

TOTALS

1961	VANS	46242	1965	VANS	69462
	<u>PICKUPS</u>	<u>14893</u>		<u>PICKUPS</u>	<u>7405</u>
	TOTAL	61135		TOTAL	76867
1962	VANS	68798	1966	VANS	81090
	<u>PICKUPS</u>	<u>8140</u>		<u>PICKUPS</u>	<u>3090</u>
	TOTAL	76938		TOTALS	84180

1963	VANS	76659	1967	VANS	72068
	<u>PICKUPS</u>	<u>11394</u>		<u>PICKUPS</u>	<u>2015</u>
	TOTAL	88053		TOTAL	74083
1964	VANS	77895	ALL	VANS	492214
	<u>PICKUPS</u>	<u>5184</u>		<u>PICKUPS</u>	<u>52121</u>
	TOTAL	83079		TOTAL	544335

BODY TYPE DEFINITIONS

REGULAR VAN - NON-WINDOW TYPE VAN WITH CARGO DOORS ON THE PASSENGER SIDE AND REAR. WINDOWS IN THE SIDE OR REAR DOORS WERE OPTIONAL.

WINDOW VAN - WINDOW-TYPE VAN WITH WINDOWS ON BOTH SIDES AND CARGO DOORS ON THE PASSENGER SIDE AND REAR.

DISPLAY VAN - WINDOWS ON THE PASSENGER SIDE ONLY, CARGO DOORS ON THE PASSENGER SIDE AND REAR.

CARGO VAN - NON-WINDOW VAN WITH CARGO DOORS ON BOTH SIDES AND IN THE REAR, SOMETIMES CALLED AN EIGHT-DOOR MODEL. WINDOWS IN THE SIDE OR REAR DOORS WERE OPTIONAL.

PANEL VAN - NON-WINDOW VAN WITH CARGO DOORS IN THE REAR ONLY. WINDOWS WERE OPTIONAL IN THE REAR DOORS.

EXTENDED VAN - THIS WAS THE LONGER BODY INTRODUCED IN 1965 WHICH HAD AN ADDITIONAL 18 INCHES OF LOAD SPACE BEHIND THE REAR WHEELS. THE WHEELBASE WAS THE SAME AS THE SHORTER VANS.

FALCON BUS - THIS WAS THE ECONOLINE WINDOW VAN WITH SEATS IN THE REAR FOR PASSENGERS AND EXTRA INTERIOR TRIM. ALSO CALLED STANDARD CLUB WAGON OR STATION BUS.

FALCON CLUB WAGON - A FANCIER VERSION OF THE FALCON STATION BUS WITH FLOOR MATS AND HEADLINER, INTERIOR TRIM AROUND THE SIDES, FIBERGLASS MOLDINGS AROUND THE WINDOWS, AND MORE CAB OPTIONS.

FALCON DELUXE CLUB WAGON - THE TOP OF THE LINE VAN WITH THE CLUB WAGON FEATURES PLUS DELUXE UPHOLSTERY FRONT AND REAR, VIKING BLUE METALLIC PAINT (1962-1964), OR VIKING BLUE OR PALOMINO (GOLD) PAINT (1965 -67), CHROME BUMPERS, EXTERIOR TRIM RUNNING THE LENGTH OF THE BODY, CHROME HUBCAPS AND MORE CAB OPTIONS.

CUSTOM PICKUP - AN OPTION PACKAGE FOR THE STANDARD PICKUP WHICH INCLUDED CAB QUARTER WINDOWS (ALSO AVAILABLE AS A SEPARATE OPTION), DELUXE CAB ITEMS, AND THE DELUXE CLUB WAGON EXTERIOR TRIM (1965 -67 ONLY).

(editor's note: these terms are Ford's, not ours)

ECONOLINE MODEL NUMBERS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>GVW*</u>
1961	E100	REGULAR PICKUP	3300
	E104	HEAVY PICKUP	
	E110	STATION BUS	
	E143	REGULAR VAN	
	E144	HEAVY VAN	
1962	E103	REGULAR PICKUP	
	E104	HEAVY PICKUP	
	E110	FALCON STATION BUS	
	E130	FALCON DELUXE CLUB WAGON	
	E143	REGULAR VAN	3600
	E144	HEAVY VAN	
1963	E100	REGULAR PICKUP	3600
	E104	HEAVY PICKUP	4350
	E110	STANDARD STATION BUS	
	E120	CUSTOM STATION BUS	
	E130	CLUB WAGON	
	E143	REGULAR VAN	3600
	E144	HEAVY VAN	4350
	E150	HEAVY PICKUP ("HEAVY DUTY")	4850
	E160	HEAVY VAN ("HEAVY DUTY")	4850
1964	E103	STANDARD PICKUP	3600
	E104	HEAVY PICKUP	4350
	E105	HEAVY PICKUP ("HEAVY DUTY")	4850
	E106	HEAVY PICKUP ("HEAVY DUTY")	4850
	E110	FALCON STATION BUS STANDARD	
	E120	FALCON CUSTOM CLUB WAGON	
	E130	FALCON DELUXE CLUB WAGON	
	E143	VAN (EXCEPT PANEL)	3600
	E144	VAN (EXCEPT PANEL)	4350
	E145	VAN (EXCEPT PANEL)(HEAVY DUTY)	4850
	E146	VAN (EXCEPT PANEL)(HEAVY DUTY)	4850
	E153	PANEL VAN	3600
	E154	PANEL VAN	4350
	E155	PANEL VAN (HEAVY DUTY)	4850
	E156	PANEL VAN (HEAVY DUTY)	4850
1965-67	E100	PICKUP	1965:3600 1966-
67:3800	E101	PICKUP	4350
	E102	PICKUP (HEAVY DUTY)	4930
	E104	PICKUP (HEAVY DUTY) 1967 ONLY	4750
	E110	FALCON CLUB WAGON EXC. HD	
	E112	FALCON CLUB WAGON HD	
	E114	FALCON SUPER CLUB WAGON EXC. HD 1966 ONLY	

E115	FALCON SUPER CLUB WAGON HD 1966,67 ONLY	
E120	FALCON CLUB WAGON EXC. HD 1965 ONLY	
E120	FALCON CUSTOM CLUB WAGON EX. HD 1966,67 ONLY	
E122	FALCON CLUB WAGON HD 1965 ONLY	
E122	FALCON CUSTOM CLUB WAGON HD 1966,67 ONLY	
E124	FALCON SUPER CUSTOM CLUB WAGON EXC. HD 1966,67 ONLY	
E125	FALCON SUPER CUSTOM CLUB WAGON HD 1966,67 ONLY	
E130	FALCON DELUXE CLUB WAGON EXC. HD	
E132	FALCON DELUXE CLUB WAGON HD	
E134	FALCON SUPER DEL CLUB WAGON EXC. HD 1966,67 ONLY	
E135	FALCON SUPER DELUXE CLUB WAGON HD 1966,67 ONLY	
E140	VAN, ALL EXC PANEL EXC. HD	1965:3600 1966:3650 1967:3800
E141	VAN, ALL EXC. PANEL EXC. HD	4350
E142	VAN, ALL EXC. PANEL HD	4930
E144	VAN, ALL EXC. PANEL HD 1967 ONLY	4750
E150	PANEL VAN EXC. HD	1965:3600 1966:3650 1967:3800
E151	PANEL VAN EXC. HD	1965:4300 1966:3650 1967:3800
E152	PANEL VAN HD	4930
E154	PANEL VAN HD 1967 ONLY	4750
E160	SUPER VAN, ALL EXC PANEL , EXC HD	1966:3650 1967:3800
E161	SUPER VAN, ALL EXC PANEL EXC HD	1966,67 :4350
E162	SUPER VAN, ALL EXC PANEL HD	1966,67 :4930
E170	SUPER PANEL VAN EXC HD	1966:3650 1967:3800
E171	SUPER PANEL VAN EXC HD	4350
E172	SUPER PANEL VAN HD	4930

* Where known. No GVW rating appears on the data plate or in the manuals for the Falcon series vans, these were considered passenger cars for registration and did not carry GVW numbers.

The information we still do not have is the GVW ratings for 1961-62 vehicles. Also, we do not know what the difference is between vehicles of the same body style and weight rating but carrying different model numbers. For example, 1964 Heavy Duty pickups were available in models E105 and E106. Is this standard vs deluxe cab? Only time and more data will tell.

Next issue will cover serial number breakdown by year , interior trim code and paint scheme information.

Econoline Classifieds

This section is for you!!!

Just as a by-the-by, Elmer Drennon mentioned when he returned his application to us that there are two pickups running around his area near Tracy, CA that have "for sale" signs. He says that one is kind of rough and that one isn't too bad. He has no idea of years or prices, but will be back to Brian soon on that. If interested, contact Elmer through Brian for now, until the roster is out.