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## FROM THE PRESIDENT FRED TRUSTY

Some KYANA members received an email from me asking them to buy gift cards and send them to the Tijuana, Mexico jail or some other far away detention center. Even though some people think I should be in jail, I'm not. Second, if you compare the email address it was sent from you will see that it doesn't match the one in our roster. This is a scam. But, if you've already purchased the gift cards, you are more than welcome to send them to my house.

Some of you might not know it but our Sidelight editor, Sandy Joseph, is an elementary school principal so if I'm late turning in my article I'll be in detention, again. So, I'm writing this article from my motel room in Tempe, Arizona because it's due by the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month and I don't get home until the night of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Here in Tempe, it's sunny, no humidity, 85 degrees during the day, and about 55 degrees at night. As nice as it is now, I don't think I'd like to live here year-round. The summer months are usually over 100 degrees, every day.

I've been participating in the AACA Western Fall Nationals on November 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> and now the Western divisional tour the 14<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. We toured some very interesting sites such as the Musical Instrument Museum. Incredible. Thousands of instruments from around the world with an interactive screen so you can not only see them but hear them. One of the hidden benefits of AACA is the opportunity to visit a couple of private multi-million-dollar collections. The thing I noticed about both collections was that the cars had battery tenders connected to them. The owners told us they are driven regularly. That's something KYANA needs do more of, drive our cars. A short tour around town is a great way to be seen and show car enthusiasts how much fun it is to drive an old car plus it's a good way to recruit new members.

Since this is my last president's article, I thought it might be fun to look at some numbers.

- One hundred and eight. That's the number of president's articles that I've written over the last nine years.
- One hundred and eight. That's the number of board meetings we've had over the last nine years.
- One hundred and three. That's how many trips I've made to the clubhouse for board meetings.
- Forty-five. The number of jokes I've told at KYANA dinner meetings.
- Forty-five. The number of terrible jokes I've told at KYANA dinner meetings.
- Nine. That's the number of trips I've made to The AACA Annual Convention in Philadelphia representing KYANA.
- Eight. The number of times I've said that I'm not running for KYANA president again.
- Seven. The number of times the rest of the board said, "No, you're the only one we can find that is dumb enough to run for president, again."
- Five. That's how many teleconference board meetings we've had due to 2020 Covid restrictions.
- Two. The number of jokes I still have left to tell while president.
- One. The number of times the board cancelled elections due to Covid which extended my sentence by one year.
- Hours and hours. The amount of time I've sat staring at my computer screen trying to think of something to write about for the next month's article.

It's been an interesting nine years, but given the opportunity, I'd do it all again. Why? You join KYANA for the cars, but you stay for the people. Thank you KYANA for all the memories.

Fred



## FROM THE SECRETARY MARK KUBANCIK

### KYANA REGION BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2021

**Location:** KYANA Clubhouse

KYANA Region Board members present: Brian Hill, Brian Koressel (phone), Mark Kubancik, Pat Palmer-Ball, Chester Robertson, Roger Stephan, Fred Trusty and Alex Wilkins (phone).

KYANA members present: Ruth Hill and Eric Hill Jr.

Meeting called to order @ 6:32 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** Pat moved to accept the October report, Chester seconded the motion, and the motion carried with all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chester made a motion to accept the October Treasurer's report. Mark seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

**Activities:** The board reviewed and updated an agenda prepared by Fred for the upcoming Awards & Elections meeting. Plans and support for the Christmas show at the Shepherdsville Country Music Show were discussed. The board agreed to support this event in similar monetary fashion as in prior years.

The date for the January Business Meeting was set as January 16. Mark is working on a late winter tour to E-town to visit the Swope Museum and have lunch.

**Membership:** Roger provided the board a list of 2021 pre-members listing their event attendance thus far. Discussion was held regarding qualifications for the pre-members to achieve full member status. Roger will attempt to make contact with all pre-members over the next couple weeks and encourage them to attend some of the events scheduled in November and December.

**Clubhouse Rentals:** Ruth reported that rentals for the month of December are fully booked.

**Sidelight:** The November issue had a large number of pages which will likely increase the cost.

**Web Page:** The link from the Region page to the swap meet website is now working.

**Old Business:** The board reviewed updated "use of roster" language to appear as part of the roster boilerplate. The board approved the language and Mark will forward to Dollie.

Fred and Chester updated the board on their current findings regarding facilities for the AACA Reliability Tour KYANA will host in September. More to come as plans become firm.

**New Business:** Nothing to report.

There being no further business to discuss, Mark moved to adjourn. Pat seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. with all in favor. The next KYANA Region meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at the KYANA clubhouse. This will be a joint working meeting with the KYANA Charities board.



## KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON

With the Holiday Season approaching we have three KYANA activities for the final month of the year. The Adult Christmas Party is being held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Brian and Shelly Koressel at the Audubon Country Club. For more information call Brian or Shelly about this event.

On December 11<sup>th</sup> the Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Ole KYANA Home with presents for all KYANA children. Hope you have all signed up for your child's Christmas desires. Come out and have an early KYANA Christmas and meet Santa who will have a sleigh load of toys for all our youth.

The last event of the year will be on December 18<sup>th</sup> for a Christmas music show on West 44. All members will get free dinner. So come out and have a fun night.

November was full of activities that many members enjoyed such as with the Veterans Day Parade, Awards and Elections, and the month was completed with the Light up Louisville Parade on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Maybe 2022 will be back to normal, like the good old days.

See You Chester

## PRAYERS, THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS



✚ Clarence Chesser had hip surgery and did well. We wish him a quick recovery.

✚ We received a thank you card from Beverly Foster. To the KYANA family, thank you for all the thoughts and prayers during Jesse's illness and after. Also the large flower basket was beautiful. Thanks to all. Beverly Foster.

Stay well. Patsy

## ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

KYANA 2021 Adult Christmas Party  
Hosted by: Brian and Shelly Koressel  
December 5, 2021

Location: Audubon Country Club, 3265 Robin Road, Louisville, KY  
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We will gather for social hour to visit, swap stories and just enjoy the holiday starting at 1:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 2:00 p.m. going until 4:30 p.m.

**Suggested DRESS CODE!** Ladies should dress appropriate for what you would wear to church or a special event (no jeans please). Men should wear pants (no jeans please), A dress shirt with collar and sport coat (ties would be optional). This is our once a year dress up event.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 12:00 noon at the KYANA clubhouse. A more normal format will return this year, including lunch, drinks and dessert for the kids, crafts, games, and a visit from Santa.

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Deadline for gift ideas is December 1. KYANA provides gifts for member's children. Please provide three (3) \$25 gift ideas for each child.

Grandparents need to bring a gift for each grandchild attending. We will make every effort to have your gifts under the tree for Santa to distribute to the children.

For more info and to provide gift ideas please contact:

**Pat Kubancik (502 797 8555) or  
Jenni Mulrooney (502 935 0249)**

## SHEPHERDSVILLE CHRISTMAS COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW AND DINNER

### SHEPHERDSVILLE CHRISTMAS COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW & DINNER



1833 HWY Ky 44 West  
(I65 South to Exit 117, go west for 3 miles)

Saturday December 18, 2021 @ 7pm

Must register by Dec. 17 for Christmas Dinner

Call Ruth Hill @ 502 640 8510



## BLUEGRASS WORLD OF WHEELS- JANUARY 2022

After several years without an annual custom car show in Louisville, event organizers are again planning such a show for January 2022 at the Kentucky Expo Center. The show promoters are accepting applications for car club displays and Jerry Bass of KYANA is working to assemble a display for our club. Jerry has prior experience in organizing such displays for the Cougar club at the Carl Casper shows.

Club displays are limited to only four vehicles and both the vehicles and the display theme must be reviewed and accepted by the show promoters. Jerry is working on both the list of vehicle candidates and the booth theme. If you are interested in displaying your vehicle at the Bluegrass World of Wheels, please contact Jerry Bass to discuss. He will tell you the information he needs to include your vehicle on the short list.

Jerry Bass Mobile phone: 502-296-3814 Email: [creekdeer5004@gmail.com](mailto:creekdeer5004@gmail.com)



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VETERANS DAY PARADE PHOTOS













## Toys for Tots Breakfast October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021



We were so happy to be able to have this event indoors this year! Last year with the Covid Virus and restrictions we had to do the event as a drive thru with a "Boxed Breakfast". This year we were back to our hot breakfast, donuts and fruit salad. Big thanks to George Fackler for getting the biscuits and sausage donated from the Dairy Queen on Shelbyville Road. We had everyone who attended sign a big card to give to Dairy Queen thanking them for their generosity.

We used small toys and basketballs for the table decorations and donated them. We were asked to purchase items for older children and teens along with the younger age group. The club purchased 200 items and with everyone's generosity we donated a total of 462 toys and other items! Cletus, from the Marine Corp, was delighted with all of the support. He brought several service men to enjoy the breakfast and help. There were a few guests from the neighborhood and the Manager from Semper Warehouse, who came by and donated toys that they collected from their staff.

I made and donated a car/truck fleece blankets to raffle off at the door. The winner was Pat Kubancik. This endeavor, along with other donations, raised \$104.00 that was given to "Toys for Tots" to help purchase batteries for the donated items.

Alan and I are happy to have been a part of this wonderful event.

Alan and Maureen Vannatta









## 1948 TUCKER

Submitted by: Michael Lamm (car nut, transplant to California, longtime friend of Steve Lippmann)

Forget the movie. Forget the legend. Detroit did not put Preston Tucker out of business. What killed Tucker in 1948 was a simple lack of money.

Preston Tucker ultimately raised about \$26 million. Financial historians have estimated that Tucker would have needed at least \$100 million to even come close to succeeding. They based that estimate partly on the vast sums that Kaiser-Frazer burned through between 1946 and 1954, noting that Henry J. Kaiser was a respected industrialist with a good ties to bankers, suppliers and distributors. Preston Tucker had nothing comparable.

What Tucker did have was movie-star looks and a flair for salesmanship. He stood 6-2, was athletic, friendly, charming and highly confident. Born on a Michigan farm in 1903, he learned to drive at 11, became an office boy at Cadillac in his teens, then sold Pierce-Arrows, Stutzes, Studebakers, Chryslers, Dodges and Packards when he wasn't working as a Detroit-area policeman. His mother said he joined the force so he could drive fast patrol cars legally.

His fascination with fast cars took him to the Indianapolis 500 every year and there, in 1926, Tucker met his idol, Harry Miller. Miller at that time engineered and built some of the world's winningest race cars. In the 1930s, Miller and Tucker teamed up to assemble and promote, among other projects, the infamous team of 1935 front-wheel-drive Miller Ford V8 Indy race cars.

During early World War II, Miller and Tucker dreamed up a radical passenger car, one with a huge, slow revving engine set crosswise between the rear wheels. The crankshaft attached to stub axles, and each wheel would be driven by a hydraulic torque converter. The fuel-injected, 589-cid engine would develop 450 ft. lb. of torque at a mere 1800 rpm. At that engine speed, Miller calculated, the car would be cruising along at 100-110 mph. Harry Miller died of cancer in 1943.

After the war, Tucker hired engineer Ben Parsons to build the 589-cid engine. This six-cylinder opposed powerplant, along with many of the innovations Miller and Tucker had talked about, appeared in a running prototype called the Tin Goose. Tucker promptly announced that he planned to market a sedan based on the Tin Goose. The production car, he said, would be built in one of the world's largest factories, the former Dodge B-29 engine plant near Chicago, which he'd managed to lease from the government. The 1948 Tucker prospectus touted safety. The all-new Tucker would have clutch-type disc brakes, seatbelts, a padded dash, a recessed "crash compartment" for front passengers, a pop-out windshield and a central headlight that turned with the front wheels. His sales vice president, however, nixed the seatbelts, saying they implied danger.

The Tucker Torpedo, as it was initially called (later changed to Tucker 48) would carry six people and get exceptional fuel mileage. After World War II, car-starved Americans eagerly believed Preston Tucker as he promoted the Torpedo's style and advanced engineering. As reality set in, though, it quickly became clear that the 589-cid engine and its two torque converters wouldn't work. Nor did the disc brakes. Tucker substituted an opposed, six-cylinder Franklin helicopter engine converted to water cooling. At 166 bhp, the Tucker engine packed more punch than any car offered by Detroit that year.

Tucker employees, meanwhile, scoured the nation's salvage yards for transaxles from wrecked 1936-37 Cords. These four-speed, pre-selector gearboxes were refurbished and installed in prototype Tuckers.

In 1946, Preston Tucker hired Alex Tremulis and Gordon A. Lippincott (in 1947) to restyle the Tin Goose and make it more mainstream. Madly, furiously, hundreds of craftsmen cobbled together 51 running pilot models. The plan was to build 100 test vehicles, each incorporating improvements gleaned from previous cars. One car even flipped during testing at the Indianapolis speedway, but no one was hurt and the car survived.

Tucker tried to raise money by issuing stock and selling dealer franchises. The company's shares, which had been as high as \$5, plunged to \$2 in 1948. Prototype development stopped, and production never began. In 1949, the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission started to question Tucker's business practices and took him to court on mail-fraud and conspiracy charges. The press then also turned on Tucker.

Radio commentator Drew Pearson broadcast that Tuckers lacked a reverse gear. This had been true of the Tin Goose at one time but not of the 51 pilot models. The SEC trial dragged on, finally finding Tucker innocent in 1950, but the damage had been done. Tucker's credit evaporated, and his suppliers refused to deal with him.

The courts then placed the Tucker Corp. into receivership. Tucker himself went to Brazil and tried to launch another car company there. Soon afterward, he was diagnosed with lung cancer, and he died in Michigan in late 1956, leaving his wife and five children.

I've driven three Tuckers in my time. The first was in 1971, an unrestored car belonging to Harrah's Automobile Collection in Reno. This Tucker had its original Torsiolastic suspension, which consisted of big rubber blocks and tubes vulcanized onto steel. The rubber on this 23-year-old car was so hard and brittle that I was warned not to drive over 45 mph and then only on smooth pavement.

The second Tucker I drove belonged to Gene Clarke, a restorer and teacher in Chico, California. Clarke had converted his Tucker to coil springs, and while it handled infinitely better than Harrah's, I could still feel side gusts affecting steering at freeway speeds. The rear engine caused mild oversteer. Without further development, such a car, in my opinion, would have been a handful on ice or wet pavement.

The third Tucker belonged to Bill Hamlin of Ontario, California. Bill was an aircraft mechanic. He'd again installed steel coils all around, and he'd hopped up the engine. This car ran like a deer, well over 100 mph, and while it handled better than Clarke's, it still didn't take much steering input to cause an uneasy feeling of oversteer.

Today, 47 of the original 51 Tucker prototypes remain, and restored examples fetch over a million dollars. A New Jersey entrepreneur, Rob Ida, announced in 2001 that he planned to offer a fiberglass Tucker replica, fondly called the Glass Goose, and he has so far built several on various chassis. Ida is now working on an aluminum replica of the Tin Goose. And, of course, Francis Ford Coppola, in his 1988 movie, made Preston Tucker a martyr.

The truth is, though, that Detroit didn't cause the Tucker's demise any more than it caused the downfall of Kaiser-Frazer. Preston Tucker simply lacked funding, a fact exacerbated by the SEC and bad press.

#### 1948 Tucker Data

Base price (projected): \$2450

Type of car: Rear-engine, rear-drive, 4-door, 6-passenger sedan

Engine: 6-cylinder, horizontally opposed, ohv, 334.l-cubic-inch (5.5-liter)

Horsepower & torque: 166 @ 3200 rpm (gross), 372 lb.ft @ n.a. rpm

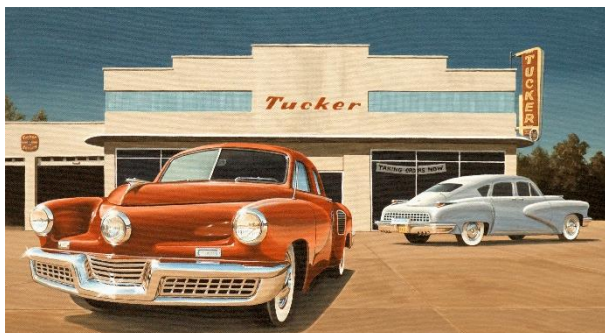
Transaxle: 4-speed manual with Bendix vacuum-electric pre-selector (Cord sourced)

#### Dimensions

Wheelbase: 128.0 in.

Overall length: 219.0 in.

Curb weight: 4235 lb.



1948 Tucker press preview



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## KYANA EVENTS FOR 2021

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Postponed	January Business Meeting	Donna Burchett
Postponed	Swap Meet Planning Meeting	Morgan Howard
Postponed	KYANA Swap Meet	
March 27	Salvage Yard Tour	Mark Kubancik
April 24	KYANA Mystery Tour	Chester Robertson
May 15	Grease Knuckles Car Show	Mike Mulrooney
June 5	KYANA Spring Clubhouse Clean Up	Jerry Bass
June 24	THE GREAT RACE E-TOWN	Tim Truax
June 26	Claudia Sanders Dinner	Pat Palmer-Ball
July 2-3	Central Spring National Car Show Auburn	Jim & Sandy Joseph
July 18	Cave Tour	Roger Stephan
August 21	Country Music Show	Ruth Hill
September 18	KYANA Picnic	Pat Palmer-Ball
Cancelled	Mt. Washington Police Car Show	Bill Willhoite
Cancelled	Bowman Field Festival	Chris Mueller
October 6-9	Hershey AACA Meet	AACA
October 9	St. Francis Car Show	Roger Stephan
October 16	Kentucky Train Museum Show	Neil White
Cancelled	Corydon Fall Auto Show	Alex Wilkins
October 23	Toys for Tots Breakfast	Alan & Maureen Vannatta
November 6	Veteran's Day Parade	Chester Robertson
November 21	Awards and Elections	Beverly Foster
November 26	Light up Louisville Parade	Alan Vannatta
December 5	Adult Christmas Party	Brian & Shelly Koressel
December 11	Children's Christmas Party	Kubancik & Mulrooney Family
December 18	County Music Show	The Hill Family

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Veterans Day  
parade cars.

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