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## FROM THE PRESIDENT MARK KUBANCIK



It was a great show! That's the consensus of all involved in KYANA's first car show at our clubhouse on Hunsinger Lane. Thanks to Carol & Jerry Bass and family for turning this idea into reality. Thanks also to the many KYANA members who volunteered their time working the show, directing traffic, processing registrations, selling shirts and raffle tickets, making popcorn, and working the door prize tent. A special thanks to the kitchen crew who fed the hungry masses some tasty food in a very fast and efficient manner. And finally, thanks to the many KYANA members who attended and showed their cars.

Although faced with competition from about a dozen other car events that day, our show was a financial success. The proceeds from the show allowed KYANA to donate \$2,000 to the Housing Development Alliance, Inc.



Whether or not you were able to attend the show, you will enjoy perusing the many photos taken by several club members. All the photos have been uploaded to a photo gallery on the KYANA website. Here is a link to those photos:

<https://kyanaregionaaca.com/kyana-car-show>

Another recent activity with great participation was the Norton Commons July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Check out those photos by clicking the "Photos" link on the KYANA website.

Speaking of having fun with KYANA, thirty KYANA members recently returned from a quick overnight trip to Auburn, Indiana to attend the AACA Central Spring Nationals Car Show. Members enjoyed a group dinner at a great buffet restaurant Friday afternoon, then attended an AACA-only cruise on the Auburn town square, and then enjoyed the car show the following day. A little rain cleared just in time for judging to begin and sunny skies remained until the show field cleared. Thanks to Jim & Sandy Joseph for hosting this event! During judges' breakfast on the morning of the show, Jim Joseph was awarded his Team Captain certification. Congratulations Jim!



The opportunities for more fun events continue this month with six activities on the KYANA calendar in August. Be sure to review the following pages of The Sidelight for details on KYANA activities in Indiana, Kentucky, and beyond. Hope to see you there!

Thanks, Mark

*Remember...it's supposed to be fun!*

FROM THE SECRETARY ALEX WILKINS

KYANA Region Board Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2023

**Location:** KYANA Clubhouse

**KYANA Region Board Members Present:** Mark Kubancik, Alex Wilkins, Willie Willhoite, Stan Gaus, Chester Robertson, Tim Truax, Brian Koressel, Beth Coates

**KYANA Region Members Present:** Ken Martin, Butch Mahoney, Ruth Hill

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm

**Secretary's Report:** Beth Coates moved to accept the June meeting minutes, Chester Robertson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chester Robertson moved to accept the June report, Brian Koressel seconded the motion. Tim Truax updated the board on additional electronic payment options.

**Activities:** Chester Robertson updated the board on upcoming events.

**Membership:** Ken Martin updated the board on new pre-member opportunities.

**Clubhouse Rentals:** Nothing new to report.

**Sidelight:** Nothing new to report.

**Website:** A new photo gallery will be set up to display event photos. The board discussed potential modification to the website to support future club activities.

**Old Business:** The board discussed printing of the roster. Mark Kubancik updated the board that KYANA has received tentative approval to host a national event in 2025.

**New Business:** Nothing new to report.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Tim Truax and seconded by Beth Coates. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm. The next meeting will be held at the clubhouse on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.



## KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON

As the month of July comes to an end, we have a special tour, Collection 21, hosted by George Fackler. This is a back roads tour - just give George a call at 502-292-3235 for more information. On August 1<sup>st</sup> the LMPD National Night Out Show at Jefferson Mall is hosted by Jerry Bass. On Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, along with the NSRA day hosted by Terry Craven and Mark Kubancik, we have added the Hot Wheels for Wilt Benefit Car Show to help raise money for Nick Wilt who was injured in the National Bank shooting. David Hill is hosting this event. See the article below for details. On Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> we have a tour to Traditions of Hunter Station Retirement Community to show our antique cars and enjoy a lunch meal provided by the retirement home. The very next day, we tour to the Shepherdsville Country Music venue to hear some picking and a do little eating. Both above events are hosted by Eric and David Hill respectively. The last weekend of the month you can attend the Frog Follies over at Evansville. While this is not a KYANA sponsored event, there are many members who attend. If you are interested in going, give me a call. Hope to see you several times this month. Chester

## PRAYERS, THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS



There is nothing to report this month. I wish everyone a happy, healthy summer.  
Patsy

Don't forget to give Patsy Basham a call at 502-593-4009 if you have been in the hospital, had surgery or have an illness.

Take time this month to thank someone for a job well done.

## Congratulations!!!!



CONGRATULATIONS to Dennis Buchholz for getting 2<sup>nd</sup> place in his class at the Keeneland Concours D'Elegance in Lexington, KY. Dennis showed his 1939 Lasalle convertible. Dennis stated that he was astonished at receiving this award, especially against the competition in his category. KYANA is so proud of you.



## COLLECTION 21

Just a reminder about the car collection tour to Erlanger, KY on Saturday, July 29th. The event is free, just identify yourself as a KYANA member and we will make a \$15 donation to the museum which supports the Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky. Please arrive as close to 10:00AM as possible. Lunch will be on your own. It was suggested that we go to the Ford's Garage for lunch. Please contact George Fackler at 502-292-3235 for more information.

## LMPD NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

### LMPD National Night Out – Tuesday, August 1, 2023



The National Night Out event will be here soon. This year it is on August 1<sup>st</sup>, which is the first Tuesday of the month. KYANA will be participating with the LMPD Sixth and Seventh Divisions as we have done in the past. The event takes place in the Jefferson Mall parking lot near the old Sears building from 5PM to 8PM. We should assemble around 4PM so that all our cars will be in position prior to the start of the event. If you plan on attending please RSVP me, Jerry Bass, at (502) 296-3814 before Friday, July 28th so I can give an accurate count to LMPD. This will be the third year KYANA has participated in this outing. Last year we had twenty cars. Let's try to get 30 this year. There will be FREE pizza and soft drinks served to all KYANA participants. Other vendors will be there also giving away lots of FREE items. Last year my granddaughter won an electric Razor scooter valued at over \$200.

Jerry Bass

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## KYANA DAY @ NSRA

### KYANA Day @ NSRA Street Rod Nationals – Friday, August 4



KYANA will return to the NSRA Street Rod Nationals at the KEC on Friday, August 4. Any KYANA member attending **that day, Friday, on a one-day ticket** will be reimbursed for the cost of their ticket on the show grounds. Here's how this will work:

- Notify event co-sponsor Mark Kubancik of your plans to attend **NO LATER THAN Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**.
- Attend the Street Rod Nationals on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, paying your way into the KEC, including parking.
- Once on the grounds, find the registration tent in the outdoor swap meet. The outdoor swap meet is located on the east side of the KEC alongside the ring road that parallels I-65.
- Co-sponsors Mark Kubancik and Terry Craven will be stationed at the outdoor swap meet registration tent from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Display your one-day entry credential and each member will be refunded the one-day entry fee cost in cash.
- We are reimbursing entry fees for those who attend on Friday **ONLY**. If you are already an NSRA member and attend all four days, there is no reimbursement.

Please contact Mark Kubancik with any questions or to register to attend. 502-797-8555

## NEW KYANA EVENT

**HOT WHEELS  
For WILT  
Benefit Car Show**

All Proceeds benefit Officer Nick Wilt, who was injured in the Old National Bank Shooting

**Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 2023  
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Mall St. Matthews, Louisville**

\$20 Registration Fee  
All Classes Welcome!  
PEER FAVORITE will receive trophy!  
First 50 cars to register will receive a dash plaque!

WILT logo, QR code, and photo of Officer Nick Wilt.

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Willie Wilhoite

### Hot Wheels for Wilt Car Show – Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

KYANA members David Hill and Willie Wilhoite are supporting the St. Matthews Police (SMPD) efforts to raise funds for the family of LMPD Officer Nicholas Wilt. You may recall that Officer Wilt took a bullet to the head from the Old National Bank shooter. The officer is making great progress in rehab but his road to recovery is long and expensive. SMPD is hosting several events the first week of August, including an open car show on the Friday evening of the NSRA Nationals. We are hoping to have a big showing of KYANA members to support this worthy cause. All KYANA members who attend and show a car will have their \$20 entry fee paid by KYANA. All you need to do is find David Hill at the show and tell him you are there. David will maintain a list of members who attend so KYANA can donate to support Officer Wilt. If you are unsure who David Hill is, Willie Wilhoite and wife Carol will be working the registration table. They can help to point you in the right direction.

The show location is the Dillard's parking lot on the west side of St. Matthews mall. The parking lot for the show parallels Bowling Blvd on the west side of the mall. Registration opens at 5:00PM and the show lasts until 8:00PM. If you have any questions call David Hill at 502-767-0333.

## TRADITIONS OF HUNTER STATION CAR SHOW



Join us on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at Traditions of Hunter Station Retirement Community Car Show. This retirement community is located in Sellersburg, IN. The show starts at 11AM. Lunch will be served at noon.

Directions: Go north on I-65 to exit 7, which is the Sellersburg exit. Turn left on Route 60. At the 3rd stop light turn left onto Hunters Station Rd. The retirement community will be on the left. The address is: 400 Hunters Station.

Come out and make the senior citizens smile.

Call Eric Hill at 502 821 2345 for lunch reservations and to let him know that you will be attending.

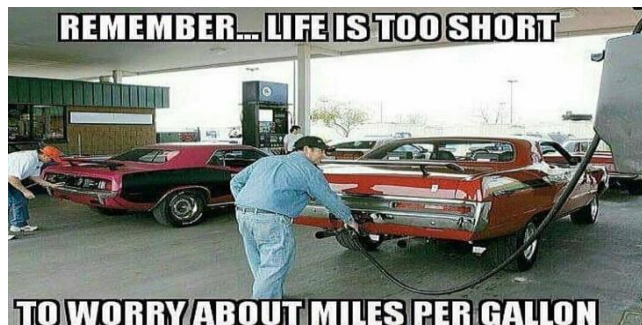
## COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW



Who doesn't love a good country music show? If that description fits you then mark your calendar for Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and join us at the Shepherdsville Country Music venue located at 1833 West 44 in Shepherdsville, KY. The doors open at 5:00PM and the show is 7:00PM-10:00PM.

These shows are always amazing, and you will have a great time singing to the music or just sitting back and relaxing.

Send \$12.00 per KYANA member for dinner and show tickets to: David Hill, 4006 Kurtz Avenue, Louisville, KY 40229. You can call David at: 502-767-0333.



## ST. FRNACIS CAR SHOW

### ST. FRANCIS CAR SHOW: OCTOBER 7

The St. Francis of The Fields Car Show is back Saturday, **OCTOBER 7**. Please mark your calendar for this fun annual event. KYANA usually has good attendance and **PAYS ALL** entry fees ... **FREE** to all KYANA members and pre-members.

The location is 6710 Wolf Pen Branch Road (Harrods Creek, KY 40027) on the pleasant hilly, park-like grounds of the St. Francis Church. **Times: 10AM- 3PM.**

## 2023 MISSION DRIVEN CAR SHOW

St. Francis in the Fields Church  
U.S. 42 and Wolf Pen Branch Road



**Saturday, October 7, 2023 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Rain Date: Sunday, October 8 | 1 p.m.-5 p.m.**

- As is the show's tradition, there is no entry fee for exhibitors, but donations to the St. Francis mission teams are greatly appreciated
- The top 100 judged cars will receive a specially designed exhibitor's keepsake plaque
- The 2023 Mission Driven Car Show poster will be given to the first 200 exhibitors
- Pork barbecue and other grilled foods and sides will be available for sale
- There will be door prizes for exhibitors, a 50/50 pot drawn at the show's end, and prizes awarded to ticket purchasers
- Enjoy great music from our DJ throughout the show!

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There will be plenty of shade available for you to relax and share your car stories with other car enthusiasts. Getting there on time lets us all park together up on the hill-top where Roger Stephan convened us for years. The rain-day option is the next day - Sunday, October 8 - between 1 - 5PM.

We anticipate hundreds of cars on display, including antiques, some newer ones, hot rods, and custom cars. Something nice for everyone.

There will be judging and drawing for prizes, and of course, food is available with some of the greatest barbecue around. Roger supplied cold, bottled water for our members and that tradition continues. We have a good time at St. Francis. Lots of KYANA folks look forward to October 7.

Please pre-register with me your intent to be at this car show. **Bonus:** send me \$5; and for that you will receive a \$10 food voucher once you arrive at the show ... without limit, for each \$5, you get another \$10

voucher! Please call me if I can help or for questions. Mail the money to me ahead of time if you want any vouchers.

Steve Lippmann 2206 Merrick Road Louisville, KY 40207 phone - 502-681-6788



## JDRF/FORD KTP CAR SHOW

### 15<sup>th</sup> Annual JDRF Open Car & Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet



Mark your calendar and plan to attend the JDRF show on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. The venue for this year's show is Mike Linnig's Restaurant on Cane Run Rd. Ford's Kentucky Truck Plant sponsors this show. Shawn McDonald, a KYANA member, is actively involved in the show and will be sponsoring this event.

An added attraction to this year's show is a swap meet on the show grounds. More information will appear in the September Sidelight regarding KYANA registration support. Meanwhile, save the date for what sounds like a great show at a great venue.

## KYANA PICNIC KYANA CHARITIES MEETING

### **KYANA PICNIC & KYANA CHARITIES MEETING**

**WHEN:** September 24, 2023

**WHERE:** Ole KYANA Home at **2:00PM**

**WHAT:** A time of fun to enjoy fellowship with all our members and enjoy some great food. Just come on out. The event will be held, rain or shine. If it rains we will move the picnic inside the clubhouse.

As we have done previously, we want to help Ronald McDonald House once again. We would love for everyone to bring something to contribute to their needs. Some items that are always needed are: Individually packaged snacks (chips, cookies, brownies), baking mixes (cake, cookie, brownie), icing, and assorted breakfast cereals. Of course, they are always in need of cleaning supplies (dishwasher detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, liquid bleach, glass cleaner, laundry detergent and garbage bags – (10, 13, 30 and 55 gallon).

So please be generous and give a helping hand to those families that are away from home with their ill children.

We will also have a 50/50 drawing where dollars collected will go to Ronald McDonald House to help with other necessities.

**Please be considerate and send your money in by September 15 so we can place our food order. We certainly don't want to turn any of our members away hungry if we didn't order the right amount of food for everyone. Thank You.**

Must send \$7.50 per member (children under 12 \$5.00) to:

Pat Palmer-Ball

5504 Felker Way

Louisville, Ky 40291

Any questions just call 502-693-3106

## KYANA CAR SHOW WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Carol and I want to express our sincere gratitude to all the KYANA members who attended KYANA's first car show at our clubhouse on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to those who showed their car, helped work the show, or simply stopped by to have a look. The involvement of many KYANA members made this initial show a success. As a result, KYANA Charities is donating \$2,000 to the Housing Development Alliance, Inc. in eastern Kentucky to help with flood relief from last year's devastating floods. The donation includes both net proceeds from the show and the registration fees for all the KYANA members who showed a car. Again, thank you for your help making our initial show a success!

If you would like to see some photos from the show a photo gallery has been created on the KYANA website. Follow this link to see the photos: <https://kyanaregionaaca.com/kyana-car-show>

Jerry Bass

## KYANA CAR SHOW PICTURES





# INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE!

Who doesn't love a parade, especially when you are throwing out candy from your car?? As usual KYANA's presence was exceptional again this year at the Norton Commons Independence Day Parade. What a great day for a parade. Thanks to all our members who participated in this yearly event.



## BIG AUTOMOBILE INNOVATION & CHANGE IN THE MID - 1950s

Steve Lippmann August 2023

During World War II most industrial countries were focused on the war effort, and they applied vigorous manufacturing and technological advancement toward military hardware. At the end of this war, the U.S.A. was one of few countries with industrial areas not damaged by the conflict. In fact, we emerged from it as the most powerful nation in economic, industrial, and military terms (even stronger than at the war's onset). Not that everything was great, but we still enjoyed the social benefit of some good ethical regard around the globe; the US was generally regarded positively.

Factory output then quickly switched back primarily to commercial endeavors. By the early 1950s, for example, automotive production resumed and emerged from prewar engineering. In addition, soldiers had returned home, got good jobs, and citizen education and/or housing was boosted (often by the G.I. Bill). Men replaced women in many factories, and some women returned to the home front; yet ultimately, lots of women also wanted employment and their numbers in the workforce expanded along with more money for families. Much was improving with high energy, enthusiasm, hope, and optimism. This benefited most of our society, leading to the development of a large and growing middle-class and aided growth in our industrial capacity. Though not all perfect or equal, the standard of living generally raised and people had more cash to spend; life for people in the US was getting better. Nevertheless, there were still many international and domestic political and social problems. The Korean War put a damper on some of our national progress, and yet it also enhanced other aspects.

By the mid-1950s innovation and manufacturing entered an era of revolutionary changes for the better. Similarly, commercial buying power increased with a rising population of baby boomer births, women entering the car buying market, and there was more cash to spend. For two examples of the exciting automotive engineering changes, consider the advent of the 1953 Corvette and Thunderbirds in 1955. Witness also, the more ubiquitous availability of overhead valve V-8 engines even in low-priced cars - like Chevrolet in 1955 (265 cu in) and the 1956 Fords (239 cu in). This small block Chevy engine became especially popular at auto racing, and throughout the industry, engine size and carburetor output escalated rapidly thereafter. The fiberglass body of the Corvette and the introduction of two-seater sports-car-like automobiles were an additional focus of interest. Thunderbird sales skyrocketed in comparison to less robust numbers for Corvettes. The so-called low price three cars: Ford, Plymouth, and Chevrolet massively outnumbered production of all other US car makers.

Better things to come already predated these offerings. This was first especially true in luxury brands, and from then on expansions escalated especially via optional extras for any car ... particularly with ever more powerful, high-compression engines and new accessories, etc.

Up until the mid-1950s, most vehicles had a 6-volt battery. Subsequently, cars were equipped with 12-volt systems. Up until then the need for electrical power was mostly confined to engine starting and lighting. Not all cars contained heaters or radios, some dashboard clocks had

wind-up mechanisms, and back then almost none had air conditioners. Frequently, windshield wipers had been vacuum-driven and there had been few other electronic accessories. The mid-1950s mark the time when electronic devices were becoming increasingly available, like power windows and/or door locks; other power assists enhanced steering and brakes. Previously, a so-called fully equipped list of accessories was largely confined to luxury brands; now lower-priced cars “loaded” with optional accessories became commonplace.



In hot, dry climates, another non-power, very nice option back then was water-filled evaporative coolers. These cylinder-shaped devices were placed outside of the car, attached to the door frame, and had an air vent that entered the mostly rolled up window. They were situated so that ambient air would pass into the cylinder's frontal opening while the car was moving, blow outside air over wet fiber in the water-filled container, and then vent cooler, damp air into the passenger compartment. My

own family in Texas treasured these evaporative air coolers, especially for highway driving. It was my job to fill our cooler before family outings.

Largely unseen were significant improvements in chassis design and suspension systems. Automatic transmissions began to be frequent options and soon they became common. Externally, there was an explosion of bright auto body color schemes and two-tone paint jobs became a trend, chrome and other fancy touches were being added. Some alterations came with little advantages, such as fins at the rear of cars. Windshields were now not only of one-piece design but included wraparound shapes with electric wipers. Safety concerns were beginning to emerge; witness the protective front seat passenger safer dashboard space areas in Tucker automobiles. Inside, seat belts gradually became more socially acceptable and gradually even popular - initially in two-point and only later then in three-point versions.

Other big incentives toward automobile purchases were the annual cosmetic changes, fancier designs, more chrome, and body sculpturing. More models became available with options like convertibles, station wagons, and sedans without a center-post. Some companies offered cars in a new division like the Chrysler Imperial or Ford Continental, in 1955 and 1956 respectively. Automotive manufacturing in this country far exceeded the rest of the world's output, and in 1955, US production was approaching 10,000,000 cars. Mass production in higher numbers generally brought further economy of scale. The 1955 Packard 400 model was to counter extinction with a fine vehicle; however, meager sales lead to a merger with Studebaker. By 1958, Packard disappeared. Later in this decade came the emergence of a few foreign cars such as Austin-Healey, BMW Isetta, Mercedes-Benz, MG, Opel, Renault, Triumph, Vauxhall, Volkswagen, and some others in smaller numbers. Domestic car manufacturers had captured the vast bulk of the market, but these imports perhaps were the harbinger of future automotive expansion trends from a variety of soon to become powerful vehicle-exporting companies in Europe and Asia.

Even as our economy was rising, the car owner population was escalating, and sales increasing, consolidation in the industry sharpened competition. During this time many car brands gradually faded from production, including Crosley, Edsel, Frazier, Henry J, Hudson, Kaiser, Nash,

Packard, Rambler, Studebaker, Tucker, Willis, and others. Indeed, while Chrysler, Ford, and General Motors prospered, some other companies gradually disappeared.

What about a little reminiscing? Remember the add-on accessory of the steering knob; this non-power option facilitated ease at turning the steering wheel. On the negative side, sometimes after finishing a turn, the wheel would spin back to neutral, and, if not careful, on occasion hurt the driver's fingers. There was also a very positive feature; together with bench seats there was something for young folks' fondness. Drivers could gauge how their dates felt about them, by how closely they would slide over on the bench seat away from the passenger door. That was a very big deal in the 50's. I most fondly remember that the very best was when your girlfriend slid way over, and her left thigh would touch your right one. Then, the steering knob helped at driving while left-handedly negotiating turns; and my right arm could be around my girlfriend's shoulders ... for me then, I was "King-Of-The-Road" ... feeling close to heaven.

What about mid-1950s gasoline stations? Yes, the price of gas was about 18 cents per gallon in my hometown, Austin, Texas. And frequently there were so-called gas wars. It was always cheaper to fuel-up in Waco, Texas for example. Of course, in those days all gasolines contained lead to boost the octane rating for better engine performance. At filling stations, there usually was an attendant there to fill the tank, check under the hood, like for dipstick oil levels, fan belt tightness, and the like, maybe even to add some water to the radiator. Back then, caps on radiators were not always pressurized. There had then been less concern about opening a radiator due to danger of ultra-hot water boil-over injury from opening the cap if the radiator water was at or above boiling the point. Radiators were bigger and engines were smaller. Less powerful, lower compression ratio engines generally ran less hot. Many did not necessitate a pressurized cooling system; that method of temperature control came a bit later, but it did still arrive during the 1950's.



Filling station attendants would also always wash the windshields and assure proper tire pressure on request as well, even for the spare in the trunk, which was in those days a full-size wheel and tire. By the way, remember tires contained inner tubes, were less robust, and of bias ply design. Flat tires and blowouts were common, especially during long and/or fast road trips in summertime. Changing tires quickly was an important skill that I much enjoyed and fixing flats was common with tube patch kits

widely available.

Another funny thing about those gas stations in the past was that many car fuel tank filler pipe vents were located near the filler cap (partially in General Motors cars). As gasoline was delivered to the tank, this type of vent created a loud whistling sound; when several cars were getting a fill up, there would be a cacophony of noise present (... no longer so with newer venting systems). Sometimes locating the gasoline filler pipe was unconventional. Just for example, 1955-1957 Chevrolet's gasoline filler access was behind a movable taillight, by '58 it was located below the trunk lid, and some cars had gas tank filler openings behind license plates, etc.

Yes, lots of fond memories. Folks at KYANA are big enthusiasts for mid-50's cars and many of us are old enough to personally remember these "special" days and details.



**KYSWAP  
KYANA SWAP MEET  
LARGEST INDOOR  
SWAP MEET**



**57<sup>th</sup> YEAR - SINCE 1965**

**March 9-10, 2024**

**KY State Fair & Exposition Center  
937 Phillips Lane  
Louisville, KY 40209**

**Saturday – 8:00am – 6:00pm**

**Sunday – 8:00 – 4:00pm**



Admission - \$10.00 per day  
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## KYANA EVENTS FOR 2023

DATE	EVENT	SPONSOR
January 22	January Business Meeting	Donna Burchett
February 12	Derby Dinner Playhouse	Alethea Hayes
February 26	Swap Meet Planning Meeting	Morgan Howard
March 10-12	KYANA Swap Meet	Robertson & Vannatta
March 18	Salvage Yard Tour	Mark Kubancik
March 25	Roger Stephan Memorial Service	
April 8	Easter Egg Hunt	Beverly Foster
April 15	St. Joseph Catholic School Car Show	Alex Wilkins
April 23	Swap Meet Appreciation Dinner	Jenni Mulrooney
May 13	Day at the Movies	Bethany Coates
Cancelled	Kentucky Down Under	Chester Robertson
May 20	KYANA Spring Clubhouse Clean Up	Jerry Bass
May 21	Middletown Police Foundation 1st Car Show	Greg Gitschier
June 2	Chili/Hot Dog Dinner Chrome Plating Seminar	Ken Martin
June 10	KYANA Yard Sale	Hill Families
June 24	KYANA 1 <sup>st</sup> Open Car Show	Jerry & Carol Bass
July 4	Norton Commons July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade	Mark Kubancik
July 7-8	Auburn AACA Show Overnight	Jim & Sandra Joseph
July 15	Keeneland Concours Day Trip	Kenneth & Donna Martin
July 29	Car Collection Tour & Lunch- Northern KY	George Fackler
August 1	National Night Out	Jerry Bass
August 4	NSRA Street Rod Nationals	Terry Craven & Mark Kubancik
August 4	Hot Wheels for Wilt	David Hill
August 7-9	Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC	Jerry & Carol Bass
August 18	Traditions at Hunter Station Car Show	Eric Hill
August 19	Country Music Show	David Hill
September 17	JDRF /Ford KTP Car Show – Mike Linnig’s	Shawn McDonald
September 24	KYANA Picnic	Pat Palmer-Ball
October 3-6	Hershey Fall Nationals	AACA
October 7	St Francis Car Show	Steve Lippmann
October 21	Kentucky Railway Museum Car Show	Neil White
October	Corydon Fall Auto Show	Alex Wilkins
November 4	Toys for Tots Breakfast	Alan & Maureen Vannatta
November 11	Veteran’s Day Parade	Chester Robertson
November	Awards and Elections	Beverly Foster
November 24	Light up Louisville Parade	Alan Vannatta
December 3	Adult Christmas Party	Brian & Shelly Koressel
December 16	Children’s Christmas Party	Bass, Kubancik & Mulrooney Families
December	Christmas Country Music Show	Brian & Ruth Hill

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